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1. Denny Huff, BCHF Executive Director, presents a \$13,350 check to Patricia Knox, Nursing Supervisor and Dr. Cherie Whitehurst, Deputy Superintendent of Bedford County Schools.



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2. BCHF Program Officer, Mary Wiley presents Robin Porterfield, Vice President for University Advancement at Radford University with a \$10,000 check.



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3. BCHF Trustee, Dr. Kerry Gateley presents Chuck Murphy of Lake Christian Ministries with a check for \$9,000.

1. Funding to Bedford County Schools enabled the purchase of software that electronically links school clinics to efficiently process student medical information and facilitate fast response to parents on student health.
2. A partnership with Radford University's School of Nursing provides stipends for travel to the Bedford area for clinical training that may ultimately lead to employment in Bedford following graduation. A proven way to grow the pool of trained medical professionals in Bedford.
3. A grant to Lake Christian Ministries provides dental diagnosis and dentures to some of the most vulnerable residents of Bedford County. With their new dentures clients have greater self-esteem, greater chances for employment and happier lives.

\$188,897 awarded for Grants and Scholarships Awarded In 2015 **But numbers do not really tell the story**

- Nearly 300 children learned healthy eating habit and nutrition education.
- BCHF funds helped to supply Lynchburg College's Women's Physical Therapy Clinic room.
- 418 Bedford residents received 1,674 prescriptions valued at \$330,664.
- Girls On The Run established running programs for at-risk girls at 3 Bedford Elementary schools.
- BCHF providing matching funds to Bedford Ride, allowing the purchase of a new wheel chair accessible van.
- A grant for life saving equipment to Bedford County Fire & Rescue is already making a difference (saving lives).
- Hundreds of children living in poverty were provided food through the Back Pack program.

The complete list of grant awards can be found on the Foundation website at healthybedford.org. The Foundation's vision is to make Bedford one of the healthiest communities in Virginia. To achieve that goal, funding was awarded in the following areas in 2015:

\$60,800 for Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships and Continuing Education
\$17,000 for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Abuse Prevention
\$13,000 for Rescue Squad Support and Emergency Care
\$18,000 for Free Clinics and Prescription Assistance
\$15,000 for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (Bedford Ride)
\$6,240 for Hospice Care
\$4,128 for Hospital & Nursing Home Equipment & Facilities



Bridges out of Poverty Initiative

The causes of poor health are rooted in political, social and economic injustices. Poverty is both a cause and a consequence of poor health. Poverty increases the chances of poor health. Poor health in turn traps communities in poverty. The Bridges Initiative seeks to address the lack of access to the resources necessary to live a healthy and self-sufficient life.

According to the latest census statistics, Bedford has some challenges as it relates to poverty:

- 15.2% of the Town of Bedford residents under 65 do not have health insurance.
- 13.6% of Bedford County residents under 65 do not have health insurance. (2013)
- 24.7% of the Town of Bedford residents live in poverty.
- 9.4% of Bedford County residents live in poverty. (2014)

Bedford Community Health Foundation is working with area non-profits, businesses, government agencies and the community at large to understand the causes of poverty and to build a community where all citizens have access to the resources many of us take for granted. We are doing this through community trainings/presentations so that everyone understands poverty. We are also working in the community make sure that resources are accessible and affordable.