



## FACT SHEET

# Mountain Heart Foundation Fund



## About the Fund

The Mountain Heart Foundation Fund was established in 2001. The purpose of the fund is to support the Mountain Heart Foundation.

In 1995, Mended Hearts Chapter #209, located in Morgantown, WV, sent 12 campers with cardiovascular disease to Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Educational Center in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains near Roanoke. Sponsorships for the campers, ages 8-16, were provided by Mended Hearts #209, Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, Monongalia General Hospital Foundation, WVU Department of Surgery Secretarial Staff, Dr. Robert Gustafson, Dr. Larry Rhodes, Dr. Arpy Balian, Dr. Lee Pyles, Dr. Marie Steiner, Dr. Stan Einzig, and Drs. David and Kathy Rosen. The campers were accompanied by Shannon Rudy, a R.N. whose sponsorship was provided by Dr. William Neal and George Rosier. Bob Hartley, Bob Walker and Libby Hupp visited the camp and observed some of the activities.

This camp, sponsored by Franklin County Chapter #148 of Mended Hearts, provided fully-equipped facilities, recreational activities, meals, trained counselors and medical staff qualified to handle cardiovascular emergencies. After attending and observing this camp, the Morgantown Mended Hearts Chapter voted to develop a similar camp for the children in West Virginia.

Bob Walker, Richard Myers and Bob Hartley attended the National Annual meeting of Mended Hearts and learned that they would be unable to hold a camp under the name of Mended Hearts. Thus, a non-profit corporation, Mountain Heart Foundation, was formed with the State of West Virginia on January 23, 1996, as a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization eligible for donations. Mountain Heart Foundation is a totally separate organization and not affiliated with the Mountain State Mended Heart Chapter #209. Its sole purpose is to facilitate the annual Camp Mountain Heart, known more recently as Bob Hartley's Camp Mountain Heart.

The first Camp Mountain Heart was held at Cedar Lakes in 1996 and involved 16 campers. Now, the camp has more than 70 children attend annually. Everyone involved is very grateful for the opportunity to provide these special children with a week of fellowship with other children just like themselves.

Information: <http://www.campdepot.com/camps/c20315.html>

## How Can I Donate?

All donations to the fund are invested to increase their value, with net income from these investments paid out annually to meet the requirements and donor objectives of the fund. While the net income is dispersed, the original endowments and any subsequent contributions remain intact and continue to grow from year to year.

Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute any amount of money to one or more of the endowments managed by YCF. Additional donations will help the endowments to grow over the years and will increase the net income used to provide yearly grants.

**To make a donation, or to get more information, contact Your Community Foundation, P.O. Box 409, Morgantown, WV 26507. Call us at (304) 296-3433 or visit our web site at [www.ycfwv.org](http://www.ycfwv.org).**