

69th ANNUAL WNC HONORS AWARDS to RECOGNIZE COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT
2018 COMMUNITY APPLICATION

COMMUNITY PROFILE (Worth up to 5 points):

Community Center/Club Name: **Bethel Rural Community Organization (BRCO)**

County: **Haywood**

Physical Address of Center/Club: **664 Sonoma Road, Waynesville, NC 28786**

Website or Facebook Page Address: www.bethelrural.org and www.bethelhalfmarathonand5k.weebly.com

What type of boundaries describes your community?

One community District (fire or school) Incorporated Unincorporated Other

How many households are in your community approximately? **2,500**

When was your community organized? **1990**

Has your community been in continuous operation? **Yes**

Is your community a tax-exempt 501(c) (3)? **Yes**

If yes, what is your Tax ID Number? **34-2063022**

Community mission statement: **To coordinate local and regional resources to perform programs and projects that enhance the quality of rural life in Bethel Community.**

Community vision statement: **Preserving Yesterday – Helping Today – Planning for Tomorrow**

VOLUNTEER (Worth up to 5 points):

Officer Information: Please list title, name, address, phone and email of community officers.

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Secretary: Susan Baxley, 32 Indian Hills Loop, Waynesville 28786; 828-550-1966 susunc@bellsouth.net

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Name and contact information of individual submitting application, if not an officer:

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How many volunteers served your community center/club over the past year?

Approximately 40 BRCO members serve in various capacities, and several serve on more than one committee. During our 5K/Half Marathon Race we have as many as 80 volunteers from fire departments, cheerleaders, schools, local citizens, and members. There are approximately 78 volunteer positions filled by members. Committees by volunteer membership: Beautification: 11; Benevolence: 4; Education: 6; Food Pantry: 18; Historic Preservation: 18; 5K/Half Marathon Race: 7; Rural Preservation: 5; Organization: 9

How many approximate volunteer hours were recorded over the past year?

Beautification: 355; Benevolence: 16; Education: 618; Food Pantry: 918; Historic Preservation: 535; 5K/Half Marathon Race: 430; Rural Preservation: 175; Organization: 635; Total Volunteer Hours: 3,682

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARITY, EACH CATEGORY IN THIS APPLICATION WILL BE DISCUSSED USING BRCO'S FRAMEWORK OF 7 COMMITTEES THAT PERFORM THE WORK AND ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION.

Color Coding Expenses, Sales, Donations, Projects, Partners, Volunteer Hours, Intro/Information, Contractor

FACILITY/Calico Cat Award (Worth up to 5 points): This section is for updates and renovations to existing community centers from August 2017 through August 2018 only. Describe the improvements made to the community center or the facility where your community meets. Include whether the work was done by volunteers or local contractors. How did the community pay for updates or renovations?

Beautification: BRCO completed 50 projects in the 1885 church/community center. Beautification Committee decorated for 7 meetings, assessed needs, contracted with carpenter/handyman, septic contractor, electrician, Window World, renter, purchased a Sears refrigerator, and completed a series of interior/exterior repair/painting/cleaning/organizing tasks.

- Decorated (decorations hand-made) for 6 regular meetings (**6 projects**) (**127 hours**)
- Decorated (made decorations) for County Council of Community Clubs meeting (**28 hours**)

- Cold Mountain Angus Beef & food/prep for County Council meeting **(6 hours)** **(In-Kind \$300)** **(\$71.52)**
- Shopping for decorations, tablecloths **(18 hours)** **(In-kind donation \$400)**
- Decorations sold **(\$40)**
- Tables sold that were no longer needed **(2 hours)** **(\$200)**
- Conducted a walk-through assessment of tasks and printed analysis **(10 hours)**
- Follow-up evaluation/discussion with contractors following 2017 Cultural Resources evaluation about vestibule, sanctuary's chestnut walls, sanctuary windows, and sanctuary floors **(10 hours)**
- Cleaned all of the kitchen cabinets, washed all of the items, and reorganized the kitchen **(4 hours)**
- Assisted Encouraging Word Baptist Church with clean-up after church's departure **(10 hours)**
- Cleaned storage closet **(6 hours)**
- Cleaned/organized dining hall cabinets/labeled drawers **(2 projects)** **(2 hours)**
- Painted kitchen **(12 hours)**
- Painted storage closet **(10 hours)**
- Rearranged furniture and hung pictures **(4 hours)**
- Selected/purchased/oversaw delivery/installation of refrigerator **(2 projects)** **(9 hours)** **(\$846.38)**
- Roof Leak repair **(1 hour)**
- Thermostat repair **(1 hour)**
- Toilet repair in women's bathroom **(2 hours)**
- General maintenance **(8 hours)** **(Carpenter/handyman/oversight by volunteer)** **(\$332.95)**
- Purchased/installed hooks for vestibule **(1 hour)** **(\$31.91)**
- Changed all sanctuary lights to LED; fixed stained glass light in sanctuary **(4 hours)** **(Majority of work done by electrical contractor)** **(\$975)**
- Fire-Safety Inspection **(1 hour)** **(\$26.75)**
- Emergency Light replacement and other bulbs installation **(1 hour)** **(\$29)**
- Repaired light switch **(30 minutes)**
- Selection/purchase/supervision of vestibule flooring **(2 projects)** **(7 hours)** **(\$581.94)** **(Carpenter)**
- Polish floor in sanctuary **(Handyman)**
- Caulk windows **(1 hour)** **(Carpenter)** **(\$132.47)**
- Repaired door latch to mechanical room **(30 minutes)**
- Window presentations vetted (Window World and Lowe's) **(16 hours)**
- Presentation to board/membership about window installation **(2 projects)** **(4 hours)**

- Prep work before/after window installation **(4 hours)**
- Window purchase/installation supervision/cleaning **(3 projects) (28 hours)** (Installation by Window World) **(\$5,026.86) (\$100 donation income)**
- Septic tank pumped **(2 hours) (Contractor) (\$280)**
- Cut and trimmed shrubbery and trees beside the community center **(3 hours)**
- Contracted with tenant, Harmony Baptist, to do all mowing and routine facility cleaning **(2 hours)**
- Cleaned ramp and hauled trash **(3 hours)**
- Purchased/installed correspondence boxes **(1 hour) (\$20)**
- Written report for 6 meetings **(6 hours)**

Expenses: \$8,354.78; Sales Income: \$240; In-Kind Donations: \$700 (not counted); Direct Donation: \$100; Projects: 50; Partners: 17; Volunteer Hours: 355; Contractors/carpenter/handyman: 7 projects

Payment for Projects: BRCO budgeted \$5,000 for several beautification projects at the board/general meetings in January. Beautification decided, since it was more cost effective to do 12 windows instead of the budgeted 4, to ask the board and membership to approve the addition of \$3,354.78 extra dollars to install more windows. Beautification Committee chair pled the case before the board and general membership. Beautification expenses are budgeted from general funds at the beginning of the year (funded primarily by the race as the chief fundraiser), though some income from committee sales and in-kind and regular donations helps to cover costs. BRCO is planning to hold a yard sale in September to offset the extra cost of windows.

FUNDRAISING (Worth up to 25 points): Provide overall total of funds the community raised this past year.

BRCO receives funds from several sources which are outlined in detail under each committee section:

DONATIONS, SPONSORS, AND OTHER INCOME	TOTALS
• Contributions from other non-profits	\$ 2,150.00
• Donations from corporate sponsors	\$ 9,605.00
• Donations from individuals	\$ 2,175.00
• Donations from religious organizations	\$ 1,380.00
• Governmental funding	\$ 1,500.00
• 5K/Half Marathon Race Entry Fees	\$ 9,787.00
• Rental	\$10,925.00
• Sale items	\$ 1,982.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$39,504.00

Describe the community's most successful fundraising activity or grant. This effort will have been organized and managed by the community center/club only.

How much was raised and who benefitted? Income from rental of BRCO's 1885 sanctuary/1964 classroom-dining/kitchen addition competes with the 5K/Half Marathon Race income as the top two fundraising efforts of the organization. Rental income, however, requires very little effort on the part of membership. This year we had a change in church rental with Encouraging Word Baptist Church's monthly rental – December bringing in

\$3,000 and the new renter, Harmony Baptist Church, bringing in **\$7,500**. This year's rental income to individuals and groups brought in **\$425**. Total rental income was **\$10,925**. The largest fundraising endeavor that requires ongoing, year-round effort on the part of numerous BRCO players is the 5K/Half Marathon Race each October. BRCO's Half Marathon is the oldest in the state and the third oldest in the Southeast. It is the flattest, most scenic race in the region. BRCO's Half Marathon is affiliated with the Asheville Track Club Grand Prix and is USATF Certified #NC 12099Ph, allowing a runner to set national time records on BRCO's race course. **253** local, regional, state, and out-of-state runners registered for the 2017 race. Race day requires the voluntary services of two local fire departments, the sheriff's department, school personnel, BRCO members, and other community volunteers, including junior varsity and varsity cheerleading squads from Pisgah High School. Volunteers provide a variety of hot soups and baked goods, man water stations, oversee 2 awards ceremonies, provide race tracking and safety/traffic control. The organization partners with local businesses which sponsor the event. Totals listed are for totals from 2017 as well as incoming registrations for the 2018 race. Race sponsorships total **\$7,575**. Race entry fees total **\$9,787**. Sales of race awards/supplies after the race = **\$85**. Total income from the race through August 2018: **\$17,447**.

5K/HALF MARATHON RACE 25th Anniversary will be celebrated in October 2018. Details are listed below about the 2017 race planning/organization/affiliation/projects/income/expenditures/volunteer hours:

- Host a Race website **(8 hours)**
- Website updates for both race and general website **(3 hours)**
- Market the race on BRCO's Facebook **(10 hours)**
- Market race at other races **(4 hours)**
- Market race with Asheville Track Club **(1 hour) (\$250)**
- Market race with Pace Magazine **(1 hour) (\$375)**
- Write blog for *Carolina Runner* magazine **(1 hour)**
- Conduct online registrations **(10 hours) (\$9,787)**
- Host meetings/online discussions to plan details of both races **(40 hours)**
- Design/purchase t-shirts **(6 hours) (\$1,947.40)**
- Order awards **(8 hours) (\$1,010.30)**
- Order race give-away products **(6 hours) (\$477.45)**
- Purchase food, pre-race breakfast **(12 hours) (\$202)**
- Purchase and set up race course with appropriate signage that is remade yearly **(32 hours) (\$232)**
- Arrange with Event Mercenaries for race timing **(2 hours) (\$1,377.50)**
- Purchase insurance **(1 hour) (\$200)**
- Set up/maintain registration site **(3 hours)**
- Set up/maintain water stations for race day **(30 hours)**
- Set up/maintain awards tables for race day **(3 hours)**
- Set up/maintain give-away table for race day **(2 hours)**
- Set up/maintain free t-shirt table **(6 hours)**
- Set up/maintain sale table **(5 hours) (\$85)**
- Bethel Middle School provides pre/post-race location and personnel **(6 hours) (\$80)**
- Coordinate with 2 fire departments, sheriff's department, Pisgah High Cheerleading squads, and local volunteers to man all stations **(5 Projects) (6 hours) (\$1,250 – Counted as Benevolence)**
- Make/serve soups, fruit, desserts, etc. at finish; volunteers man food line **(99 hours)**

- Conduct two awards ceremonies **(2 hours)**
- Solicit race sponsors **(50 hours) (\$7,575)**
- Recognize sponsors through signage/thank you letters/personal visits **(40 hours)**
- Race day coordination of all volunteers **(25 hours)**
- Distribute T-shirts to all volunteers **(2 hours)**
- Asheville Track Club Grand Prix Race **(1 hour)**
- USATF certified so that runners can set national time records **(1 hour)**
- Thank-you letters to all sponsors **(4 hours)**

Expenses: \$7,401.65 - \$1,250 counted as Benevolence = \$6,151.65; Income - Sponsors: Business - \$7,475; Sponsors: Individual - \$100; Income - Entry Fees: \$9,787; Income - Sales: \$85; Total Income: \$16,235; Projects: 37; Partners: 383; Volunteer Hours: 430

BRCO's income is used for the following expenditures that benefit the organization and community:

Beautification expenditures:		\$ 8,354.78
Benevolence expenditures to individuals:	Sub-total	\$ 400.00
Benevolence expenditures to schools:	Sub-total	\$ 1,750.00
Benevolence grants to other non-profits:	Sub-total	\$ 1,850.00
	Benevolence Total:	\$ 4,000.00
Educational expenditures:		\$ 2,860.00
Food Pantry expenditures:		\$ 1,808.44
Historic Preservation expenditures:		\$ 4,168.82
	(Minus \$50 listed as Benevolence)	-\$ 50.00
Race expenditures:		\$ 7,401.65
	(Minus \$1,250 listed as Benevolence)	-\$ 1,250.00
Rural Preservation expenditures:		\$ 1,350.00
	(Minus \$550 listed as Benevolence & \$500 listed as Education)	-\$ 1,050.00
Organization operations:		\$ 7,226.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - Benefit the Organization and the Community:		\$34,820.12

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OUTREACH (Worth up to 20 points): What programs or outreach activities did the community organize to benefit area residents? These are activities *other than* fundraisers and may include programs designed to educate residents or share information relevant to the community.

BRCO connects with its members and the community via projects of its 7 committees: Beautification, Benevolence, Education, Food Pantry, Historic Preservation, 5K/Half Marathon Race, and Rural Preservation. Each category indicates 1 project unless otherwise specified. All listings are evidence of BRCO's community outreach.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Reference the previous section on Facility/Calico Cat Award for activities of the Beautification Committee.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE gives humanitarian aid to local schools, individuals, governmental agencies, and other non-profits – sometimes supplying assistance through local businesses.

- Partnered with Duke Power to pay electric bill for 1 family **(2 hours) (2 partners)(\$200)**
- Partnered with an Sorrells Electric to pay installation for 1 family **(4 hours) (2 partners) (\$200)**
- Partnered with Haywood County Health Department/Bethel Schools for \$1,000 in dental treatment for Bethel students (There were, unfortunately, no students assisted this year with this program). **(1 hour)**
- Bethel Elementary donation for Christmas fund for indigent children **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Bethel Middle donation for Christmas fund for indigent children **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Bethel Middle School payment for walking track lighting **(1 hour) (\$750)**

- Haywood County Sheriff's Department's Cops for Kids Christmas project for indigent Bethel students – 5K/Half Marathon Race donation. **(1 hour) (\$250)**
- Center Pigeon Fire Department - 5K/Half Marathon Race donation **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Lake Logan Fire Department - 5K/Half Marathon Race donation **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Buy Haywood agri-tourism support/brochure – Rural Preservation donation **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Preservation NC - Historic Preservation donation **(1 hour) (\$50)**
- Haywood Waterways - Rural Preservation donation **(1 hour) (\$50)**

Expenses: \$4,000; Projects: 12; Partners: 14; Volunteer Hours: 16

EDUCATION COMMITTEE provides speakers at meetings, attends/gives workshops, sponsors a scholarship, supports Journey scholarship applicants, and grants school projects/awards at the three local schools.

- Bethel Middle School – I-Tune Gift Cards donated as awards for Math and Science **(1 hour) (\$160)**
- Journey Scholarship support for Joseph Putnam – received \$500 scholarship **(1 hour)**
- Journey Scholar support for Sawyer Valentine **(1 hour)**
- Journey Scholarship support for Bella Sorrells – received \$1,000 scholarship **(2 hours)**
- Three Bethel Elementary Math Awards for achievement on end-of-grade tests **(2 hours) (\$150)**
- Dave Curphey citizenship award to Bethel Middle student **(1 hour) (\$50)**
- Coordinated with Pisgah High guidance office for 2 scholarship applications **(2 projects) (10 hours)**
- BRCO scholarship winner for 2017 – Rhiannon Goodwin **(25 hours) (\$500)**
- BRCO scholarship winner for 2018 – Sydney Smith **(25 hours) (\$500)**
- Computer mice donated for Pisgah High School classes **(2 hours)(\$1,000)**
- Bethel FFA for competition jackets – Rural Preservation donation **(5 hours) (\$500)**

Programs Given at meetings:

- Program for September meeting by Kaleb Rathbone, Mountain Research Station **(1 hour + 42 hours for membership attendance = 43 hours)**
- Program for November meeting by Kevin Dufus, historian **(2 hours + 50 hours for membership attendance = 52 hours)**
- Program for January meeting by Barclay Taylor, ag teacher at Bethel Middle **(1 hour + 58 hours membership attendance = 59 hours)**
- Program for March meeting by Carroll Jones, historian, about Champion history **(10 hours + 76 hours for membership attendance = 86 hours)**
- Program for May meeting by Beth Cook about development of the BRCO website **(10 hours + 66 hours for membership attendance = 76 hours)**
- Program for July meeting by Dannehl Strautz about early doctors in Haywood County **(1 hour + 48 hours for membership attendance = 49 hours)**
- Program at County Council presented by Jerry Ledford/BRCO about historic trains **(2 hours)**

Programs Presented by members to other groups/individuals:

- Leadership Haywood showing BRCO's *Fertile Fields of Bethel* DVD **(4 hours)**

- Shelton House Monarch Waystation speeches to visitors about protection **(32 hours listed with Rural Preservation)**

Programs attended by members:

- Canton Library/Canton Area Historical Museum presented several historical speakers: Gerald Ledford (early railroading), Carroll Jones (Champion International), Bill Rolland (Fiberville Village), Edie Burnette (early education), Phil Paxton (Locust Field Cemetery) **(6 hours)**
- Canton Library/Canton Historical Meeting about the Gray-Y Club/Boy Scouts **(6 hours)**
- Museums in Partnership Meeting **(8 hours)**
- 3 County Council Meetings **(3 projects) (92 hours)** Wrote 3 reports for meeting **(3 projects) (5 hours)**
- WNC Communities for Awards Ceremony - 2017 **(12 hours)**
- Haywood Historic Commission – attended 4 presentations about local history: Pigeon Community, Cataloochee, Historic Downtown Waynesville, and Old Families of Waynesville **(4 projects)(11 hours)**
- Native American Villages and Indian Mounds by WCU professor, Dr. Benjamin Steere **(4 hours)**
- Pictographs and Petroglyphs at WNC Archaeological Sites by Archaeologist, Scott Ashcroft **(4 Hours)**
- Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society’s Sunburst Village program **(14 hours)**
- WNC Communities Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony **(10 hours)** Several researched and 1 gave award **(2 projects) (50 hours listed as Rural Preservation)**

Expenses: \$2,860; Projects: 39; Partners: 35; Volunteer Hours: 618

FOOD PANTRY COMMITTEE: provides food to approximately 20 indigent families each month. The committee coordinates with the Rural Preservation Committee and Haywood County Farm Bureau to offer produce tickets to local farms. Three local churches and one local family routinely assist with funding/food.

- BRCO volunteers coordinate with MANNA/Aldi’s/Go Grocery to order and transport all types of food items most weeks. **(51 projects) (433 hours) (\$1,528.54)**
- BRCO volunteers sort and arrange all goods. **(25 projects) (52 hours)**
- Pantry participants pick up canned goods, meat, produce, dairy, etc. monthly while a number of BRCO volunteers assist. **(13 projects) (312 hours)**
- Conduct temperature monitoring/inspection of freezers/refrigerators program **(11 hours) (\$74.90)**
- Haywood Gleaners provide produce for pantry participants **(10 hours)**
- Haywood County Farm Bureau donated to Rural Preservation (RP) for the farm/coupon project. **(1 hour) (\$500 – counted under Rural Preservation income)**
- RP Committee/pantry gave coupons for local farm produce. **(30 hours) (\$205)**
- Encouraging Word Baptist Church donated to support the pantry. **(\$770)**
- Riverside Baptist Church donated to support the pantry. **(\$610)**

- Spring Hill Baptist donated food each quarter to the pantry. **(4 projects) (2 hours)**
- Duncan family donated staples each month. **(13 projects) (26 hours)**
- John Chicoine, Senior Resource Center, offered advice about Medicare. **(13 projects) (39 hours)**
- Listed with regional 2-1-1- service to facilitate food support to individuals **(1 hour)**
- Website lists updated contact and qualifications for receiving food. **(1 hour)**

Expenses: \$1,808.44; Donated Income: \$1,380; Projects: 127; Volunteer Hours: 918; Partners: 12

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Researches/Collects/Documents/Educates/Distributes
Bethel/Haywood County historical sites/documents/data.**

- Collected historic art prints/photographs/albums donated by Bethel citizens **(3 projects) (20 hours)**
- Commissioned 2 paintings of historic Bethel sites/reproduced 2 art prints for sale/framed 5 prints and awards **(12 projects) (25 hours) (\$868.49)**
- Five art prints sold **(5 projects) (4 hours)(\$249)**
- 1 of 70 sites on the BRNHA Heritage Trail
- 1 of 54 sites on the Haywood County Quilt Trail
- Printed 31 books and donation of 1 book - all costs donated **(20 hours) (In-Kind \$325 – not counted)**
- Distributed and sold books online and at 2 venues **(10 hours) (\$326)**
- Request about defunct County Home Cemetery **(10 hours)**
- Request about contact for Bethel Community Cemetery **(1 hour)**
- 2 *Cold Mountain Heritage Tour* CDs sold **(\$30)**
- Contracted with Possum on a Whale/videographer/developed a CD **(3 projects) (50 hours) (\$706.20)**
- Publicity about CD in 2 media sites **(3 hours)**
- Arranged for the music group, Possum on a Whale, to have own CD called *Sunburst Sessions* **(2 hours)**
- 18 Possum on a Whale CDs produced/sold at 2 venues **(3 hours) (\$175)(\$85.60)**
- 1 Inman family DVD sold **(\$10)**
- *Vicinitus* news magazine published *Springdale* DVD information for an article **(2 hours)**
- Distributed/sold 8 *Springdale* DVDs at 2 venues **(3 hours) (\$67)**
- *Sunburst* DVD - Filmed 11 people at Lake Logan/Evergreen/Sunburst/Cruso **(6 projects) (71 hours) (\$168.53)**
- Picture collection/labeling of Powell 's Canton Hardwood DVD segment **(12 hours)**
- Sponsorship presentation to Appalachian Hardwood, Blue Rooster Restaurant, Evergreen Packaging, Lake Logan Conference Center, Peak Dentistry **(5 projects) (14 hours) (\$1,130)**
- Personal donations from Carol Litchfield, Nancy Armstrong/Jim Linn, Richard/Evelyn Coltman **(3 projects) (1 hour) (\$1,500)**
- Distributed/sold 12 *Walking in the Footsteps* DVDs **(3 hours) (\$180)**
- Collaborated with sign company/land owner/NCDOT/local nursery for inventor Filmore Christopher signage design/location/installation **(4 projects) (14 hours)**
- Produced publicity for historic marker at 2 media sites **(2 hours)**
- Donations in 2017 + \$200 in 2018 resulted in funds to purchase Filmore Christopher historic marker **(2 projects) (1 hour) (\$200) (\$2,200)**
- Organized/labeled files/filed HP Committee files into Library file cabinets **(3 projects) (105 hours)**

- Collaborated with Pigeon Community on DVD filming/veterans center location **(2 projects) (1 hour)**
- Selected 2017/2018 Pigeon Valley Award winners/program/award **(2 projects) (6 hours) (\$90)**
- Plott family donated hundreds of documents/albums/diary/Native American and other artifacts/quilts for BRCO to distribute to appropriate entities. BRCO collaborated with the Plott family/Appalachian Women's Museum/NC Dept. of Archaeology/NC Dept. of Cultural Resources/WCU's Heritage Center/Haywood Historical Society/Canton Area History Museum/Lake Junaluska Methodist Museum/Shelton House Museum of NC Handicrafts/Suzanne McDowell, textile specialist/new owner of the Plott House/other families on this massive project that consumed most of 2018. We compiled a detailed list of all artifacts before distributing to several museums and other locations. **(20 projects) (63 Hours)**
- BRCO held a historic documents display/workshop with WCU and a quilt "bed turning" workshop with Suzanne McDowell, textile specialist regarding Plott materials **(2 projects) (35 hours)**
- News media published two front-page articles featuring the Plott collection story **(2 projects) (2 hours)**
- Consulted with Dept. of Cultural Resources/submitted National Register designation for Truss Bridge #79 **(2 projects) (46 hours)**
- Collaborated with Haywood Historical Society/NCDOT about Truss Bridge #246 **(2 projects) (6 hours)**
- Donated **\$50** to Preservation NC **(Expense listed under Benevolence)**

Expenses: \$4,168.82 - \$50 listed under Benevolence = \$4,118.82; Sales Income: \$1,037; In-Kind Donation Worth: \$325 – not counted; Direct Donation: \$2,830; Projects: 95; Partners: 54; Volunteer Hours: 535

5K/HALF MARATHON RACE COMMITTEE: Holds the chief fundraiser for the group each October. The race is the oldest half marathon in NC and the third oldest in the Southeast. Please reference the previous section about the group's most successful fundraiser for details about the race organization/affiliation/outcome.

RURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Focuses on informing landowners about conservation easements (543 permanent acres/several thousand feet of streamfront since 2007), land/water protection, agricultural sustainability (sponsor Buy Haywood), and showcasing Bethel landscapes by implementing grants through processing agencies.

- Sponsor of Buy Haywood: Educates/supports Bethel and Haywood County farms, produce stands, tailgate/farmer's markets, stores, restaurants, historic ag sites, and value-added businesses. BRCO is a sponsor of the Agri-Tourism brochure (7,000 distributed). **(1 hour) (\$500 – listed as Benevolence)**
- Promoted/sold *The Fertile Fields of Bethel* DVD which showcases how Bethel farmers maintain environmentally friendly agricultural operations that help drive the local economy. **(40 hours) (\$620)**
- Haywood County Farm Bureau distributed copies of *The Fertile Fields of Bethel* DVD to schools across NC for use in FFA classrooms. **(1 hour)**
- Haywood County Farm Bureau sponsored RP farm coupon initiatives via Food Pantry. **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Farmers/Food Pantry Committee collaborated to distribute coupons/collect funds for produce for Food Pantry recipients **(10 hours)**
- Haywood Electric Membership Corporation sponsored RP conservation initiatives. **(1 hour) (\$500)**
- Collaborated with landowner on conservation easement **(15 hours)**

- RP Chair maintained Monarch Butterfly Waystation and educated visitors on how to identify, monitor, and help to protect Monarch caterpillars as they transform from chrysalis to butterfly. **(32 hours)**
- Funded the Bethel Middle School Future Farmers of America Chapter. Funds purchased FFA shirts that the team wears for special events and competitions. **(1 hour) (\$500 – listed as Education)**
- Nominated Bill Holbrook for the WNC Communities Hall of Fame Award **(10 hours)**
- Attended awards ceremony for Bill Holbrook with Ted Carr and others conducting research for the speech/paid for his award **(2 projects) (50 hours) (\$300)**
- Wrote an article for Buy Haywood's [Taste of Haywood](#) eMagazine. **(5 hours)**
- Haywood Waterways Association donation **(\$50 – Listed as Benevolence)**
- Leadership Haywood lecture and showing of *Fertile Fields of Bethel*. **(4 hours counted as Education)**
- Website update includes links to conservation programs. **(8 hours)**

Expenses: \$1,350 (\$550 counted under Benevolence; \$500 counted under Education); Sale Income: \$620;

Donation Income: \$1,000; Projects: 16; Partners: 15; Volunteer Hours: 175

COLLABORATION (Worth up to 20 points): What joint efforts with other community centers, local government, nonprofit agencies, schools, farms or businesses does the community support? These efforts may be related to conservation, beautification, health, education, technology, job support, serving those in need, etc.

BRCO collaborates as an organization – with each of its 7 committees also connecting individually with schools/students, churches, sponsors, corporations, local businesses, fire departments, law enforcement, health services, other non-profits, individuals, museums, County Council of Community Clubs, governmental agencies, news outlets, etc. While the space limitations of this application do not allow us to enumerate details about every association, the list below (with a very brief indicator in parentheses) will mention the number of relationships BRCO maintains in order to serve the community. The organization purchases from and donates monetarily and service-wise to dozens of entities within BRCO's area of service.

Organizational Partners: BRCO's partners rent our facility, provide insurance, utilities, donations, and other services, and receive donations to ensure the smooth operation of the facility - Adams family (donor), Beth Cook (donor), Canton Insurance, Clarence Dixon Legal (transfer of property from the Presbytery to BRCO), County Council of Community Clubs (BRCO is one of 6 and attends 3 joint meetings annually), Encouraging Word Baptist Church (renter/donor), Harmony Baptist Church (renter), Haywood County Commissioners (donor), Ivey family (donor), Riddle family (renter), Kuykendall family (renter), Old River Baptist Church (renter), PayPal (sales), Pisgah View Homeowners (renter), Progress Energy (utilities), McKinnish family (renter), Watson family (renter), Western Regional Presbytery (transferred ownership of the facility to BRCO) – 18 Partners

Beautification Partners: Beautification partners with maintenance and decorating related businesses to provide upkeep of the facility as well as to decorate/arrange food at meetings - A C Moore (supplies), B Fire Safe (fire safety inspection), Carpet Barn (supplies), Cold Mountain Angus Beef (donor), Encouraging Word Baptist Church (renter/maintenance), Harmony Baptist Church (renter/maintenance), James Haney (handyman), Lowe's (supplies), Lowell Ball Electrical, Mark Wilson (carpenter), Michael's (supplies), Sears (refrigerator), Sloan's Plant Farm (decorations), Sorrells Septic Tank Company, Wal Mart (supplies), Water Color Floral (decorations), Window World (window replacement) - 17 Partners

Benevolence Partners: BRCO supports/coordinates with these organizations concerning monetary grants - Bethel Elementary School (grant), Bethel Middle School (grant), Buy Haywood (grant), Center Pigeon Fire Department (grant), Duke Power (electric payment), Haywood Advancement Foundation (Buy Haywood overseer), Haywood County Health Department (grant), Haywood County Sheriff's Department's Cops for

Kids (grant), Haywood Waterways Association (grant), Sorrells Electric (electric payment), Lake Logan Fire Department (grant), 2 families in need (grants), Preservation NC (grant) - **14 Partners**

Education Partners: **BRCO provides speakers at our meetings, members attend seminars, and we provide scholarships and awards to students at 3 local schools:** Barclay Taylor (speaker), Bella Sorrells (Journey scholar), Beth Cook (speaker), Bethel Elementary (awards), Bethel Middle (awards), Bethel Middle FFA (award), Bill Rolland (seminar), Canton Area Historical Museum (seminar), Canton Library (seminar), Carroll Jones (speaker), County Council of Community Clubs (BRCO provided speaker), Dannehl Strautz (speaker), Devin Valezquez (award), Diana Pina (award), Dr. Ben Steele (seminar), Edie Burnette (seminar), Hampton Shipman (award), Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society (seminar), Jerry Ledford (speaker), Joseph Putnam (Journey scholar), Kaleb Rathbone (speaker), Kevin Dufus (speaker), Leadership Haywood (BRCO gave seminar), Mayumi Caminiti (award), Mountain Research Station (seminar), Museums in Partnership (seminar), NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources (seminar), Phil Paxton (seminar), Pisgah High Guidance Department (scholarship), Rhiannon Goodwin (2017 BRCO scholar), Sawyer Valentine (Journey scholar applicant), Scott Ashcroft (seminar), Sydney Smith (2018 scholar), WNC Communities (Journey Scholar and awards program), Waynesville Historic Commission (seminars) – **35 Partners**

Food Pantry Partners: **Coordinates food access programs with donors for families in need:** Aldi's (food), BRCO Rural Preservation Committee (farm produce coupons), Encouraging Word Baptist Church (donor), Go Grocery (food), Haywood County Farm Bureau (donor for farm produce coupons), Haywood Gleaners (food donor), James Duncan family (food donor), MANNA (food), Riverside Baptist Church (donor), Senior Resource Center (assistance), Spring Hill Baptist Church (food donor), 2-1-1-Service (assistance) – **12 Partners**

Historic Preservation Partners: **The HP Committee commissioned artists, is filming DVD sessions for which we have solicited sponsors, received a donation of hundreds of historical artifacts, consulted with several individuals/organizations, including museums (listed as assistance) to determine where to place the artifacts, held a Bed Turning seminar, placed our 5th local historic marker, collaborated with news agencies on several publicity pieces, and collaborates with sales locations:** Appalachian Women's Museum (donate to), Bill and Carolyn Nettles (Plott artifact donors), Blue Ridge Books (sales), Blue Ridge National Heritage Area (BRCO is on the Heritage Trail), Blue Rooster (donor), Breaking Bread Café (sales), Canton Area Historical Museum (assistance/seminars), Carol Litchfield (donor), Carroll Jones (DVD speaker/donor), Cold Mountain Nursery (assistance), DAR (assistance), Douglas Chambers Productions (videographer), Evergreen Packaging (donor), Gary Woollard (painting), Harold Heatherly (DVD speaker), Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society (assistance), Haywood County TDA (BRCO is on the Quilt Trail), Haywood Historic Commission (seminars), Janice Swanger (artist), Jim Linn (donor), John Rolland (photographer), Lake Logan Conference Center (donor), LaNae and Jack McCracken (assistance with signage), Lewis Oates (DVD speaker/Pigeon Community assistance), Linda Hall (assistance), Liz Skeine (assistance), Loran Berg (assistance), Maria Sotto (donor), Maude Shephard (donor), *Mountaineer* (publicity), Museum of NC Handicrafts in Shelton House (assistance/donate to/sales), Nancy Armstrong (donor), NCDOT (assistance), NC Archaeology Dept. (assistance), NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources (assistance), Pam Meister (assistance), Pat Powell (DVD speaker), Peak Dentistry (donor), Peter Koch (assistance), Pigeon Community Center (assistance), Possum on a Whale (musicians for CD/DVD), Preservation NC (BRCO donates to), Richard and Evelyn Coltman (donors), Sam Powell (DVD speaker), Sewah Studios (historic marker), Suzanne McDowell (conducted quilt seminar for BRCO), Ted Darrell Inman family (Pigeon Valley Award for Historic Preservation - 2017), Trantham family (Pigeon Valley Award – 2018) *Vicinitus* (publicity), Village Framer (supplies), Wayne Carson (DVD speaker), WCU's Mountain Heritage Center (assistance) – **55 Partners**

5K/Half Marathon Partners: Race Committee solicits sponsors, works with websites and advertisers, runners, safety personnel, school affiliates, local businesses to provide food and awards, and dozens of volunteers to support BRCO's chief fundraiser - Accurate Auto (donor), Ameripride (donor), Asheville Track Club (advertising), Bill Barker Construction (donor), Beth Cook (webmaster), Bethel Middle School/personnel (race location), Black Bear Café (donor), Brian Gass (donor), Canton Insurance (insurance/donor), Carolina Farm Credit (donor), Carolina Runner (blog), Center Pigeon Fire Department (safety), Clark & Leatherwood, (donor), Cold Mountain Nursery (donor), Custom Paving (donor), Dr. John Highsmith (donor), Event Mercenaries (timing), Fat Buddies BBQ (donor), First Citizens Bank (donor), Flying Pigs (signage), Frank's Singlestop (donor), Haywood County Farm Bureau (donor), Haywood County Sheriff's Department (safety), Haywood EMC (donor), Haywood Regional Medical Center (donor), Home Trust Bank, (donor), Hometown Hardware (donor), JW Johnson Tomato (donor), Jukebox Junction (donor), Ken Wilson (donor), Kim's Pharmacy (donor), Lake Logan Fire Department (safety), Laura Ivey (webmaster), Lori Stephens (donor), Mud Dabbers Pottery (awards), Queen Mountain Law (donor), Pace Running Magazine (advertising), Patti-Boo Designs (t-shirts), Peak Dentistry (donor), Pigeon River Grill (donor), Pigeon Valley Septic & Grading (donor), Pisgah High Athletic Department (volunteer), Pisgah High School Cheerleaders (volunteers), Riverview Farms (donor), Rocky Branch Long Ears (donor), Rogers Express Lube (donor), Sunburst Trout (donor), USATF Certifiers, Waynesville Tire (donor), Wells Funeral Home (donor), **253** runners, and **80** volunteers including **44** cheerleaders. – **383** Partners

Rural Preservation Partners: The RP Committee provides seminars, works with landowners to promote conservation easements/water conservation, the local FFA, farmers, produce stands, Buy Haywood, and local businesses to offer assistance, provide publicity, and to secure sponsors - Beth Cook (webmaster), Bethel Middle FFA (organized/donated to) Bill Holbrook (WNC farm award), Buy Haywood (donated to), Haywood Advancement Foundation (oversees Buy Haywood), Haywood County Farm Bureau (donor), Haywood EMC (distributed *Fertile Fields of Bethel* DVD/donor), Haywood Waterways Association (donated to), Leadership Haywood (BRCO conducted seminar), Shelton House Museum Monarch Waystation (BRCO maintained and conducted training), Taste of Haywood eMagazine (BRCO contributed blog), WNC Communities (award ceremony for ag award), local farms and produce stands (provide food coupons for several), landowner regarding easement potential - **15** Partners

TOTAL PARTNERS: 549

[STANDARD OF LIVING \(Worth up to 15 points\):](#) How does your community assist or support progress, small business or the entrepreneurial spirit in your rural area?

BRCO is noted for its support of small local businesses via its sponsorship collaborations in which we purchase items from these businesses and also advertise them with a website connection. Reference each committee section previously discussed to understand BRCO's outreach/support of progress and the entrepreneurial spirit.

Beautification Committee projects require collaboration with/support of local vendors and businessmen. Members take pride in the facility and offer expertise and assistance with ensuring that the community center upkeep is performed so that it remains an attractive structure in the community. Rentals allow a location for individuals/families/groups to have an attractive meeting place while also allowing a local congregation a beautiful sanctuary/classrooms/dining hall.

Benevolence Committee connections support individuals who need a helping hand in getting back on their feet while also enabling three local schools and a variety of non-profits to benefit from our generosity. These entities are able to perform programs to help the community that would be difficult without BRCO's charity.

Education Committee not only provides local speakers to educate our members about topics of interest but also provides educational opportunities for members at training sessions featured by governmental/non-profit agencies/educational institutions. We enable worthy individuals to be supported by scholarship(s). BRCO provides awards/incentives in computer science, math, science, and citizenship at local schools.

Food Pantry purchases are made from MANNA as well as local food outlets. By helping individuals/families with their food insecurity, BRCO permits them to have more local purchasing power for other necessities as well as an enhanced quality of life/health meshed with a sense of emotional security as they gather to meet with everyone on pantry day.

Historic Preservation Committee projects raise awareness about the special history of our community by researching, interviewing, collecting, documenting, collaborating with public institutions/agencies/educational establishments/museums/other non-profits concerning preservation of information/documents/data/artifacts. The committee has collected/produced 19 art prints, 7 books, 2 CDs, and 3 DVDs since 2005 and is working on a massive 5-year project for another historical DVD. We have received 3 state history awards. We sell items through local vendors. We have established 5 local historic markers. We use the services of local artists, photographer, framer, videographer, sign maker, and we receive donor support from individuals and local businesses connected through our website. We filmed/produced a music CD for a local teenage traditional music group this year, enabling them to have their own CD to sell at venues. We worked with a local family to receive/document/ disperse to appropriate institutions valuable historical data so that future generations can enjoy local history via online digitation and at museums.

5K/Half Marathon Race Committee buys awards, t-shirts, food, meals, supplies, etc. from local businesses which support BRCO via donations. We advertise these businesses through signage, on t-shirts, via publicity, Facebook, and our website that allows a connection from our website to theirs. We interact with other local non-profits that enable the organization to further its mission. Businesses sponsorships for the race provide a large part of our income.

Rural Preservation Committee sponsors the Buy Haywood Agri-Tourism brochure (7,000 distributed). This project encourages farming/sales of produce/value added products/restaurants/historic agricultural sites. We supplied labor for development of a Monarch Waystation in order to save an endangered species and continue to educate about environmental stewardship. We actively seek landowners who are interested in permanent conservation easements to protect land/water for future generations (543 acres/thousands of feet of stream front protected to date). We established an FFA at Bethel Middle and financially support that organization. Our nomination of a local farmer who received WNC Communities Ag Hall of Fame award indicates our encouragement of husbandry as a profession. Our history of educating land owners and obtaining grants to promote conservation easements while also developing 2 educational DVDs about farming has enabled our area to remain rural – with the special significance rural areas have for providing farm related income, feeding people/animals as well as creating an enticing visual connection to the environment. The RP Committee’s advocacy for land/water conservation and flood mitigation provides protections for the economic viability of the entire Upper Pigeon River Watershed area. Our focus on protecting wild lands and natural features, as well as our historic preservation emphasis, helps to draw tourists to the area which supports local businesses and promotes local sustainability.

General Organizational – BRCO features a local business at each meeting. Through our support of individuals, businesses, schools, and non-profits we promote the welfare of local citizens with the aim of elevating their standard of living while enhancing the quality of life of the community.

PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS (Worth up to 5 points): Number and briefly describe each photo (up to 5) that have been included with this application. **(ISB separate)**

1. **BRCO developed a brochure that features our new Logo, Mission & Vision statements (right panel), our Bethel 5K/Half Marathon Race (middle panel), and BRCO’s rural and historic conservation projects (left panel).**
2. **BRCO’s first \$1,000 Journey scholar, Bella Sorrells, is pictured with the Education Committee.**
3. **BRCO’s Historic Preservation Committee funded and erected a local historic marker in honor of NCs most prolific inventor who was from Bethel.**
4. **BRCO’s Historic Preservation Committee meets with historians at the WCU Heritage Center where the experts assess artifacts, documents, and quilts from the historic Plott House – a massive donation made by the Plott family for BRCO to distribute to local museums.**
5. **BRCO created a CD, “Sunburst Sessions,” by a local teenage traditional music group, Possum on a Whale. The group could not afford the CD without our support.**

BONUS QUESTIONS (Worth up to 5 points each)

New Activity: Did your community try a new or different program, activity or fundraising method this year?

What was the outcome?

General Organizational: Collaborated with the Western Regional Presbytery to arrange transfer of ownership of our facility from the Presbytery to BRCO. We hired a lawyer, held meetings to reach compromises, and increased our insurance. The building is now BRCOs to use/change as we deem appropriate.

Designed a new logo for the organization to use on all publicity/correspondence

Developed a brochure to distribute to new members as well as at local tourism sites

Placed membership on an Excel file for better management of the organizational profile/keeping up with membership

Installed an internal mailbox to make it easier for committee chairs/treasurer to exchange paper data

Beautification: Our first project as owners was to install energy efficient windows in the dining hall/kitchen. We anticipate cost savings in energy, and they are much more attractive and easier to clean.

Redid the vestibule flooring to provide a lovely entrance to the historic sanctuary

Education: Education Committee expanded its efforts this year to include a sixth grade Science/Math award.

Three students qualified to receive the award and \$50 each.

Donated \$1,000 to purchase computer mice that were luxury items, unaffordable for Pisgah High School teachers

Donated I-Tunes Gift cards as incentives/awards for Bethel Middle students who achieved improvement in math/science

Mentored 3 Journey scholar nominations; 2 were selected from our students – First BRCO Journey scholar winners

Historic Preservation (HP): Used the services of a school-age traditional music band to supply the background music for our upcoming Sunburst DVD. We filmed/recorded 14 songs. The group was eager to have a CD of their own to sell at festivals/venues but could not afford it. Since we were recording them for the purpose of our DVD, we decided it would be relatively easy to create a CD for them. We worked with our videographer and the group to create a CD titled “Sunburst Sessions” that both we and they could sell. We have sold 18 and earned \$175, and they have sold dozens, enabling them to earn continuing income.

HP Committee installed 4 local historic markers previously that were made by local artisans. This year we applied for NC state highway marker to honor a local inventor who died in 1940. We were unsuccessful but did not stop. We designed our own marker and ordered one comparable in structure, yet more beautiful than state markers. The marker was expensive, so we raised all of the funds from members of our own committee.

HP applied for National Register designation for the state’s oldest metal truss bridge that is situated in Bethel.

HP was asked to assist a historic house in the area with distribution of a massive amount of artifacts including autograph albums, photograph albums, deeds, quilts, paintings, a long-lost diary, plats, Native American artifacts, etc. We partnered with WCU’s Heritage Center, Appalachian Women’s Museum, Shelton House Museum of NC Handicrafts, Canton Area Historical Museum, Lake Junaluska Methodist Museum, Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society, and NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, and the NC Department of Archaeology to distribute these valuable items to the appropriate locations. The story behind this distribution was featured on the cover of 2 separate issues of a local magazine. We held a quilt workshop to study the quilts. We held a documents viewing of photograph/autograph albums, deeds, diary, documents, Native American artifacts, etc.

Rural Preservation (RP): BRCO worked with a new agricultural teacher at Bethel Middle to organize a local FFA program. In addition, we purchased their competition jackets for their first competition.

Cash Award: Briefly share the community’s plan for the cash award received through the WNC Honors Awards.

BRCO has been fortunate to receive the award of distinction for several years, and we are appreciative and always use it wisely. Some of the committees raise funds for their own projects through donations/sponsorships/sales. Benevolence projects are not as likely to receive donor income. BRCO distributes \$1,000 in Christmas funds to indigent children at the two local schools so that they will receive clothing and toys during the holidays. We also pay \$750 for track lighting at Bethel Middle so that local citizens will be able to have a safe place to walk in the evening. We are working to see that our dental fund for children will see more usage in the coming year with any remaining funds. All of our projects are important, but we are especially vigilant about seeking out ways to help individuals in the community who are in need of assistance as well as providing funds to make the community a better place to live.

Technology: Does the community have access to high speed Internet? Not at our community center. Haywood County Commissioners are discussing expanding the internet to all community centers, so we are waiting for their decision.

How does the center/club use the Internet to advance the community?

BRCO Committees: conduct much of their discussion with members about BRCO business and community announcements via email and texting. Individuals wanting information from us ask questions via our own email. Facebook is also of service, enabling others to learn what we do. Our website is a compilation of our history/programs/outreach/community history/sale items. It enables others to learn about BRCO and Bethel.

Beautification: researches vendors and products via the internet.

Benevolence: uses the internet to transfer funds for payments for utilities of individuals in need.

Education: uses the internet that is connected through a hotspot on a personal iPhone to present programs during our meetings. We also work with Pisgah Guidance/Bethel Schools/WNC Communities via the internet to compile information about scholarship recipients, awards recipients, and educational projects at the 3 local schools.

Food Pantry: connects with the internet to order from MANNA.

Historic Preservation: connects with individuals, governmental agencies, non-profits, museums, educational institutions in order to seek/disseminate information about our projects.

5K/Half Marathon Race: uses our website to attract runners but also has a separate website through which we receive all of our advance race registrations.

Rural Preservation: connects with governmental agencies and individuals seeking conservation easement via the internet. The committee also provided an article for Buy Haywood's eMagazine that uses internet distribution.

Vision: Briefly share future plans for the community.

BRCO's Vision Statement: Preserving Yesterday-Helping Today-Planning for Tomorrow. That vision will not change as the organization reaches out to individuals, other non-profits, governmental agencies, schools, and businesses to preserve yesterday via our rural land/water conservation efforts as well as our historic preservation emphasis that includes taking care of our historic facility; we are helping today by bolstering our benevolence and food pantry outreach while educating our citizens so that we can all benefit from that knowledge. We are planning for tomorrow by ensuring that our land/water/farming emphasis will continue to feed and sustain us.

Beautification: Plan to install updated windows in the rest of the facility (except for the historic sanctuary) Plan to purchase shades in the dining hall classrooms and update the kitchen.

Benevolence: Will continue to seek out individuals in need of our utilities assistance program as well as continue to expand support of other non-profits whose mission aligns with ours.

Education: Will continue to work with all three schools to create incentives for students to achieve. We will expand our awards to English – not just science/math. We will continue educating our members with interesting speakers/alerting them to educational opportunities and will provide educational programs to other groups.

Food Pantry: Plans to continue affiliation with MANNA and local food vendors. We hope to reach out to others who need our program but are aware. We have lost the financial support of one church which moved, so we hope to expand our support from another local religious group.

Historic Preservation: Will complete our 5 year project of the *Sunburst and Other Historic Logging Operations in the Bethel/Cold Mountain Region* DVD by completing 1 more filming sessions/editing. We plan to begin another DVD about historic schools in Bethel. We will also commission another painting of a historic site in Bethel as well as recognize a local historian.

5K/Half Marathon Race: has reached a milestone with our upcoming 25th anniversary of our half marathon which is the oldest in the state and the third oldest in the Southeast. We are seeking affiliation with a larger sponsor.

Rural Preservation: will continue its search for individuals interested in placing land in permanent easement. Supporting the local FFA which we started will be a top priority. Continuing support for Buy Haywood and the Monarch Waystation are also priorities.

Organizational: We plan to conduct a survey so that we can compile a listing of all businesses that exist in Bethel to feature on our website. Previously, we have tackled listing all writers/media people who have ever lived in Bethel, so we believe that we can undertake this massive job that will support local businesses and enable individuals searching for a specific type of professional/commercial entity will have an easier job of finding what they need.

TOTALS: Expenses - \$34,820.12; Income - \$39,504; Projects - 376; Partners - 549; Volunteer Hours – 3,682