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The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation has awarded 33 grants totaling roughly \$330,000.

The largest grant, \$50,000, went to the Charleston YWCA to help build eight apartments to provide permanent housing to senior citizens who have been victims of abuse, neglect or homelessness.

The Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center (formerly the Charleston Men's Shelter) gets \$40,000 to offer intensive mental health services round the clock to the hardest-to-reach mentally ill, including those now living on the streets.

The Kanawha Valley Collective, an umbrella group of more than 40 public and private groups working with the homeless, chooses one project a year for federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funding. This is their chosen project this year, with a total cost of \$572,000. HUD will give \$400,000. The city of Charleston, the Department of Health & Human Services, First Presbyterian Church (Charleston) and possibly the Budget Digest will also give.

West Virginia Health Right receives \$40,000 over two years to begin providing mental health services to low-income uninsured people. The clinic recently added dental care, and found that people coming in for dental care often had physical and mental problems. "Right now they're triaging those people," said Greater Kanawha program officer Kim Tieman. "Their director says that if they had mental health programs, they could serve all the needs while they're there."

The Kanawha Valley Collective receives \$20,000 to organize itself as a non-profit and hire a staff.

Greater Kanawha is an umbrella foundation made up of 350 separately named funds with combined assets of \$95 million.

In other action, the foundation's governing board approved the creation of the Shirley C. Rawlins Fund, a discretionary fund to be used for general charitable purposes. John Rawlins created the fund with a gift of \$10,000 to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary.

A complete list of gifts follows:

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, to renovate new offices for the Alzheimer's Association. West Virginia Chapter, \$3,400;

Cabin Creek Health Center, to purchase equipment and medical supplies for nurse practitioner program that provides in-home health care to elderly patients, \$6,232;

Children's Therapy Clinic, to purchase new therapy items, \$7,434;

Kanawha County Schools Head Start, Learn with me Backpack Program provides Head Start children with a backpack that can be used to deliver health information materials to families, \$2,000;

New River Health Association, expand maternal infant health outreach worker to Fayette County, providing support, information and referral about pregnancy and parenting to women who are pregnant or who have young children, \$5,000;

South Charleston High School, smoking cessation program, \$2,100;

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation, update and renovate one patient room at West Virginia Rehabilitation Hospital, \$15,000;

West Virginia Health Right, start-up funding for mental health services for the uninsured, \$40,000 over two years;

WomenCare, Inc., expand the WomenCare, Inc. Centering Program to a new health care facility at the Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center, \$7,635;

Charleston Chamber Music Society, provide a free concert to showcase young artists, \$1,000;

Charleston Public Safety Council/Youth Task Force, conflict resolution violence prevention program presented by Charleston Police Officers to fourth-graders, \$5,000;

Charleston Stage Company Summer Camp, scholarships for low-income children, \$3,000;

Clendenin Volunteer Fire Dept., buy thermal imaging camera, life-saving device, \$4,000;

Coalition for West Virginia's Children, scholarships for human service providers and/or individuals with young children who live in poverty to attend the Coalition for West Virginia's Children's Annual Policy Forum, \$4,000;

Drivers for Food, buy one generator and a bulk-food slicer for organization that provides emergency food to low-income people in Clay County, \$2,895;

Education Alliance, mini-grants of up to \$500 for teachers to conduct innovative projects in their classrooms, \$5,000;

Family Service of Kanawha Valley, upgrade the server system for the agency that provides counseling services in the Kanawha Valley, \$7,542;

Good News **Mountaineer Garage**, buy a two-vehicle tow truck to transport donated vehicles that are repaired and sold for \$1 to low-income people approved by Department of Health & Human Services, \$17,000;

Kanawha Valley Center, recruit and train 44 new therapeutic foster families, \$5,000;

Kanawha Valley Collective, to provide staff for a new nonprofit organization, \$20,000;

Mountaineer Habitat for Humanity, build first house in Jubilee Heights, \$10,000;

Mountain Heart Foundation, scholarships for children with congenital heart disease to attend Camp Mountain Heart, \$4,400;

Multi-Cultural Festival of WV, for Multifest 13, \$5,000;

National Youth Sports Program, support for participants to attend the program at West Virginia State College, \$2,000;

Operation Love Outreach, buy used truck for the Operating Love Outreach to haul food from Food Bank sites to the distribution site in Marmet, \$6,000;

P. U. M. P. Inc. Enrichment Center, Project SAFE, a new community center that needs funds for building improvements and repairs in order to make the facility safe, \$2,185;

Religious Coalition for Community Renewal, for Jubilee Housing, which provides pre/post home ownership education and counseling for low-income, first-time homebuyers, loan origination for home repair, affordable housing and development; matching funds for a Housing and Urban Development grant, \$12,000;

Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, for the Safe Haven Project, a program that provides 24-hour access to the hard to reach homeless who often because of persistent mental illness remain living on the streets, \$38,888;

Scottie's Place Inc., scholarships for homeless children from Charleston to attend camp located in Peterstown, \$3,900;

West Side Neighborhood Association, provide funds for new director and office in the Tiskelwah Center and for funds to implement projects in its Community Revitalization Plan, \$15,000;

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality, Time out for Moms and Runaway Days for Health Professionals, to provide space and service sessions in four day segments for stress reduction, mentoring and bonding for Single Moms, \$3,000;

YWCA of Charleston, to build eight apartments as permanent housing for seniors who have been victims of abuse, neglect or homelessness and create a gently used furniture store on adjacent property to generate income to help sustain the housing project, \$50,000;

YWCA/Sojourners Shelter for Homeless Women and Families, for equipment, flooring, and one-half salary for a building technician for the shelter, \$15,000;

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