

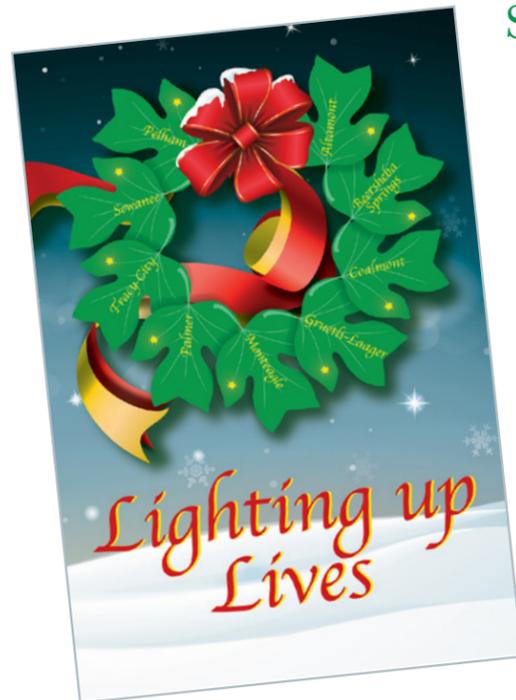


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## SCCF Is Lighting Up Lives this Holiday

SCCF holiday cards are great gifts and a meaningful way to show appreciation for friends and family. For every \$10 donation you make to SCCF you will receive a beautiful holiday card to send to your honoree that informs them that you have made a donation in their name. By making this gift to SCCF you not only celebrate the people that bring meaning to your life, you also help SCCF light up lives across the Plateau through its support of the many nonprofit organizations that serve the communities of our Mountain.

To make a donation to Lighting Up Lives and receive your holiday cards, please visit [www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org](http://www.southcumberlandcommunityfund.org) and click on the purchase button on the home page. SCCF holiday cards are also available for purchase at these locations:

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# Updates & News

FROM THE PLATEAU

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Fall 2018/Winter 2019



*A Positive Deviance Lab led by Dr. Singhal was held in duPont Library's Center for Teaching, University of the South.*

## Learning Together

LEARNING for South Cumberland Community Fund means many things, including learning about leadership, learning about philanthropy, learning about opportunities to form new partnerships, and learning about innovative ways of thinking about SCCF's work on the Plateau. SCCF has been able to convene a variety of groups this fall to grow its collective knowledge and collaborative work. From local nonprofits to University of the South students, faculty, and staff, more than 50 people

have participated in one or more SCCF offerings.

In September, Marguerite Kondracke returned to the Mountain and helped SCCF board members and staff and members of the University's Office of Civic Engagement think about their joint efforts. Deb Palmer George of Nashville's Center for Nonprofit Management led a workshop on the Art of Leadership, empowering local leaders to adopt new ways of viewing their organizations and their roles in them. Dr. Arvind Singhal inspired University and

community organizations to explore opportunities for positive deviance by leading participants to those places where people are succeeding beyond all expectations. Students in the Philanthropy Internship Program awarded grants in November after studying philanthropy in the spring term. Under the leadership of Community Development Director Nicky Hamilton, SCCF works to strengthen the local nonprofit sector and increase collaboration by creating ongoing opportunities for learning and sharing.

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THE VISION of South Cumberland Community Fund is that the Plateau be a place of hope and prosperity for all its residents and communities, inspired by the Fund's philanthropic and regional leadership.

THE MISSION of South Cumberland Community Fund is to improve the quality of life across the Plateau by increasing philanthropic giving and providing community leadership to:

- build on the strength of the area's people, communities, and natural setting
- enhance community capacity and collaborations
- support innovative ways to solve community problems.



Keynote speaker Dr. Arvind Singhal (far left, first row) with 2018 Philanthropy Internship Program grantees, philanthropy students, OCE staff, and SCCF board and staff members at the fall grants awards ceremony November 15.

## Philanthropy Internship Program Students Award \$31,566 in Grants

Grants were awarded to eight Plateau nonprofits this fall by University of the South students enrolled in the Philanthropy Internship Program, a unique collaboration between SCCF and the University's Office of Civic Engagement.

Organization	Grant Description	Amount Awarded
Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic	Six-week "Reversing Diabetes" seminar, A1-C tests	\$1,002.00
BetterFi	Website/Facebook domain purchase, online payment system, software integration, etc.	\$5,000.00
Coalmont Elementary School	Transforming special education class to a sensory room	\$4,879.00
Grundy County Historical Society	Wiring and fixtures for President's Room at Historical Society	\$5,000.00
Morton Memorial United Methodist Church	Motorized pallet jack	\$1,986.90
Mountain Heritage Preservation Society	Indoor, permanent handicap-accessible restroom facilities on Mountain Heritage Preservation Society grounds	\$4,843.00
Mountain T.O.P.	Developing the pilot program for "Rural Studio" partnership housing program (low-cost new construction builds)	\$3,855.00
The Town of Tracy City	Parking curbs, landscape nursery stock, etc. for Tracy City Old Roundhouse Park to separate park from parking area	\$5,000.00

*"The grant from the Philanthropy Program is being used to match a grant we received from The Conservation Fund. Being able to leverage grants like SCCF's is the primary reason a small community like Tracy City can carry out the many projects we currently have underway!"*  
—Emily Partin, *Community Volunteer*

## An Evening with Marguerite Kondracke Exceeds Expectations

A generous challenge grant issued by Marguerite and Mort Kondracke inspired donors to help SCCF raise a record amount of nearly \$60,000 at "An Evening with Marguerite Kondracke." This sold-out event was held at the beautiful home of Anne and Claude Stuart in Monteagle. In Marguerite's dinner remarks she celebrated the progress that has been made on the Mountain as a result of the strength of the collaborations between SCCF and its community partners.

*"I see things happening here that are good and strong. SCCF and the nonprofits of the Plateau are creating hope for the future, for our country's future."*  
—Marguerite Kondracke, September 2018

Photos of Kondracke event courtesy of Photography by Farris, Monteagle.



Marguerite and Mort Kondracke



Hosts Anne and Claude Stuart at their home, Good Knight Cottage.

## JOIN US!

*Please Help SCCF Reach Its 2018 Annual Fund Goal*

South Cumberland Community Fund is wrapping up its 2018 annual campaign, and invites you to *Join Us!* When you join SCCF's growing list of donors you are joining your neighbors, friends, and co-workers in creating positive change in the communities of the Plateau.

Gifts of any size are important and will be used to support SCCF's collaborations with nonprofit organizations across the Plateau. For more information, visit the SCCF website and click on the "Support Us" tab to make a gift. Donations may also be mailed to South Cumberland Community Fund. *Thank you!*

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