



Our CONNECTION

Smart Giving to Improve Communities

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND ARVEST JOIN FORCES TO CREATE NEW ENDOWMENT TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY

Since 2011, Arkansas Community Foundation has studied many issues related to the population it serves. You might be surprised to learn that out of 51 states, Arkansas ranks 50th in food insecurity, 2nd only to Mississippi! 17% of Garland (16,460 households), and 11% of Saline residents (13,820 households) are included in this dismal statistic. And Arkansas still ranks higher than the national average. This means that these Arkansans lack access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for their families. This lack of access leads to family stress, and makes it more difficult for children to learn and grow!

A recent update of these trends shows a decrease in food security and we celebrate that the trend is decreasing thanks to the help of our many local food banks; but we see the need to try to create a tool for addressing this issue. We are happy to announce that the HSVCF, along with a \$5000 grant from Arvest, has established an endowment dedicated to this problem.

If you would like to join us in establishing this endowment, you may do so by sending a check to HSVCF at 100 Calella Rd., Suite 304, HSV, 71909. Should you have questions, please call our executive director, Jane Browning, at 501-372-1146.

SACRED HEART REACHES GOAL OF \$100,000 IN THEIR ENDOWMENT!

In 2015 eleven parishioners had a dream to help raise money to support the charitable outreach of their church with an initial investment of \$10,000 to fully fund an endowment. Through the generosity of these members and many others, the endowment has now grown to over \$100,000. Under the experienced management of Arkansas Community Foundation, the 4% earnings at the end of each year can be used to support this philanthropic outreach in perpetuity. So, beginning in September, the church will receive around \$3500 to be used to support the local needs of our community. The Bible instructs us to "...carry each other's burdens"



and Sacred Heart follows this instruction through annual gifts totaling over \$500,000 to nonprofit organizations that struggle to meet the needs of our community. Giving back is a way of life for the church and for each person who has helped build this endowment.



If you would like to create a memorial or tribute, please send your request to our local affiliate, Hot Springs Village Community Foundation, 100 Calella Road, Suite 304, HSV, 71909 or use a credit card by going to www.arcf.org/hotspringsvillage and select Sacred Heart. You may also add funds through a Last Will and Testament. For additional information call David Witchger at 501-922-9058.

If your church/organization would like to establish an endowment, you may call Jane Browning at 501-372-1146.



Jane Browning & Melanie Pederson represent HSVCF at the Hot Springs Village Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.



Alanna & Daniel Owen's from Melinda's serving up a delicious baked potato bar for our pre-concert dinner in March.

To become a member, start an endowment, or just make a donation, visit us online at arcf.org/hotspringsvillage or call 501-372-1146.



WE OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!

Village Home Care is a Hot Springs Village based family-owned business with over 30 years industry experience that provides a full complement of services to enable your loved one to remain independent and secure at home for as long as possible. Business owners, Cindy Lawrence and Joe Price, consider all clients as family and focus on providing the best care possible. Caring for others is their passion, providing respite care, transportation, cooking, light housekeeping, hygiene, personal care, grocery shopping and any non-medical services.

Cindy and Joe joined the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation this year as corporate sponsors of the HSVCF Benefit Concert. Cindy explained "We believe in doing what we can to support our community by volunteering and doing what we can to support local nonprofits. Our corporate membership dollars are used to support the work of HSVCF which includes giving out grants to deserving, local nonprofits. That is why we became and will continue to be members of the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation."

For more information on how you can become a member of our corporate family. Please contact executive director, Jane Browning at 501-372-1146 or stop by our HSVCF office located at 100 Calella Rd, Suite 304. You will be glad you did!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT:

Meet Gary and Nancy Belair

Gary and Nancy Belair made the decision to join the Hot Springs Village Community Foundation after reading articles in the Village Voice about the different outreach programs, events and grants given to local nonprofits. The Belair's are active in their church and believe in making a difference in their community. Gary is a member of the POA Board of Directors while Nancy volunteers at the Faith Fellowship Food Pantry and is a member of the Village Walk for Cancer Research Planning Committee,



overseeing fundraising and the Silent Auction. Their diverse experiences, skills, and dedication to the community and membership helps the HSVCF provide services and information to people who may not otherwise have access to them.



HSVCF FACT!

THE MARKET VALUE OF OUR LOCAL ENDOWMENTS EXCEEDED 3 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR.



Grant recipient Project HOPE Food Bank shares the new Emergency Food Box contents. This grant supports our mission of Food Security.



Grant recipient Fountain Lake School put their funds to good use and created risers in the library to allow more young minds to participate in story time. One of our grant objectives is Early Literacy!

Aspirations for Arkansas



Jane Browning
Executive Director
Hot Springs Village
Community
Foundation

Making evidence-based decisions assures that we are doing what works. Without using fact-based experiential data, we are left to operate on gut feelings and assumptions. Having access to hard data is really important for policy-makers and program directors alike.

Arkansas Community Foundation realized the importance of gathering solid statistics for measuring the well-being of Arkansans

many years ago and began compiling data measuring health, education, income, poverty, food security, and demographics in the state. These measures were published periodically in a book called ASPIRE, a veritable bible for grant writers who rely upon data to make their case for soliciting funds for their programs. The numbers changed faster than the book could keep up with, though, so ACF digitized the material and created a fantastic website, aspirearkansas.org that you can access directly from the arcf.org home page.

The county-by-county views ASPIRE reveals of Arkansas form the pillars of ACF philanthropy. The fact that Arkansas is the most food insecure state in the nation established Food Security as a top priority for giving all across the state. The fact that only one-third of third-graders are reading at grade level form the basis of our second giving priority, Early Learning. Knowing our own county's strengths and weaknesses help us design our giving priorities according to local needs.

Prenatal care and infant mortality statistics point to another area of concern for Arkansans. Arkansas Community Foundation researched programs around the state that are addressing these issues to publish the latest issue of our Engage magazine. Those stories were fundamental to the production of four short videos on the subject, all of which can be accessed on the ASPIRE website.

Take a moment to explore the available resources at aspirearkansas.org and help achieve some aspirations for Arkansas.



Parrot Head Party

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT ON MARCH 25TH

***This is the 19th annual Hot Springs Village Community Foundation benefit concert that raises money to benefit local nonprofits!
Your ticket money helps the Foundation help others.***

Greg Pitt and his gang of gifted musicians will hit the stage with two more tributes. The music of James Taylor will be featured at the 3 p.m. matinee performance. Then, a rousing tribute to Jimmy Buffet will take the stage at 7 p.m.

Be sure and mark your calendars for March 25th for one or both of these concerts and a wonderful dinner at 5 p.m.



Hot Springs Village Community Foundation presents "Ireland in Depth"

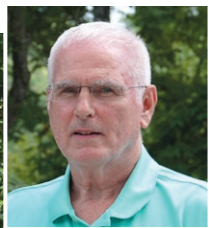
Join us for a 16 day excursion to Ireland with stops in Dublin, Kilkenny, Galway, Cork, and Killarney. For the low price of \$5,585 you will receive airfare, 13 nights' accommodations, 25 meals, 12 guided tours and 4 exclusive Discovery Series events: Hurling demonstrations, home hosted lunch, Irish history and culture discussion and a sheep farm experience. Plus, you will have exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director, gratuities on your main trip, personal headset, private motorcoach land travel, baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips, and 5% frequent traveler credit toward your next trip.

This trip from September 20, 2025 to October 4, 2025 can be booked by calling Grand Circle Travel at 1-800-221-2610 using the code G5-29606. A deposit of \$500 will guarantee your spot for this exciting trip! An added feature offered by Grand Circle Travel is that there is no additional upcharge for singles! Should you want further information, you may call Jack Rueter at (361) 737-5036. Grand Circle Travel has been offering worldwide discovery at an extraordinary value since 1958.

For the 23 locals who made the river boat cruise in April, all will attest to the professionalism of this company.

DON'T MISS THIS OUTSTANDING TRIP!

Welcome to Our New HSVCF Board Members!



Keith Keck



Alice Hinkley



Robbie Davis



**The 2024-2025 Hot Springs Village
Community Foundation Board of Directors**

Be the Change by Nikki Choyce

One of my favorite quotes is: "Be the change you wish to see in the world." (Gandhi). It reminds me that we all have the capacity to make a difference. We can't always make a change by ourselves, but we can invest in one of many nonprofits that share our dreams for a better future. By combining and leveraging our resources, change WILL happen. What change would you make in the world if you could?

For me, I do what I can and donate a modest amount each year to local nonprofit organizations. It seems like an insignificant amount until I look at it from their perspective. It's not any one donation but the combination of all gifts that is used towards their mission. But could I do more? The answer is "yes" through the Community Foundation.

What is Planned Giving?

Planned giving is any major gift made during your lifetime or as part of your estate plan activated at the time of your death. The key is to make a plan now. I can be a change-maker by using the financial and legal

tools available to everyone (and not just the wealthy). I updated my estate planning documents to include bequests so that a portion of my estate will go to endowment funds supporting causes I care about. It's the simplest thing to do with money I won't use in my lifetime. The Community Foundation encourages us all to leave 5% of our estate to support nonprofits. It's a small amount that won't be noticed by your loved ones but will assure your legacy of giving. What is the impact? It's estimated that by 2045, more than \$84 trillion of multigenerational wealth will be transferred in the USA. Most of that (\$76.2 trillion) going to heirs and nearly \$11.9 trillion estimated donations to charities. Be part of the change. Imagine how \$11.9 trillion can make a difference in our world.

Next Steps:

1. Select the nonprofit or cause you wish to support through a bequest or endowment.
2. Contact Jane Browning at the HSV Community Foundation to discuss options.
3. Work with your financial advisor or attorney to update your estate plan to reflect your decisions.

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**Did you
Know?**

**Grade 8
Math
Proficiency**

(end of 2023)

Jessieville S.D.

24%

Fountain Lake S.D.

43%

Mountain Pine S.D.

24%

per: [AspireArkansas.org](https://aspirearkansas.org)