

## **DONATE**

As a nonprofit organization serving three counties on the Cumberland Plateau, the mission of the Sewanee Community Chest is to support local organizations who serve the comwanee Civic Association has organized the Community Chest. The Sewanee Community Chest raises funds annually to meet basic needs in the community: food, books, elderly care, children's programs, recreational spaces, animal care and more. In the last decade it has raised more than \$1 million for area programs and initiatives.

Further information about the Sewanee Civic Association and the organizations we steward can be found at www.sewaneecivic.

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## **APPLY**

The Sewanee Community Chest raises money annually to fund organizations for basic needs in the community such as books, food, recreational spaces, elder care, for those who improve lives through outreach and community initiatives, and for those who provide support for children with a variety of programs.

Requests for grant applications go out in August and are due in mid-September. The Sewanee Community Chest does not allocate funds to those organizations who discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex or national origin.

THANKS TO YOU \$107,291 was donated to fund the following organizations for 2021-22: Animal Harbor, \$3,000 Beersheba Springs Medical Clinic, Blue Monarch, \$3,000 Boy Scout Troop 14, \$500 Community Action Committee, \$3,000 Folks at Home, \$5,000 Fourth of July Celebration, \$3,000 Growing Roots, \$2,000 Housing Sewanee, \$10,000 Little Bellas, \$250 MARC, \$7,000 Mountain Goat Trail Alliance, \$1,500 Reach Out and Read, \$2,541 SES Parent Organization, \$30,000 Sewanee Angel Park, \$500 Sewanee Children's Center, \$12,000 Sewanee Community Center, \$4,000 Sewanee Mountain Messenger, \$6,000 Sewanee Senior Center, \$12,000 St. Mark's Community Center, \$1,000 The Sewanee Community Chest is the Sewanee Civic Association's main philanthropic effort.

Whether you are a new or a longtime resident, Sewanee is a magnet that has attracted and kept us in this caring place we call home. As an unincorporated town, separate from the University, Sewanee cannot receive state and federal grants to fund projects associated with community development and sustainability. Since 1908, the Sewanee Community Chest has played that role.

In the last 10 years, the Sewanee Community Chest has raised approximately \$1 million, and the 2022 campaign goal was to raise \$102,291. We raised more than \$112,000! The pandemic impacted these organizations in many ways — some have faced increased demands, while others have had to focus on cost reductions to carry them through. Your contribution

helped to fund specific projects, such as helping defray the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks display and scholarships for students who would not otherwise be able to attend the Sewanee Children's Center, and also provided the necessary support that ensures the continuation of organizations and activities that care for our seniors, feed the hungry, educate our children, expand housing, and spay/neuter and rehome stray dogs and cats.

The Sewanee Community Chest Stewards, along with the members of the Sewanee Civic Association's Board of Directors, are grateful to live in such a caring and giving community. Everywhere you look, your donations work to fulfill basic needs that otherwise would go unmet.

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Reach Out and Read



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Folks at Home



MARC and Animal Harbor



Sewanee Elementary

Patricia F. Kirby in memory of The Rev. R. Pattee Kirby Joyce and Jim Lang in memory of Tim Graham

## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

The Sewanee Civic League— Women organized Sewanee's first community civic club, called the Sewanee Civic League in 1908 in order to improve municipal conditions and equipment. Through various subgroups they accomplished many projects, including underwriting the blueprints for the stone gates on the highway, circulating literature on tuberculosis, repairing the stone wall around the cemetery, and raising money to extend the term of the public school. They put Shoup Park in front of the Sewanee Inn (now Elliott Hall), cleaned up the principal views near Sewanee, and contributed money for the improvement of the University's water supply. The organization raised funds with a tearoom, a women's exchange, catering, rummage sales, book sales, a strawberry festival, recitals and other endeavors. When the organization voted to disband in 1947, they gave their fund balance of \$633.17 to the University's Five Million Dollar Campaign for the endowment of the nurses' home. The University Gates Fund went to the newly organized Woman's Club.

Sewanee Civic Association their civic The men began connections with the Sewanee Town Meeting group in December 1920. It was formed to provide law and order in Sewanee: "We have one of the worst towns...in regard to the violation of the law. We are here to organize and distribute money for the good of Sewanee... stop bootlegging and get a public school we are not ashamed of." This organization was broadened into the Sewanee Civitan Club. This was nationally affiliated until 1942, when it reformed as the local Sewanee Civic Association. Its primary purpose was to raise money that the town could not raise in taxes because it was unincorporated, in order to make municipal improvements. In 1926 the Civitan Club raised funds to build and maintain a new stone public school, and later to put an addition onto it. The objectives in 1938 included the completion of Alto Road and of a state highway to the Marion County line, securing the sheriff's salary, obtaining pledges for a black community center, and adding a four-year high school for Sewanee. Each year this club organizes the Sewanee Community Chest, which now raises thousands of dollars for local organizations.

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