

YOU CAN PAY TRIBUTE TO THE GORGE, NOT ONCE BUT IN PERPETUITY:

Some might say that the simple act of supporting a cause that is dear to you is in writing the check. You may be unsure as to how your support impacts and furthers the Foundation's mission.

Our mission is to preserve & enhance our beloved Hickory Nut Gorge. Whether the Gorge is your year-round home or your seasonal retreat, the one thing that truly unites us is our common understanding of what a special place it really is.



HNG Outreach Grant

With that in mind, have you ever wondered what part you can play in protecting and preserving what we have,

not just now but for your loved ones after you're gone?

Truly local opportunities to do that don't come around that often. But there is one solid way and the return is guaranteed to leave a legacy that will outlive all of us.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Assets to consider in planning your gifts include cash, securities, life insurance or real estate.

Founder's Circle – a 10-year pledge to the Endowment
Builder's Circle – a 10-year pledge to support Operations

A **Founder's Circle** pledge can be gifted annually or in a lump sum. Numerous couples and individuals have made this financial commitment.

Annual **Builder's Circle** donations are unrestricted and help us to fund marketing, pay administrative costs and finance fundraising to interest potential donors.

Please visit www.hngfoundation.org for information on either **Founder's Circle** or **Builder's Circle** programs.



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Your Home, your Retreat
& your Legacy



When you find a place to call home or that you love to visit and share with others throughout your life, there is a part of you that wants to ensure that it is protected for future generations, some of whom may even be your own family.

That was the impetus behind the creation of the Hickory Nut Gorge Foundation in 2006. It was the vision of a handful of residents and business owners to create an endowment fund, a guaranteed savings account of sorts that would last forever. This fund is managed by the prominent and highly regarded Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. The CFWNC manages over 1070 charitable funds totaling more than \$311 million.

The mission of the HNG Foundation is pretty simple: To provide a means by which you can leave a personal legacy and in so doing, protect and enhance the Gorge for future generations. By building up the endowment, we collectively preserve and enhance the Gorge for the future while using the interest it generates to serve our local communities now.

The interest from the endowment makes it possible to provide multiple grants throughout the year to and for the people and communities in the Gorge. This way, you have a meaningful way to see your impact now, later, and forever.

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Supporting School Sports



Community Impact Honorees



Rescued Raptor Returns



Grant to Environment & Education



Beautifying Grant to Flowering Bridge

MORE ABOUT THE GRANTS & WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE:

Chances are pretty good that as you learn about the people and organizations that we support, that you too have supported them through your own direct giving.

However, when you support the Foundation, what you give goes directly to the endowment where it immediately begins building interestforever. The principal is never spent. We then take that interest and invest it right back into the Gorge as grants. In short, we help your financial support go further and do more.

GENERAL AREAS OF FOCUS:

- ❖ Arts & Education
- ❖ Strengthening Volunteerism & a Sense of Community
- ❖ Supporting Economic Vitality
- ❖ Promoting Quality Health & Outdoor Recreation
- ❖ Enhancing and Protecting our Natural Environment

CORE VALUES:

In a phrase, it boils down to: Responsibility and Stewardship. As stewards, we strive in all we do, to do the best thing, for the best reason and in the best way for the towns, schools, businesses, charities and churches of the Hickory Nut Gorge.