About the Fund

The Monongalia Arts Center Fund was established in 2015 by Morgantown native Lori Tanner, a CPA and investment-money manager living in Tucson, Arizona, in memory of her grandparents, Louis and Mabel Tanner, and to honor their legacy.

It is an agency endowment fund to support art and theatre programming, building upkeep and maintenance expenses at the Monongalia Arts Center, 107 High Street, Morgantown, WV.

The principal of the fund shall be kept intact, invested and reinvested to increase its value in accordance with the investment policies of the Foundation. Net income from those investments shall be available for utilization by an advisory committee to fulfill the mission of the fund.

The principal balance that exceeds $10,000.00 shall be available for charitable purposes.

The Monongalia Arts Center, or MAC, opened to the public in 1978 as a non-profit arts and culture center whose mission is “to provide a home for the arts where the work of visual and performing artists is showcased and interest in the arts is nurtured through ongoing educational programs.”

The Benedum Gallery, established in 1979, displays monthly art exhibits from a variety of cultural and artistic backgrounds.

The Robert M. Davis Gallery was created out of a grassroots effort in 2004 as means to showcase emerging artists and cutting edge art forms. In 2007 and 2008, the Davis Gallery was doubled in size due to a grant from the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust and community volunteer efforts.

The Mabel DeVries Tanner Theatre, dedicated in 1981, serves as MAC's space for the performing arts. Over the years, the theatre has hosted everything from plays and classic theatre productions to avant-noise music performances. The theatre also functions as a multipurpose space, available to the public for events such as wedding receptions and private parties.

The MAC is located in a building recognized on the National Register of Historic Places.

Information:  www.monartscenter.com and  www.facebook.com/MonArtsCenter.

How Can I Donate?

All donations to the Monongalia Arts Center 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 endowment of $10,000 remains intact and continues 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.