Established: 2006

Type of Endowment: Donor-Advised Fund

Donors: Alison H. and Patrick D. Deem, Bridgeport, WV

About the Bi-County Nutrition Program

Established in 1973, the non-profit agency provides congregate and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and referrals for individuals 60 years of age and older, their spouses or their disabled dependent children in Harrison and Doddridge counties. More than 100 volunteers help prepare and distribute more than 2,500 meals five days a week, excluding holidays. Congregate meals are served at Bi-County centers in Bridgeport, Lost Creek, Nutter Fort, Salem, Shinnston and West Union. Recipients can donate all or part of the cost of their meals if they can, but there is no established price.

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The Bi-County Nutrition Fund is an endowment managed by Your Community Foundation, which invests the assets of the fund to increase their value and distributes the net earnings annually to the program. It was started with a $10,000 donation by Alison and Patrick Deem of Bridgeport. Mrs. Deem said her family made the donation to help address a community need. “We think it’s important to support our community, and especially to support agencies such as the Bi-County Nutrition Program that is doing such good work helping others,” she said.

How Can I Donate?

Any individual, organization or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Bi-County Nutrition Fund. Potential donors include, but are not limited to:

- Restaurants and supermarkets in Harrison and Doddridge counties. The Starbucks Café in Clarksburg, for example, donated $1,000 on the day of its grand opening.
- Professional associations representing restaurants, nutritionists and other food service organizations.
- Friends and families of individuals who receive daily meals from the fund.

The more money that is donated, the larger the endowment will grow over time, thus increasing the amount of money that can be paid out to help feed clients.

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.