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## **US Wind Force Foundation Names Grant Recipients**

### *Pinnacle Wind Farm Donations Top \$114,000!*

**Keyser, WV – December 18, 2013** - The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. today announced the recipients of the fourth round of grants from its Community Benefit Fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm at NewPage. Twelve grants ranging from \$250 to \$4,000 and totaling \$24,250 were allocated to local projects, bringing the four-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$114,000.

Sixteen completed grant applications were received and evaluated by a local Allocation Committee made up of nine members of the community. The committee is chaired by Keyser resident Terry Stephens. "I appreciate the continued commitment and the amount of effort the Allocation Committee exerted in its review of the grant applications. They did an outstanding job. We appreciate that the developers of the Pinnacle wind farm designed a process for allocating grant money that allowed for local decision-making," said Stephens.

The 2014 grant recipients are as follows:

<b>2014 Grants</b>		
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Burlington United Methodist Family Services	\$1,000	Purchase books and shelving
City of Keyser	\$5,000	Install stadium lights at Mill Meadow's Baseball field
City of Piedmont - Pool Pavilion	\$500	Construction of play area beside pavilion
City of Piedmont Pool	\$2,500	Paint pool, repair lifeguard chairs and pool equipment
City of Piedmont - Water Street Park	\$500	Purchase of new playground equipment

Eastern WV Community and Technical College	\$2,500	Purchase mobile work station for wind energy technology program
Family Crisis Center	\$500	Purchase computer, comfort packs, provide family activities
Jennie M. Shaffer Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$250	Scholarship fund
Keyser-Mineral County Library Association	\$500	Purchase outdoor sign for Fort Ashby Library
Mineral County Family Resource Network	\$2,500	Purchase food and program costs of Energy Express program
Mineral County Historical Foundation	\$4,000	Continued repairs to Carskadon Mansion
New Creek Primary School	\$1,500	Extend water line from main access to raised beds
Warm the Children	\$3,000	Purchase winter clothing for needy children
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,250</b>	

The Directors and Officers of the US Wind Force Foundation extend a special thank you to the members of the Allocation Committee: Terry Stephens, Chairman; Patsy Koontz, Vice Chair; Polly Hightower, Secretary; Bill Boggs, Bill Braithwaite, Cindy Pyles, Cliff Wendricks, Stephen Smoot and Carol Wilson. Their service to the Foundation and their community is greatly appreciated. We also want to remember Jennie Shaffer, who served on the committee, for her service. She will be sorely missed.

“We are pleased to see these resources going to worthy community projects and happy that we had more applications this year” said Jim Cookman, President of US Wind Force Foundation, Inc.

Funding for the Foundation’s Community Benefit Fund comes from Pinnacle Wind, LLC, owner, and operator of the Pinnacle Wind Farm at NewPage. The Pinnacle project was developed by US Wind Force and is currently owned by NRG. The project company agreed to provide \$60,000 to the Community Benefit Fund when the project reached commercial operation status in early 2012 and an additional \$20,000 each year for the life of the project.

Doug Vance, site manager of the wind farm for the parent company NRG, said, “We are extremely pleased to be part of this community. It’s nice to know that we can be of help to such worthy projects”.

**About US Wind Force Foundation, Inc.**

US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., a West Virginia nonprofit corporation, is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. Its primary purpose is to enhance the community by providing funding for projects related to education, historic preservation, public safety, economic development, public recreation, parks, playgrounds, athletic facilities, and other similar activities. It will provide funding to select not-for-profit community organizations, and communities, consistent with its charter. To learn more about the US Wind Force Foundation, Inc., visit the website [www.uswff.org](http://www.uswff.org).