



Mission
WEST VIRGINIA

Donor Impact Report

July 2022 - December 2022





Left to Right: Ben Mishoe- State Bar Association President; Edythe Nash Gaiser, Clerk of Court for the Supreme Court of Appeals; Ashton Bias - President of the Young Lawyers' Board, Gerald Titus Event Organizer, Attorney at Spillman, Thomas & Battle and Board of Governors Member of the WV Bar Association; Kylee Hassan, Rachel Kinder and Kelly Thompson, Mission WV; and Justice C. Haley Bunn from the Supreme Court of Appeals

Donor Highlight

After his daughter came home from school and told him about a new student in her class who was in foster care, Mr. Gerald Titus made the decision that he wanted to do more to support this student and others in similar circumstances. His search for ways to get involved brought him to Mission West Virginia.

Fast forward three months later. Because of his desire to do more, we were fortunate enough to partner with the WV State Bar Board of Governors and Young Lawyers Section in WV during the month of September to raise awareness and funds to help youth in foster and kinship care.

It is vital to provide positive childhood experiences for kids in foster and kinship care and these funds will allow Mission WV to do just that!

**Through attorney
and business
contributions**

\$18,855

**was received
in donations!**



Impact by the Numbers

These are some of ways we can help where our grant funds don't always permit.



180+ KIDS SPONSORED

Christmas gifts were provided to all our kids we serve, and we are especially proud that the kids received items they had asked for.



5 BEDS AND BEDDING

Actual beds and bedding are common items new kinship care families struggle to purchase with new placements. This can be a cost it is difficult to incur on short notice.



GROCERIES

We meet needs as we see them, including a very ambitious young man who at 18, still in high school and responsible for all aspects of his life, including food. As he inspires to attend college this fall, he has to work long hours to provide for himself and was very appreciative of some extra help with this bill.



19 CARE PACKAGES

For kids who age out of foster care there are little to no supports, including the very basic of a family. For those students who are now in college on their own, we wanted to show our support by sending Care Packages that were organized by some special Mom's on a Mission members.



4 EMERGENCY WARDROBES

Children may be moved from their biological family in emergency situations and only have the clothes they are wearing. When our teens experienced this, we were able to step in immediately and provide them with clothing to take to their new home.



COUNTLESS HYGIENE PRODUCTS

We stocked up school clothing closets with hygiene products and clothing.



2 LITTLE CHEERLEADERS

These young girls in kinship care were provided the opportunity to be part of their team.



2 SETS OF HEARING AID BATTERIES

We provided hearing aid batteries for children living with their grandparent on a fixed income. Extra expenses like these may be difficult to manage.



3 SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES

We were able to send kids to camp this summer who otherwise would not have that experience due to their grandmother's limited financial resources.



2 ADOPTION GIFTS

We were happy to be part of and celebrate our new families.

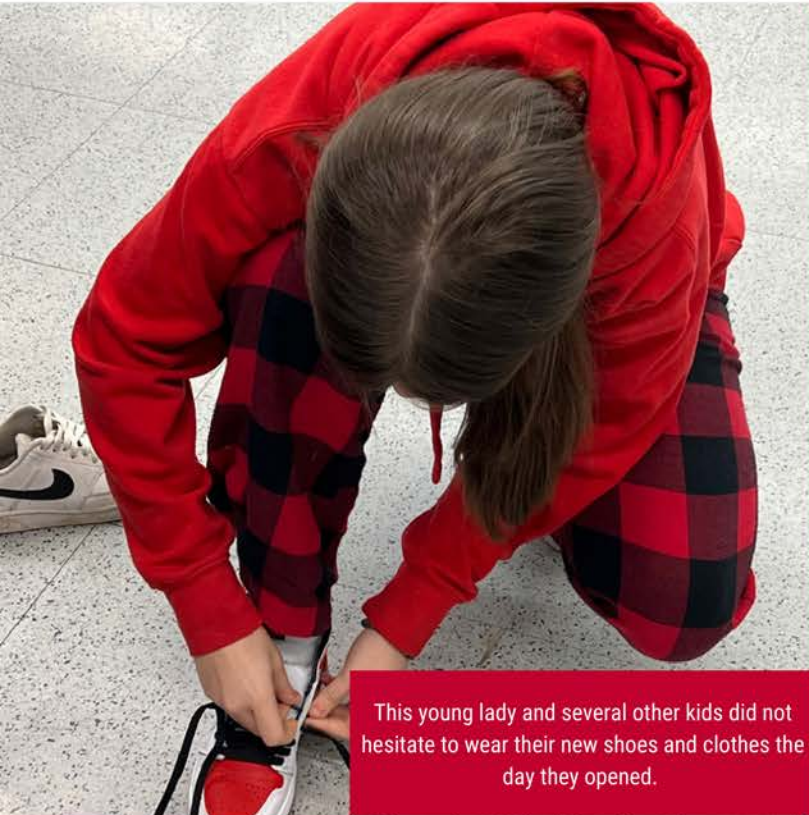


15 THANKSGIVING DINNERS

The students were so happy to be taking the dinners home for their families, almost all of whom are living with grandparents.

A SEASON OF GIVING

We have 180+ stories of giving this year. To our donors, we cannot fully relay to you those moments we encounter when your generosity comes to life. But I certainly hope you know that these small acts of kindness extend further than you know.



This young lady and several other kids did not hesitate to wear their new shoes and clothes the day they opened.

We get a call close to Christmas from a tearful grandmother who had just had her two teenage grandchildren placed in her home with zero financial help up front. With this unplanned event and Christmas fast approaching, she wasn't sure how she could make it happen so fast and had forewarned the kids. Because of you, we were able to respond to her request. We provided gifts the children needed in their new placement and a few that would bring them a little joy too.

Ariat Boots, the ones with the square toe and flat on the bottom that many of his classmates wore, were on the top of his Christmas list. This student is not much of a talker, but he did mention these boots a few times and his MWV mentor took note. She added it to his list and sent it out in hopes the business sponsoring him would be able to get them. So, when he opened that box and saw exactly what he was inside he was shocked. "Ariat boots! Did you see the kind they are?!", he exclaimed to his mentor. He wasted no time and put them on immediately. Two hugs were given from this kid who is typically far more reserved.

Danyell Kiser Allen held a donation drive for National Adoption Month and collected 25 Scentsy Stuffed Buddies for our kids in foster and kinship care.





The number of children we serve jumped from 50 in years prior to over 180 this year. This meant that our Christmas lists quadrupled as well. There was absolutely no way we could have taken on the extra work of providing Christmas gifts if it wasn't for our donors and individual sponsors.



Omar, of the Cold Spot speaks on behalf of the Angel Wings Committee. As he presented the check, we couldn't help but think he bore a resemblance to a certain someone else who is popular this time of year.

We experienced the wonderful magic of Christmas at the annual Cold Spot Angel Wings press conference in December. In less than three weeks this group of Cold Spot patrons came together to fundraise for our kids in kinship care and for families experiencing homelessness. They did raffles, collected toys, and found anonymous sponsors. In this short time, they raised \$5,847 and carloads of toys!



IMPACT STORY

Mission WV was contacted in August 2022 by a student struggling to meet her financial obligations for college. The student was a previous child in foster care who had heard about us from her sister who had received a Mission WV scholarship. Although we no longer issue scholarships, a donation from the Good Samaritan Mission Service allowed Mission WV to help out. Now, she will now be graduating with a nursing degree in May 2023, as planned.



Here is a statement from the student on how Mission WV helped in a time of need.

Being in foster care was a unique experience and during my time in the system, I was afforded many opportunities. However, as I approached my high school graduation, I began to worry about how I would afford college. When I was 16 my foster parents took guardianship of me; however, they were unable to assist with the financial needs of my education. We were informed by the foster system that I would still be eligible for the Modify grant. Upon my acceptance into WVU I was notified that I would not be receiving Modify. I then decided that a community college would be a better fit for my financial situation; so, I made the switch. I switched to a community college to pursue my nursing degree. In the years that I have been attending community college, I have been receiving the Pell Grant and HEAPS. Unfortunately, this semester I was not awarded the HEAPS grant. I am a mother as well as a student, so without this funding I was unable to cover all the expenses necessary for my education.

My older sister also studied at WVU and received the Mission WV scholarship. Upon hearing about my financial struggles, she mentioned this funding to me. She encouraged me to reach out to Kelly and inquire about assistance. Following the approval of my request for funding, I was able to purchase all the textbooks needed for my classes, as well as having the funding to afford transportation back and forth from school each day. I'm not sure what I would have done, had I not received this money, so I am extremely grateful. It means a tremendous amount to me to know there are people who go to such great lengths to help those who are in need while furthering their education. I was convinced for so long that, being a foster child, I had no one to provide aid to me in this way. With this funding, I feel as though I will be able to succeed with my education.



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SAY YES!





How to Donate

For more than 25 years the generous gifts of West Virginians like yourselves, as well as foundations and other partners, have helped sustain Mission WV's efforts. Whether helping children find forever families or teaching youth about pregnancy prevention and healthy relationships, your support has helped make a difference in their lives.

But now, your help is needed more than ever. There are over 6,000 kids in foster care in our state and the number is rising. Please help continue our programs' work to build stronger communities throughout WV by investing in their lives, educations and well-being.

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