



Congratulations

Chamber of Commerce Community Organization of the Year

VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION

Providing support for education in the Central Blue Ridge

Chamber Names VAE Community Organization of the Year

Valley Alliance for Education (VAE) was named Community Organization of the Year by the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce at an awards dinner in March. The award nomination cited VAE's mission and documented contributions the organization has made to the Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County region over the past two decades:

- Creative Classroom Grants program has directed more than \$520,000 into area schools, with materials and equipment from many projects continuing to enrich the lives of students for years following the grant award. In 2012 alone, VAE awarded more than \$30,000 in Creative Classroom Grant funding to 42 teachers, benefiting nearly 4,500 students in all grade levels.
- Originally launched by VAE and now operated by area school systems, this year's Tom Harris Mentorship Program offered 253 students a chance to experience what work is really like in their chosen fields. These experiences—in settings ranging from offices and schools to industries and hospitals—allow students to see firsthand how the work world differs from the classroom.
- Combining resources with the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, VAE's Business-Education Exchange Committee volunteers serve on the Chamber's Leadership Greater Augusta planning team and Academic Achievers scholarship review committee.
- VAE volunteers serve on the regional selection committee for the annual Dawbarn Awards, for recognition by The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge. The Dawbarn Awards were created to reward individuals in the region who work to improve public education by demonstrating a strong commitment to inspiring an education ethic, encouraging good citizenship, and fostering learning among young people.
- Each year, thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsor nTelos, VAE recognizes exemplary teaching by presenting a cash award to the Teacher of the Year for each local school division.

As VAE president Fran Gomez noted in the award nomination: "Through its network of community-minded volunteers and the combined resources of more than 100 individual and business contributors each year, VAE has had a significant impact in the Central Shenandoah Valley."



Enhancing Lab Experiments with Really Easy Data Collectors (RED)

Martha Mikell

Stuarts Draft High School, Augusta County

2011-12 NTELOS/LUMOS Teacher of the Year Awards

VAE sponsors special recognition for the educators who are named by their respective school division as the "Teacher of the Year." Selected by their peers, these teachers are also nominated for state level recognition. VAE honors these teachers at our Annual Awards Reception each August where they receive a plaque and a \$1000 cash prize from the VAE through the generosity of NTELOS/LUMOS, Inc. These awards underscore the community's appreciation for teaching excellence. This year's honorees are:

- Sarah Davis Augusta County Schools***
Stephanie Sandridge Staunton City Schools
Ramona DeWitt. Waynesboro Public Schools



Action! Action! Read All About It!

Erin Sheedy / Janine Thompson

Churchville Elementary, Augusta County

President's Remarks ...

This has been a roller coaster year for VAE! We had more visibility this year than ever before. Many of you know that VAE was honored in March to receive the Community Organization of the Year award from the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce. Nancy Bowman and I had fun talking about the importance of VAE on the big screen at the awards banquet. But aside from its novelty, we got VAE's name out in the business community and, along with the help of the Business Education Exchange Committee, are working to create relationships that we can build on in the future.

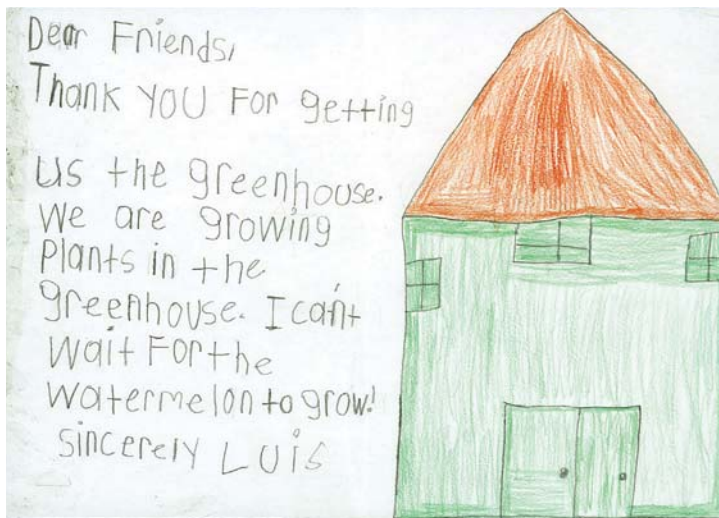
VAE faced challenges this year stemming from the soaring numbers of Creative Classroom Grant applications, which underscores the great need for our organization. We received 86 applications requesting over \$72,000, compared with just 48 proposals in 2011. Unfortunately, donor contributions failed to keep pace with the increased need. At the end of May we had raised \$25,000; far short of our \$37,000 annual budget and short of the \$30,000 approved grants. However, in response to our letters and appeal for donations, we raised almost \$8,000

in June and ended the year just \$4,500 short of our budgeted income. Thank you so much to our donors who responded quickly to our call for help!

I believe the more people know about our organization and our mission, the more money we will raise in the future for our area schools. We submitted a press release and garnered some media attention with our first front page article in the Staunton News Leader in June. I attribute our last minute fundraising success, in part, to our increased visibility in the community.

I remain passionate about VAE's mission and am looking forward to continuing to serve VAE as its Fundraising Chair. What makes this organization so special is the wonderful people that participate on our Board and our committees. I truly enjoy working with everyone and am confident that VAE will thrive in Nancy Bowman's capable hands this year. Thank you to everyone who supports and cares about VAE and the children we serve!

—Fran Gomez



Vegetable/Herb Garden

Jane Stopha

Kate Collins Middle School, Waynesboro

Special grant from Dominion Power



Dawbarn Awards

The Dawbarn Education Awards celebrate and reward those who exemplify an ethic of educational excellence in the public schools in the communities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Established through a substantial donation to the Community Foundation in 1992 by H. Dunlop “Buz” Dawbarn, this fund aims to improve public education by rewarding and recognizing the best classroom teachers and student advocates in the region.

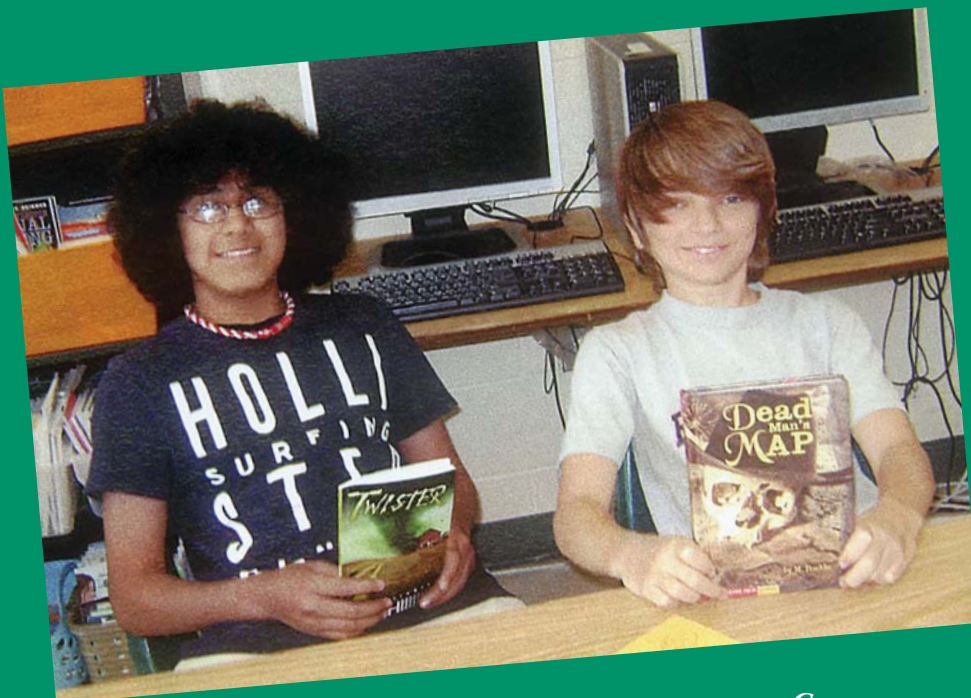
At the time of the award program’s inception, Mr. Dawbarn asked VAE to partner with the Community Foundation by taking responsibility for establishing a selection process and appointing a selection committee to make recommendations to the Foundation for the distribution of the awards. VAE is proud to assist the Community Foundation each year in the selection of the amazing educators and student advocates who receive these awards.

Each year, at a special awards event, ten educators or other individuals in the community receive this award, which includes a generous cash stipend. Those selected demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to inspiring belief in the importance of education and learning, encourage good citizenship and personal responsibility, and foster high standards of achievement in learning by demonstrating a strong record of success in improving the attitudes and academic achievement of students.

A full explanation of the criteria and nomination process is available through the schools, public libraries, or can be requested from Christiana Shields at the Community Foundation office (540-213-2150) or accessed on the web at www.communityfoundationcbr.org. Nomination forms are also available on VAE’s website at www.vaeva.org.

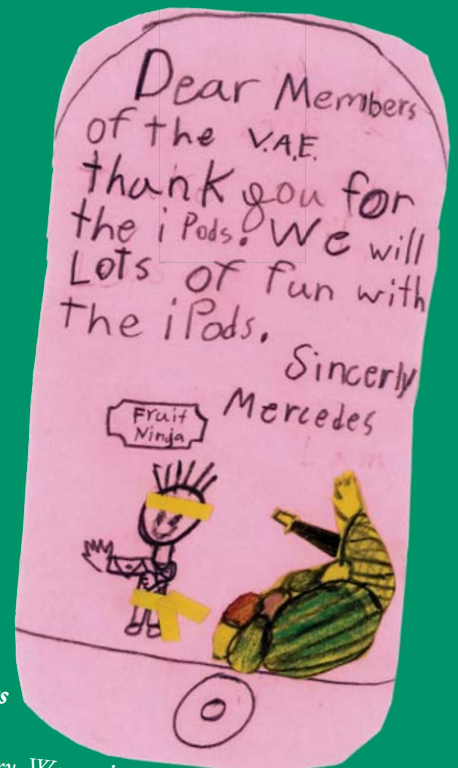
2012 Dawbarn Education Award Recipients

- Elaine Almarode** – Instructor, Valley Vocational Technical School
- Renee Campbell** – Second Grade Teacher, McSwain Elementary School
- Sarah Davis** – Fifth Grade Teacher, Verona Elementary School
- Ramona DeWitt** – Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Waynesboro Public Schools
- Janet Hamilton** – Biology/Research Teacher, Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School
- Jessica Herr** – Art Teacher, Buffalo Gap High School
- Tammy Hipes** – Assistant Principal, Kate Collins Middle School
- Dana Jackson** – Secretary, William Perry Elementary School
- Catherine Olson** – Third Grade Teacher, Wenonah Elementary School
- Stephanie Sandridge** – Special Education Teacher, Shelburne Middle School



If the Book Fits
Kimbra Norman
Wilson Middle School, Augusta County

Center on Me: Students
Suzanne Nesbit
Berkeley Glenn Elementary, Waynesboro



Business-Education Exchange Committee

Ann Leatherwood, Chair

VAE's Business-Education Exchange Committee operates through a series of work groups, combining resources with the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee. For more information—or to volunteer—please contact Ann Leatherwood at 540/453-2304, or by email at leatherwooda@brcc.edu.

Areas of focus include:

Academic Achievers Recognition

The Chamber's Academic Achievers Recognition Reception honored 26 top high school seniors from 10 area public and private schools. Ten students received \$1,000 scholarships [four donated by Augusta Health Foundation; and one each by StellarOne, Hershey Chocolate, Professional Women's Networking Council (an affiliate of the Successful Women's Alliance Network), Staunton Nissan Subaru, Valley Industrial Piping, and the Chamber Board of Directors]. Six VAE representatives served on the review team to determine scholarship winners. The May 2, 2012 reception was held at Blue Ridge Community College's Plecker Workforce Center.

Leadership Greater Augusta

The Chamber's Leadership Greater Augusta (LGA) program provides leadership skills training and regional information for emerging and existing leaders. The nine-month LGA curriculum incorporates a fact-finding scavenger hunt, use of the Strength Deployment Inventory, and an array of community and soft skills topics: public education, local government, diversity, presentation skills, time management, dealing with conflict...and much more! LGA participants also work in teams to complete service projects focused on community issues. Recent projects included an orientation DVD for high school mentorship students, a relocation website for newcomers to the area, and an agritourism brochure. Program alumni, including the class of 2011-2012, were invited to a statewide leadership summit, *Shaping the Future for Virginia*. For more information on Leadership Greater Augusta, call the Chamber at 540/324-1133 or visit <http://augustava.com/leadership-greater-augusta>

Mentorship Program

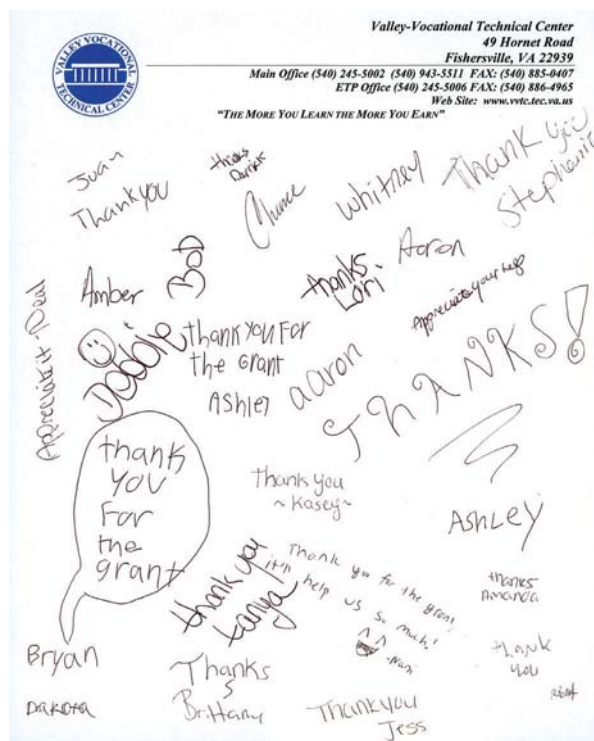
Mentorship programs in Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro school systems this year offered 253 students a chance to experience what work is really like in their chosen fields. These experiences - in settings ranging from offices and schools to industries and hospitals - allow students to see first-hand how the work world differs from the classroom. For a list of participating businesses, please visit the Valley Alliance for Education website at <http://www.vaeva.org/mentorship.html>. To involve your business in mentoring high school students from Augusta County, Staunton and/or Waynesboro, please contact Jenny Groh, Augusta County Schools Mentorship Coordinator, at 245-5015 or at mentorship@augusta.k12.va.us.



Creating Mathematical Minds

Erin Sheedy

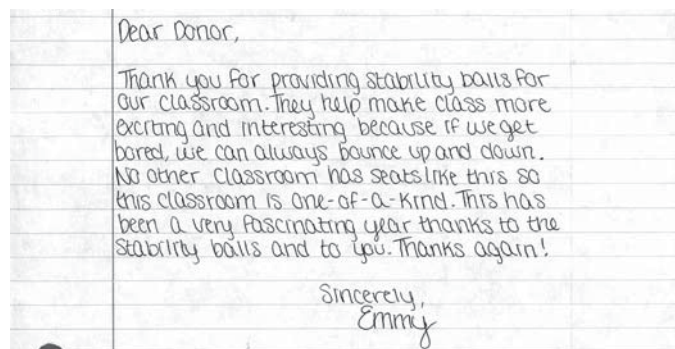
Churchville Elementary, Augusta County



We've Gone to the Dogs!

Bobbie Sprouse

Valley Vo Tech



Bouncing 'Round the Room

Abe Mikell

Stuarts Draft High School, Augusta County

Creative Classroom Grants for 2012–13

VAE received nearly \$73,000 in grant requests from 86 applicants. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, VAE was able to fund 42 of those grants in awards totalling nearly \$31,000. These grants will serve over 5,800 students at an average cost of less than \$5.25 per child. As you will see in the presentation of grant summaries, this relatively small investment per child will yield huge dividends in student engagement, enthusiasm and learning.

DOLLARS AWARDED BY LOCALITY AND SCHOOL				
Division	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Total Awarded
Augusta County	\$ 5,687		\$ 3,357	\$ 9,044
Regional			\$ 638	\$ 638
Staunton	\$ 4,777			\$ 4,777
Waynesboro	\$ 14,123	\$ 798	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,921
Total Awarded	\$24,587	\$ 798	\$ 4,995	\$30,380

STUDENTS SERVED BY LOCALITY AND SCHOOL				
Division	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Total Awarded
Augusta County	1,086		340	1,426
Regional			583	583
Staunton	1,174			1,174
Waynesboro	2,202	250	250	2,702
Total Population	4,462	250	1,173	5,885

Lead Teacher	School	Division	Title	
Arehart	Mandi	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	iRead, iWrite, iCreate, iResearch, iPad
Baldwin	Randi	Clymore ES	Aug. Co.	"A Journey Through Time"
Barb	Carrie	Stump ES	Aug. Co.	iPod: "I" Move to the Groove
Barbano	Nicole	Bessie Weller ES	Staunton	The Tulip Test Garden
Barker	Curtis(Dr.)	Waynesboro HS	Waynesboro	Up Close and In Person
Baska	Chesna	Stump ES	Aug. Co.	"Singing the School Day Away"
Boothe	Donetta	Stump ES	Aug. Co.	Count On Math ... It All Adds Up
Brake	Linda	Riverheads ES	Aug. Co.	"GO ME TRY Applications"
Brake	Linda	Riverheads ES	Aug. Co.	"How Do I Measure My World"
Brake	Linda	Riverheads ES	Aug. Co.	"Pamper Me! Beautify Me! Show Me Off!"
Chandler	Kristine	Westwood Hills ES	Waynesboro	Math Fluency Tub: Don't Let Them Sink!
Frank	Jenna	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	History Comes Alive: Dress Like You Mean It!
Frank	Jenna	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	"Dino Bones Rock"
Frank	Jenna	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	"Magentize Me"
Frank	Jenna	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	"Geo-mania"
Frank	Jenna	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	"Support the Rainforest-Support Life"
Garcia	Beatriz	Wenonah ES	Waynesboro	"App App and Away"
Gramberg	Adrienne	McSwain ES	Staunton	"SCIPping" into Phonological Remediation
Hagedorn	Erin	Kate Collins	Waynesboro	iPad, iPlay, iPass
Hall	Amanda	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	I learn, I respond, I engage
Hart	Cathie	Wayne Hills Center PreSchool	Waynesboro	"Literacy Comes Alive Before They Are Five!"
Krause	Linda	Fort Defiance HS	Aug. Co.	"My Portable E-Library"
Krause	Linda	Fort Defiance HS	Aug. Co.	"A Different Way for Tech Saavy Teens to Acquire Literacy Skills"
Maclam	Barbara	McSwain ES	Staunton	"Bodies in Space"
Mason	Joey	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	Cashing in on Success!
Mason	Joey	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	Reading and Writing In Math, It All Adds Up!
Mason	Joey	William Perry ES	Waynesboro	Making Math Connections Through Manipulatives
Massie	Amanda	Cassell ES	Aug. Co.	I Pick...You Pick...It's a Good Fit!
McDonald	Tracee	Riverheads HS	Aug. Co.	Learning to Listen Actively
McGrath	Sandra	Ware ES	Staunton	Kinesthetic Kids
McGrath	Sandra	Ware ES	Staunton	Frontier Lumberyard
Roach	Beverly	Churchville ES	Aug. Co.	I'll Take Erudition for \$900.00 Please
Salcedo	Catherine	Bessie Weller ES	Staunton	Show and Tell: Enhancing Student-centered Math with Technology
Smith-Reeps	Heather	McSwain ES	Staunton	"Making Math Meaningful"
Sprouse	Bobbi	VVTC	Aug. Co.	Caring for Classroom Critters
Stine	Tammy	Clymore ES	Aug. Co.	iPods, iPass!
Wade	Lisa	Wenonah ES	Waynesboro	C.O.W. Doesn't Always Mean MOO!
Williams	Elizabeth	Fort Defiance HS	Aug. Co.	Smart Bored....SMART Board!
Willis	Barbara	Westwood Hills ES	Waynesboro	BUZZERS READY? SET? ANSWER!
Willis	Barbara	Westwood Hills ES	Waynesboro	"But Mom, they do it in Singapore!" Model Drawing In Math Class
Willis	Barbara	Westwood Hills ES	Waynesboro	If a=b, then why don't you JUST have 2 a's?(Teaching Equality)
Zoumbaris	Sharon	Westwood Hills ES	Waynesboro	"Playaways - A 21st Century Way to Read"

Honor Roll of Donors 2011-2012

Benefactors (\$1,000+)

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Listen to Learn

*Jessica Kitta, Donna Morris
Shelburne Middle School, Staunton*

Mentorship Partners 2012-13

Staunton City Schools

A.R. Ware Elementary
American Shakespeare Center
Augusta Health Care—Pharmacy
Augusta Health
Augusta Orthopedic Surgery
Augusta Pediatrics
Augusta Regional Free Clinic
Augusta-Valley Animal Hospital
Baldwin Park / Brightview
Jeff Bang DDS
Barren Ridge Physical Therapy
Blue Ridge Dermatology
Blue Ridge Pediatrics
Calvary Baptist Church
Carded Graphics
Cedar Crest Animal Hospital
City of Staunton
Comfort Care Women's Health
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Covenant Pre-school
Dixon Preschool
Frontier Culture Museum
Mary Baldwin College
McQuay, Inc.
Memorial Baptist Church
McSwain Elementary
Middle River Veterinary Hospital
Office of Economic Development/
Staunton
Office on Youth
Pampered Palette
Polyface Farms
Ride with Pride
Robert E. Lee High
Rockingham Memorial Hospital
Shelburne Middle
Shenandoah Valley Governor's School
Staunton Academy of Ballet
Staunton-Augusta County Social
Services
Staunton Augusta Rescue Squad
Staunton Augusta YMCA
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Staunton Fire Dept.
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Virginia Department of Transportation
Westwood Animal Hospital
White, Alan, DDS

Augusta County Schools

Advantage Physical Therapy
American Shakespeare Center
Augusta Regional Free Clinic
Augusta Free Press
Augusta Health Physical Therapy
Augusta Health Radiology
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Augusta County Commonwealth
Attorney
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Augusta Co. Sheriff's Department
Augusta Valley Animal Hospital
Barren Ridge Physical Therapy
Bethesda Physical Therapy
Beverly Manor Middle School
Carded Graphics
Cassell Elementary School
Cedar Crest Animal Hospital
Cheyenne Cody Photography
City of Waynesboro
Clymore Elementary
Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic
Conceptual Marketing and Design
Daily News Leader
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Hutchens, DDS
Ladd Elementary School
Malone, DDS
Mansfield, DDS
Maple Lane Veterinary Clinic
Margaret McElroy Interior Design
Medical Supply Company

Middle River Veterinary Hospital
Miller, Richard, DDS
Montebello Fish Hatchery
Newtown Bakery
NTELOS, Inc.
NBC 29
O'Brien, Keith, DDS
Office on Youth
Ride With Pride
Riverheads Elementary School
Rockingham Memorial Hospital-
Radiation
Rockingham Memorial Hospital-
Family Birthplace
Shickel Corporation
Staunton News Leader
Staunton Augusta YMCA
Staunton Police Dept.
Stuarts Draft Animal Hospital
Stewart Middle School
Stout, Michael, DDS
Staunton City Commonwealth Attorney
Stuarts Draft Elementary
Stuarts Draft High School
Stump Elementary School
Sun Spots
Testerman, DDS
Vellines, Cobb, Goodwin and Glass
Verona Elementary School
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind
Waynesboro Police Dept.
Westwood Animal Hospital
White DDS, Dr. Alan
Wildlife Center of Virginia
Wilson Elementary School
Wilson Middle School
Wintergreen Resort

Waynesboro City Schools

Augusta Health
Waynesboro Fire Department
Waynesboro First Aid Squad
Westwood Elementary School
William Perry Elementary

Area business leaders and citizens established the Valley Alliance for Education (VAE) in 1990.

Our mission:

Valley Alliance for Education is a regional partnership of employers, educators and community volunteers established to promote excellence in the public schools, which will result in an improved quality of life and economic prosperity in the region.

We realize our mission by:

- Encouraging creative and innovative instructional programs in K-12 classrooms
- Creating opportunities for effective dialogue and partnerships between employers and educators in the region
- Inspiring teaching excellence and supporting workforce development



The 2012 ALLIANCE ADVISORY

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Please use the enclosed envelope to make your investment in the future of our students and community!

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge VAE Endowment Fund: \$54,766.21 as of 6/30/12.	
Ending Cash	\$57,925
Total disbursements	\$52,176
Total receipts	\$48,110
Beginning Cash	\$61,991
<i>Financial Report</i>	<i>7/1/10-6/30/11</i>
	<i>7/01/11-6/30/12</i>

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

us a clean report, and we will get another one at the end of this fiscal year 6/30/13.

We can now accept stock gifts. VAE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization and all gifts are tax-deductible. Please consider making a gift or increasing your gift in 2012-2013. If you have any questions regarding VAE's finances or giving to VAE, please call me at 540-820-1940.

Thank you for your continued support of VAE!

For the 2012 fiscal year from 7/1/2011 to 6/30/12 resulted in another solid fundraising year for the VAE, despite the current economic climate—this year we raised \$24,445 and spent \$41,720 on programs, with Interest income and the Dawbarn fund grant income paying most of our operating expenses for overhead. Donors contributed \$24,445 to support the mission of promoting educational programs in the public schools of Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. If you take out the one time estate gift of \$7,098, our fundraising was only \$7,716 behind last year's fundraising total, attributed primarily to lower corporate contributions due to the current economic conditions. Our expenses were lower this year due to several factors: in 2011 we purchased a new computer and printer, and had the cost of a website upgrade and a financial review. The board has made a commitment to getting our financials reviewed every 3 years by an outside independent accounting firm. Dida-wick & Knopp reviewed our 6/30/10 financials and gave

Greg Godsey, Treasurer
Fundraising / Treasurer's Report