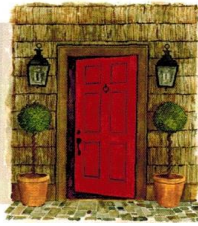


Tour of Homes

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This year's virtual Tour of Homes and on-line Auction received over \$64,000 to fund grant requests from 24 area non-profit agencies. All agencies participating in the Tour grant process received support; the total amount requested from all organizations was \$103,200. Available funds were applied equitably over these groups based on demonstrated need with an emphasis placed on initiatives committed to supporting individuals and families in the health and human services sectors.

Through the grant process, the following agencies received 2021 Tour funding: Blue Ridge Conservancy – Middle Fork Greenway, Blowing Rock CARES, Blowing Rock Library, Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation, Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, Blowing Rock School, BRAHM, Casting Bread Ministry, Club 12, Community Care Clinic, Crossnore School, Inc. Habitat for Humanity, High Country Caregivers, Hospitality House Rise, Hospitality House We Can, Hospitality House Shelter, Hunger and Health Coalition, LIFE Village, Mountain Alliance, Oasis, WAMY Community Action, Watauga Children's Council, Western Youth Network and Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge. Because of the community's generosity, these agencies have been able to better meet their missions: feeding the hungry, clothing those in need, providing shelter and sanctuary, offering educational resources, and caring for children. These Tour-supported organizations continue to respond to community needs while meeting the challenges placed on them by Covid.

Four unique properties are showcased on the virtual tour - the homes of Polly and Richard Gambill, Jeff Roberts, Jean and Otis Sawyer, and Lee Rocamora and John Thompson. These beautiful homes are still available for viewing on the Tour website at stmaryofthehills.org/tour.

The generosity of the homeowners and other donors' generous tax-deductible gifts has helped area non-profits provide essential support in the High Country. Thanks to all who embraced the spirit of community to make a difference in the lives around us.

Loy McGill, chair

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