

## HINTON AREA FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE



We know that this is an incredibly stressful and worrisome time for many of our citizens. The COVID-19 pandemic has up-ended normal life for many of us, and the Hinton Area Foundation is working to alleviate as much stress as is within our power to do so.

We at your community foundation are very proud of the work we do for the charitable needs of Hinton and Summers County. Already in 2020, our *Community Impact Fund*, along with a generous supplemental funds from the *R. T. Rogers Family Trust* (both Foundation discretionary funds), were able to support 13 different programs serving children and families in Summers County with grants totaling \$18,270. In 2019, we supported 50 Scholars attending colleges, universities and professional training programs with a total of \$73,150 in scholarships. This year, we are working on over 76 applications for the 2020/21 academic year. And through our many designated endowed funds, we have been able to give out hundreds of thousands of dollars in charitable funding since 1992.

The Hinton Area Foundation cannot do the good work we do without the financial support from those in the community who give generously to provide for both the immediate and long-term needs of our community. That is especially true right now when the COVID-19 crisis has hit all of us hard.

Now, more than ever, we are asking you to consider giving to the Foundation in one of two ways:

- 1) Donate to our *Disaster Relief (Pass-through) Fund*, which supports local organizations like REACHH-FRC and Yummy Bags to make weekend food supplies available to the County's neediest children during the school shutdown.
- 2) In cooperation with the State and National efforts to control the further spread of this global virus outbreak, and to keep our community members healthy, we have had to cancel our annual Scholarship Awards Banquet in May. This is a major fundraiser for the Foundation's *Operations (Endowed) Fund*, which provides for salaries and operating expenses necessary to do our work. We ask that you consider donating the cost of a Banquet Ticket (\$60/person or \$600/table of 10) or a portion thereof to support our *Operations Fund*.

***As a reminder, if you are a first-time donor to any of our Endowed Funds, our matching grant from the Carter Family Foundation will match your donation up to \$250.***

Your donations can be mailed to Hinton Area Foundation, PO Box 217, Hinton, WV 25951. Please make your checks out to *Hinton Area Foundation* and write the name of the fund (*Disaster Relief* OR *Operations*) in the memo line of your check. You may also visit our website at

[www.hintonareafoundation.org](http://www.hintonareafoundation.org) and make your donation through PayPal using the "Donate Now" button on our homepage.



Your generous support during this trying time is very much appreciated by the Foundation and those whom we can help in time of need. The Board of Directors and our Staff thank you and pray for your safety and wellbeing always.

Humbly yours,

Myra Hogan, Executive Director