



ARKANSAS Community Foundation HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE

# Our CONNECTION

Smart Giving to Improve Communities

## Annual Benefit Concert - MARCH 22, 2022 • 7:30 PM

SIMON AND  
GARFUNKEL TRIBUTE BAND

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

HSVTicketSales.com or  
the Woodlands Auditorium  
Mon.-Fri., 9 AM - 2 PM

THE BOXERS

TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW!

Hot Springs Village Community Foundation is proud to present Todd and Greg Pitts, along with a full band as they pay tribute to this wonderful singing duo! They have been playing and singing these timeless tunes together since they were kids. For years, they have traveled the country sharing the Simon and Garfunkel concert experience with thrilled audiences nationwide. Join them as they bring home songs like "The Boxer", "Homeward Bound" and the "Sounds of Silence" to life in note perfect renditions.

Since 2006, the HSV Community Foundation has been bringing great music to the Village and raising money to support the local non-profits. The proceeds from this 16th annual concert, sponsored by *Ike Eisenhower*, will support endowments of local organizations. Over \$160,000 has been raised through or by these concerts!

In addition to the concert, there will be a pre-concert dinner sponsored by *RE/MAX* featuring a fabulous meal prepared by Melinda's Café and Coffee. The menu includes a baked potato bar with all the trimmings along with chili (and another soup), salad, rolls and dessert.

The Annual Benefit Concert is the Community Foundation's only fundraiser and we are so grateful for the support of the Village residents. So get your concert and dinner tickets now and join us on March 22 at 7:30 at the Woodlands Auditorium and ready yourself for a great evening of entertainment while helping our local non-profits!

## A Message from The Board Chair - SPRING 2022



### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

While we were hopeful 2021 would result in conquering the COVID virus, we unfortunately continue to take precautions as it mutates and reinvents itself. It was with great expectations that social gatherings could occur this year, and we would be able to resume our annual celebrations honoring our membership, our endowment holders, and grantees. Regardless, I want to take this opportunity to stress to each of you our profound appreciation to all who support our Community Foundation and the causes we hold dear.

Support for those causes and the nonprofits that make them happen doesn't just come in

the form of grants, but also in our efforts to connect organizations that benefit from the services one or both provide and to enable us to better serve their constituencies. Our ability to introduce Hunters Feeding the Hungry (meat stick producers) to the Boys and Girls Club (who then provide backpacks with wholesome snacks to children), is just one example of our community efforts.

In the absence of our annual celebration in January, I want to acknowledge those that have gone above and beyond for our mission. It is with great pride that I announce the following:

- **HSVCF Endowment of the Year:** Bob and Norma Shoemaker Scholarship, providing scholarship opportunities to relatives of POA employees.
- **HSVCF Board Member of the Year:** Carolyn Bowers chairs our annual fundraising benefit concert and dinner; she also chairs the Development Committee.

- **HSVCF Volunteers of the Year, 2020 and 2021:** George Armstrong, Membership and Dotty Burke, Public Relations.
- **HSVCF Outgoing Board Members, 2020 and 2021:** Lydia McCarthy, Development and Harvey Shelton, Membership.
- **HSVCF Outgoing Chairman of the Board, 2018-2020:** C.W. Miller.
- **HSVCF Outgoing Board Member and Secretary, 2012-2020:** Anthony Booth.

Congratulations to all recipients. Presentations will be made at our rescheduled annual celebration in June. Until then, thank you for your continued support of the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, an affiliate of Arkansas Community Foundation.

*Terri Jackson* Board Chairwoman

To become a member, start an endowment, or just make a donation; visit us online at [arcf.org/hotspringsvillage](http://arcf.org/hotspringsvillage) or call 501-984-1545.

# WE OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!

Tom and Cindy Lefler moved to HSV in 2002 after retiring from a career in the Army. They joined his dad, MG (ret) Bill Lefler at Cordoba Center Dental Clinic (now Lefler Dental). Hot Springs Village has always impressed them as a blended community with people from all over the country. Everyone has amazing energy to volunteer and help in so many causes. Dr. Bill Lefler recognized this and was instrumental in getting HSV designated as a 1000 Points of Light Community in 2000.

Since moving to the Village, the Leflers have seen this community continue to grow and flourish. Through the years, they have been involved with many organizations and events in the community, from Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, the Village Cancer Walk, Fountain Lake Schools, the Symphony Guild, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Tri-the-Village Triathlon, to name just a few.

For 24 years, Lefler Dental has been proud to provide dental care for generations of Villagers and recognizes that the HSV Community Foundation is just as dedicated



*Tom and Cindy Lefler*

in growing and supporting such a wide variety of organizations in the community and surrounding area. Like Tom and Cindy, the Community Foundation is invested in promoting and providing for the future of our community!

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### Helping us grow our endowments

When you ask Jesse and Lee Ann Branch how they ended up in HSV in 2005, it's simple! They met in 1994 on a blind date to play golf and then married 7 weeks and 6 days later. As a native Arkansan and retired Arkansas Razorback football player ('59-'63) and football coach (1976-1985), Jesse was very familiar with the Village due to playing in several Hot Springs Village Razorback Club benefit golf tournaments to raise money for athletic scholarships. So together, Jesse and Lee Ann felt sure Hot Springs Village was the place for them... and they were RIGHT!



*Jesse and Lee Ann Branch*

The Branches have always been givers, both with volunteering their time and sharing their resources. Besides their church, the Branches are involved with the HSV Rotary Club, the Cedar Mountain Boys and Girls Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Arkansas Hospice and the HSV Razorback Club, just to name a few.

Lee Ann did say she has to give Bob Shoemaker the credit for getting them involved in the HSV Community Foundation. "Bob, Jesse and I all go to Village United Methodist Church. At the time I was serving as the Executive Director of the HSV Area Chamber of Commerce. Bob gave a donation to the foundation in my honor. When I received the acknowledgment, I called to thank him and asked him about the Community Foundation. That's all it took for us to know we wanted to be a part of such a great organization. We are so impressed with the diversity of how their funds are shared."

As for the Branches, their donation is earmarked for the Operations Endowment to ensure the HSV Community Foundation continues to have funds to grow and thrive.

## Hot Springs Village Community Foundation (HSVCF)

### A local organization dedicated to supporting local causes

OVER THE PAST 35 YEARS, THE **FOUNDATION HAS DISBURSED NEARLY \$1,000,000 IN CHARITABLE GRANTS** TO OUR NEIGHBORS.

**Tax deductible membership contributions** are key to maintaining these vital outreach programs. We would greatly appreciate your considering a donation to the Foundation by becoming a member.

- **Family memberships are \$65 annually.** Members are invited to our annual celebration and provided advance notice to purchase tickets for our benefit concert.
- **Contribute \$100 or more and you will also be invited to a special donor reception to be held in the spring of each year.**
- **Become a Life Member by making a minimum contribution of \$500.**

Life members are invited to our annual celebration, provided advance notice to purchase tickets to our benefit concert, and are invited to a special donor reception. Life membership funds become a permanent part of the Foundation's Life Endowment Fund, providing income year after year.

**All members are recognized in our Annual Benefit Concert Program.**

Please go to our website at [www.arcf.org/hotspringsvillage](http://www.arcf.org/hotspringsvillage) and complete the membership application online, or contact Kim Harrison, HSVCF Executive Director, at 501-984-1545 for more information.



### HSVCF FACT!

The market value of our local endowments exceeded 2 million dollars at the end of 2021.



# Faith Fellowship Church Food Pantry

In 2008, the Faith Fellowship Church decided to make up some food boxes for its own parishioners. Little did we know that 14 years later our church would have a food ministry that serves all needy families within Garland County and all needy families living in Saline County around Hot Springs Village. In 2009, our church obtained its 501(c)3 non-profit certificate from the US Internal Revenue Service and the rest is history.

Many local churches send volunteers to assist our community food giveaways, which we hold twice monthly. They also, along with other businesses in our community, support our pantry financially. The Jessieville School District is instrumental each year in doing a cereal drive for our pantry. Brookshire's Grocery, across from the West Gate of the Village, supports us in a huge way especially during the holiday seasons. Three times a week, our cargo truck picks up food from the Walmart stores on Central Avenue and Albert Pike in Hot Springs. We do the same with the HSV Walmart store as well as Sam's Club in Hot Springs. These

stores all participate in the Feeding America Program. The food they donate is instrumental in allowing us to feed the thousands of families we do each year.



James Gillett and Rick Triolo preparing food boxes.

Who would have thought that after all these years of giving food to the area's hungry that we would grow into the third largest food pantry in the lower 33 counties of Arkansas?

A few years ago, the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation began supporting our pantry efforts with grant monies. This past year, our pantry received \$750, which was used for new tables needed in building up all the food boxes necessary for each giveaway. We are grateful to the Hot Springs Village Community Foundations' support of our food pantry.

The Faith Fellowship Church Food Pantry regularly supports our local Teen Challenge Men's Campus on Highway 7. Three times weekly, we deliver them fresh produce and fresh fruit to them, along with bread, pastries, and other food items.

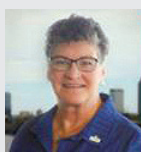
## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW:

- The Faith Fellowship Church Food Pantry **served 17,374 families** in the year 2021
- **120,000 lbs of food** was ordered from the Arkansas Food Bank in 2021
- **23,311 lbs of food** was ordered from the Project Hope Food Bank in Hot Springs in 2021
- **5,900 lbs of donated food items** from individuals and local community organizations
- **4,800 lbs of donated food** from Brookshire's Grocery Company

Along  
with all the donated  
food, our pantry spent  
**\$18,193.00**  
on food purchases  
in 2021!

**NEARLY  
1 MILLION POUNDS  
OF FOOD WAS  
DISTRIBUTED IN 2021!**

## A Note from Executive Director **Kim Harrison**



Last Fall we were able to grant nearly \$19,000 to 17 local organizations through the Giving Tree grant cycle. In total, Hot Springs Village Community Foundation granted over

\$60,000 the last six months of 2021. These grants included those from organizations' endowments— to help with their operations, individuals granting to their favorite causes, and grants awarded by our local board of directors.

We had a wonderful grants reception in the fall with Governor Huckabee commenting on the importance of generosity in our lives and how it helps us improve our own outlook as well as that of the ones we help. The organizations that were recipients of the grants each told us about the work they do and how the grant funds would be used.

The board is currently in the process of developing a new strategic plan to help us map out the next three years. This exercise will keep us busy for the next few months. When it's complete, we will let you know our plans for the future.

Through Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, our community is a better place to live. If you have a passion you would like to

help with, let me know, and hopefully I can find a way to assist you. Whether you want to start a fund to help your area of passion, or if we have an existing fund that works in the area of interest, we can help you in your philanthropic endeavors.

Also, if you are involved with an organization that could use some assistance, let us know. If we can't help, we may know of others who can.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE DEEP POCKETS TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE, JUST AN INTEREST IN A CAUSE!**



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# The seeds of children's dreams are often found in books

**Last fall, the Imagination Library of the Ouachitas was a recipient of a Giving Tree grant. THOSE FUNDS WILL PROVIDE A BOOK EACH MONTH TO 400 CHILDREN IN THE AREA!**



*Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library to foster a love of reading among preschool children and their families, regardless of income. The mission of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is to:*

- **PROVIDE** for children through age 5 to receive a wonderful, high-quality, age-appropriate free book every month in the mail;
- **MOTIVATE** young children to read books, talk about books and dream more;
- **CAPITALIZE** on the brain development that occurs in children younger than 5 years of age;
- **STIMULATE** children's learning of vocabulary, thinking skills and literacy before kindergarten;
- **HELP** prepare young children for success in school and beyond.

These efforts have had good results in registered children's kindergarten assessments and have lowered the number of retentions in kindergarten through grade three.



Imagination Library of the Ouachitas is our local affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Over the past few years, they have collaborated with CHI St. Vincent to register newborns. The local affiliate also works with local schools, preschools and daycares to register young children.

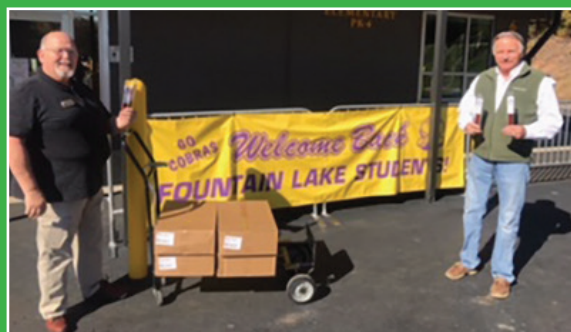
Currently books for over 4,000 children in Garland, Montgomery, and Pike counties are funded by Imagination Library. It raises funds to pay \$2.08 per book—currently a total of over \$100,000 per year. This is accomplished through local, private donors, and grants. As a result, kindergarten readiness has improved and reading scores are improving in our area.

**Imagination Library of the Ouachitas, P.O. Box 482, Mount Ida, AR 71957 • [garlandcountyimaginationlibrary.org/give/](http://garlandcountyimaginationlibrary.org/give/)**



## ARKANSAS HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY

*Your memberships, endowments and generous donations make it possible for US to help bridge the gap of food insecurity in our area.*



## Did you know?

The food insecurity rate directly impacts early childhood learning...

Garland Co. food insecurity rate **17%**

Saline Co. food insecurity rate **12%**

\*per [aspirearkansas.org](http://aspirearkansas.org)



*Dotty Burke*

Our Annual Celebration has been postponed to June 23, 2022, where we will award these two giving individuals for all of their support of our Community Foundation.

**Dotty Burke** serves on our Public Relations committee as the secretary and has been in this

## CELEBRATING our 2020 and 2021 Community Foundation *Volunteers of the Year*



*George Armstrong*

roll for almost three years. She is the backbone of our PR committee.

**George Armstrong** serves on our Membership committee and is instrumental in the management of the data base. George brings his fresh ideas to our growing foundation.