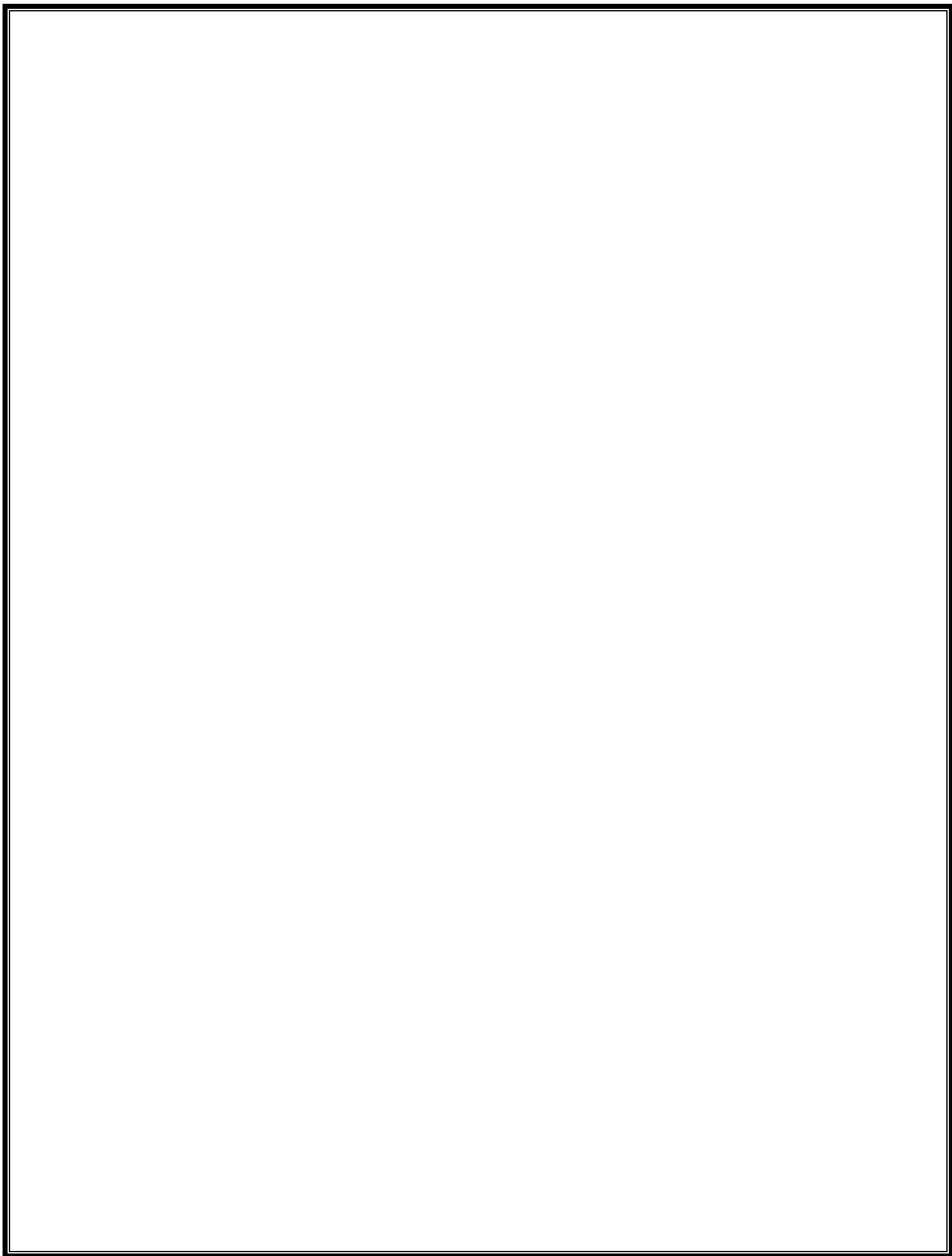


Calico Rock Community Foundation



Bridging the Past and Future

2021 Annual Report





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Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.
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Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.
Mission Statement

The Calico Rock Community Foundation
brings our community together
to bridge gaps of greatest need.

Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center
Mission Statement

The Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center
builds a bridge of culture and understanding
by igniting a passion for history, art, and science.



Dear Friends,

We are proud to present our **2021 Annual Report**, which showcases the accomplishments of the past year. The amazing story is in comparing where we came from, where we are today, and what we have accomplished in between. Two stories are worth noting:

First, when we were just getting started thirteen years ago, our board decided to buy our first building before we had even opened a checking account. **Ed Matthews**, a founding trustee, pulled out his checkbook after the vote and wrote us a \$500 check. Handing it over, he said that now we could at least open a checking account before we took out a loan to buy the building.

Second, the **Windgate Foundation** awarded us a \$25,000 grant for The Nook, our new expo and event space, in November. In making the award, they noted how impressed they were that we were able to do so much with so little.

Since our beginning, we have been **making a lot happen with very little**. Three years ago, we faced the very real prospect that we would not last six more months. Faced with long odds, we made the audacious decision to buy two more buildings and combine our operations under one roof! We were all in. Despite a global pandemic adding more challenges, it worked.

Today, the foundation is strategically positioned with a diverse revenue stream of grants, contracts, rental properties, retail sales, and donations from faithful supporters that fund our operations and continue to invest in our community. **We are built for the long-term.**

We have come a long way from that first \$500 donation. We are happy to report we are in our strongest financial position ever. It happened through a lot of hard work, faith, and grace.

So, what is next? We will continue to stretch every dollar and make the most with every resource we are given as we **bridge the past and future**.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mitchell

Steven D. Mitchell
Chairman
Board of Trustees

Wayne Wood

Wayne Wood
Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees

Gloria Sanders

Gloria Sanders
Executive Director

tomorrow

The famous cartographer and explorer Schoolcraft traveled up the White River to the place French fur traders had name Calico Roche, because of the calico-coloring on the bluffs rising out from the river. When the railroad began construction along the river in 1903, they met those rocks and nearly met their match.

The railroad blasted away huge chunks of those bluffs to make way for the railroad bed and sent those huge boulders into the river. Many thought our namesake calico-coloring was gone forever. Now 200 years later, those huge boulders still jut up from the riverbank and the calico-coloring has returned. And, Calico Rock is still the only place in the world with that name.

The Calico Rock Community Foundation was formed in 2008. At the time, our sole purpose was to create and operate the Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center. Since then, we have restored seven historic buildings, sparked an economic revitalization, and built a museum of national acclaim focusing on science, history, and art.

The foundation has raised and invested \$10 million in Calico Rock. We are preserving our past, celebrating today, and envisioning a better tomorrow.

Foundation Operating Hours

Tuesday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

870-297-6100

www.calicorockmuseum.com

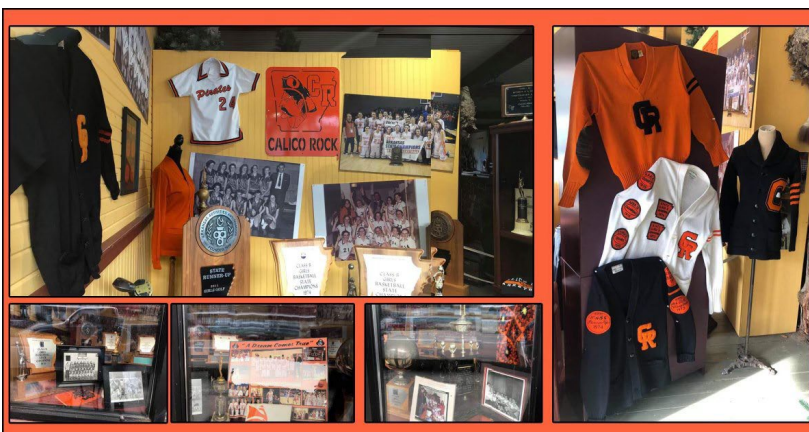


The Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center offers 14,000 square feet of space for exhibits, meetings, offices, events, and bringing the community together.



Gloria Sanders shows Kim Meierdirk around the newly opened American Heroes exhibit inside the Heritage Center, the last of the heritage exhibits to open.

We were able to host the Independence Celebration in King Park on July 3rd which included a dog show! We found some truly adorable pooches in town.



Our windows educate passersby and, including this window kicking off Pirate basketball season.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Steven Mitchell

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Term Expires: 2023

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Vice Chairman

Term Expires: 2024

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Term Expires: 2024

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Term Expires: 2022

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Term Expires: 2022

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Term Expires: 2023

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Trustee

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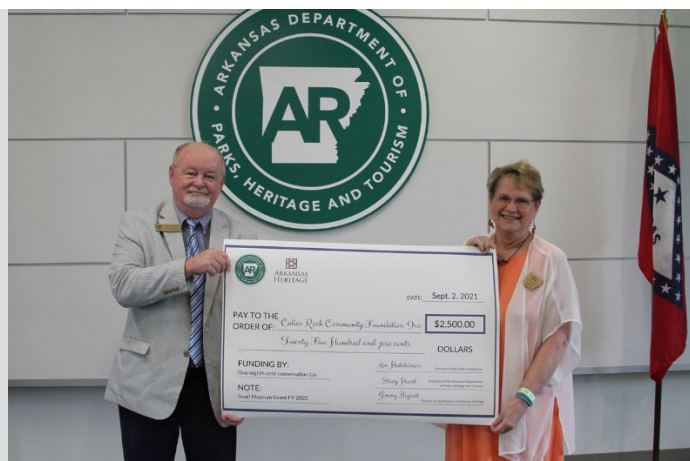
Mr. Ronnie Guthrie

2018

Ms. Jill Easton

2021

LEADERS IN ACTION



Executive Director Gloria Sanders received a \$2,500 operating grant from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism small museum program.

Our board members help paint exhibits, set up Christmas displays, teach workshops, call donors, visit businesses, and put together furniture. They do far more than attend a quarterly meeting. They support our executive director and staff in making the Calico Rock Community Foundation the most active community foundation in Arkansas. But, they love to avoid the camera.



Trustee Freda Hardison greets guests during a signing of her new book at the museum.



Creative services coordinator Kedra Sugg and trustee Olivia Bennett-Bear put together a beautiful backdrop inspired by the movie "The Polar Express" as a selfie location for guests this Christmas.

FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP



Gloria Sanders
Executive Director
870-916-2230

Gloria Sanders is the executive director of the Calico Rock Community Foundation. Mrs. Sanders has been recognized as a Distinguished Museum Professional by the Arkansas Museums Association. She serves as AMA Vice President and is a graduate of the distinguished Jekyll Island Management Institute for museum professionals. She has served as the Arkansas advocate at the American Museum Day in Washington, D.C. She is currently serving as President of the Arkansas Museums Association.



My Kim Parnell
Associate Director
870-916-2239

My Kim Parnell serves as associate director of the Foundation and manager of The Marketplace. Kim is a native of Calico Rock and has many years of experience in the service industry. She is a member of the Arkansas Museums Association board of directors, Calico Rock Lions Club and the Calico Rock City Council.

FOUNDATION STAFF



Kedra Sugg
Creative Services
870-916-2234

Kedra Sugg offers a smile and a Southern welcome to our guests. She taught elementary school for many years in Texas before retiring to Calico Rock. She offers creative services in exhibits and special events. She enjoys time with her grandkids, using her talents in crafting, and helping make Calico Rock beautiful and welcoming for guests.



Patricia Kilpatrick
Guest Experiences
870-297-6100

Patricia Kilpatrick offers a warm welcome to guests visiting town. She brings a lifetime of experience in sales and customer service to our museum. She enjoys spending time with friends, teaches Yoga, and volunteers to continually improve Calico Rock for our guests and everyone living here.

Thank you, Jan Bufford.

Jan Bufford and her late husband, Harvey, were founding members of the Artisan Cooperative in 2010. Jan continued volunteering at the Artisan Gift Shop after his death and then joined our staff three years ago. Jan retired earlier this year and we miss her terribly. Thank you, Jan.



OUR PROGRAMS



Visitor Center Services

We offer visitor information services for the City of Calico Rock and Izard County, including a staffed visitor center, visitor information, and 24-hour support at the visitor information website:

www.explorecalico.com

Main Street Calico Rock

We are a member of the Main Street Arkansas Downtown Network and provide economic recruitment and business support for our community, especially the Main Street Historic District.



Educational Programs

Education is at the heart of everything we do. We have been heartbroken to suspend our educational programs because of the pandemic, which is why we were thrilled to welcome the Calico Rock Elementary Gifted & Talented students as the very first group to tour the new heritage center exhibits in May 2021.



1/8" Is Everything

A gentleman came into the museum one day and walked over to the American flag. He stared at it for a little while and then began inspecting the uniformed mannequins assembled before it. After a little while, he approached one of our staff and told her that the medals are to be 1/8" below the bars. Most people do not even know it, or care. But, you got it exactly right, with tears welled up in his eyes. For him, the one-eighth" was everything and for us that little detail is everything. We strive to get it right 100% of the time.



Famed columnist Rex Nelson wrote a great op-ed about our restoration efforts in Calico Rock and the work we have done to revitalize our town in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* in September.

Thank you, Mr. Sam.

Sam Gianni, and his wife, were among the first artisans to join our artisan cooperative in 2010. Mr. Sam volunteered every week at the museum from then until the week before his passing this year. Mr. Sam worked for a NASA contractor on the heat shield for the space shuttle program. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mr. Sam.



Thank You, Jill Easton.



Jill Easton is retiring from our board of trustees after ten years of service. Jill has brought grace and grit to her time on the board. She was equally happy dressed to the nines chatting with donors or decked out in camouflage teaching a group of school kids how to hunt and trap. She was never afraid to get her hands “dirty” in the pursuit of growing our Foundation or building the Calico Rock Museum.

Jill was quick to praise and support. She never wavered in writing a check, donating a good days’ catch, or providing the perfect taxidermy for an exhibit.

She gave of her time and talent as generously as she gave monetarily. She loved teaching kids, especially about the outdoors. She used her considerable connections to connect the museum to resources far and wide.

She created our endowment fund to honor her brother’s legacy. She provided a space to educate and inform. She gave her time to write, edit, create, and grow the museum.

Jill Easton was never shy in giving criticism, but always in love and with the ultimate goal of making us all better. Jill was always a dear friend and consummate supporter.

Simply put, Jill was the perfect example of a trustee. She has left an indelible mark upon our Foundation and her influence will be felt far and wide forever.

In appreciation for her service, it is fitting that Jill Easton is the first woman to be named a *trustee emeritus* by our board. Thank you for your service, Jill.

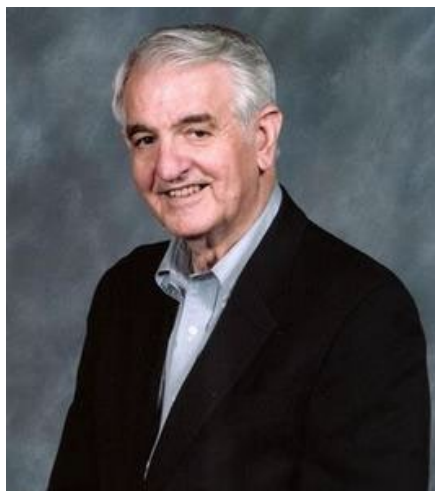


LEAVING A LEGACY



F. Stowe Easton Endowment Fund

A savant of railroad history and anything related to trains, F. Stowe Easton was a hard worker and caring brother. Our Endowment Fund began in 2014 with a generous gift from his estate. The fund will provide for future capital needs, expansion, and long-term security of the foundation. Leave a legacy for our community through a gift to our endowment fund.



Ed Matthews Scholarship Fund

The Rev. Dr. Ed Matthews was a dear friend to Calico Rock. He was born and raised in Old Joe, and he never forgot where he came from. He was a founding member of our board of trustees and was a champion and cheerleader for our museum until the day the Lord called him home. Ed pulled out his checkbook and wrote the first check to the foundation in 2008. His \$500 check let us open our bank account and the rest is history. Help us honor Ed's contribution with a tax-deductible gift today.

For Information Call: 870-297-6100

WHAT'S NEXT?



We were awarded a \$25,000 grant from the **Windgate Foundation** in November to finish the work on our expo/event space. We are calling the space **The Nook**. Its located just off Peppersauce Alley with ample parking and handicap access. The Nook will have two handicap restrooms, a catering service kitchen, and a large expo/exhibit/event space. The Nook is designed for traveling exhibits, art shows, culinary classes, poetry readings, weddings, family reunions, business conferences, and any other type of event. We are planning to host our first event, the Dedication of the museum in The Nook in March.

As a Main Street Arkansas network program, we are constantly working to expand opportunities for our local businesses. There is a growing demand for small office space for entrepreneurs, so we are renovating the back half of the **Bluff City Bank Building** (behind Peppersauce on Main) to become a **business enterprise center**. Our plan is to offer four or five office spaces with a low monthly rental fee that will include high speed internet, utilities inclusive, and a support team that can make their business successful. It is a fitting location...this was where our museum got its start and where we will help give small businesses their start.

We promised the City of Calico Rock that we would invest \$50,000 over three years into community improvement projects. One of those projects is beautifying Main Street. Unfortunately, the **Main Street mural** has slowly deteriorated because of a wet weather spring behind the wall. We sandblasted and restored the wall and installed new metal signage that presents a welcoming front door to the community that will be much easier to maintain over time.

Next year, we will invest in art throughout the community, new **banners on Main Street**, and continue to invest in signage around town to welcome visitors and improve our community.



The Nook will be a place for expression, a place where people can gather. It is being funded by a generous grant from the Windgate Foundation.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2021

Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.

REVENUES	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Contributions, Gifts and Grants					
Contributions	\$128,131.85	\$53,124.82	\$136,610.64	\$152,426.26	\$132,868.42
Operating Grants	\$6,692.00	\$9,187.00	\$5,091.00	\$6,617.00	\$8,594.00
Storybook Project Gifts	\$1,085.00	\$240.00	\$331.00	\$0.00	\$8,594.00
Programmatic Grants	\$3,454.00	\$13,000.00	\$3,418.81	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Marketing and Promotion	\$0.00	\$6,131.35	\$28,339.87	\$7,021.74	\$0.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$139,612.85	\$97,697.25	\$176,431.29	\$166,065.00	\$154,056.42
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$8,583.79	(\$5,951.15)	\$11,195.08	\$14,191.81	\$8,167.41
Artisan Gift Shop Retail Sales					
Gross Sales	\$30,081.09	\$31,579.28	\$30,977.77	\$19,471.75	\$62,725.50
Less Cost of Goods	\$18,833.03	\$16,757.42	\$23,436.49	\$9,683.25	\$43,062.90
Artisan Gift Shop Retail Sales	\$11,248.06	\$14,821.86	\$7,541.28	\$9,788.50	\$19,662.60
The Marketplace Retail Sales					
Gross Sales				\$54,211.30	\$110,893.71
Less Cost of Goods				\$38,372.77	\$80,330.58
The Marketplace Retail Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,838.53	\$30,563.13
Total Sales of Inventory				\$73,683.05	\$173,619.21
Total Cost of Goods				\$48,056.02	\$123,393.48
TOTAL SALE OF INVENTORY	\$59,753.09	\$65,743.19	\$60,525.15	\$25,627.03	\$50,225.73
PROGRAM SERVICE CONTRACT					
City Visitor Center Contract	\$27,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00
County Visitor Center Contract				\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
TOTAL CONTRACT REVENUE	\$27,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$39,000.00
LINE OF CREDIT/LOAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	\$95,336.88	\$25,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$159,000.00	\$39,000.00
TOTAL ALL REVENUE SOURCES	\$234,949.73	\$182,489.29	\$328,151.52	\$364,883.84	\$251,449.56

Any changes after 12/13/2021 to building fund have to be added into form.

Note: All funds are unrestricted.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2021

Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.

EXPENSES	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
EMPLOYEE COSTS	\$74,608.73	\$89,314.70	\$112,185.07	\$59,544.70	\$71,523.82
Maintenance & Operation					
Maintenance & Operation Cost	\$9,457.45	\$5,964.24	\$3,882.51	\$6,627.85	\$11,451.72
Insurance	\$4,413.54	\$4,760.45	\$6,586.65	\$8,969.95	\$4,474.28
Utilities	\$10,970.15	\$19,761.54	\$21,744.73	\$16,516.48	\$21,766.00
Sales Tax	\$9,057.00	\$9,703.00	\$11,185.00	\$5,648.49	\$17,361.90
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & OPERATION	\$33,898.14	\$40,189.23	\$43,398.89	\$37,762.77	\$55,053.90
Programmatic Expenses					
Building & Improvement Program	\$82,218.33	\$18,263.00	\$78,275.85	\$237,409.03	\$69,607.86
Educational Programs	\$14,048.96	\$8,876.72	\$5,676.33	\$7,188.34	\$21,106.51
Marketing & Promotion	\$0.00	\$13,871.18	\$13,353.54	\$4,826.06	\$7,520.88
The Marketplace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Storybook Project	\$488.84	\$506.81	\$289.98	\$403.32	\$97.00
TOTAL PROGRAMMATIC EXPENSE	\$96,756.13	\$50,465.83	\$117,195.70	\$249,826.75	\$98,332.25
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$205,263.00	\$179,969.76	\$272,779.66	\$347,134.22	\$224,909.97
TOTAL REVENUES	\$234,949.73	\$182,489.29	\$328,151.52	\$364,883.84	\$251,449.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$205,263.00	\$179,969.76	\$272,779.66	\$347,134.22	\$224,909.97
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$29,686.73	\$2,519.53	\$55,371.86	\$17,749.62	\$26,539.59
ACCOUNT BALANCES					
FNBIC Operating Checking Account	\$1,613.51	\$1,933.06	\$1,221.25	\$4,586.64	\$9,004.77
FNBIC Storybook Checking Account	\$4,276.77	\$4,009.96	\$4,000.16	\$3,596.84	\$3,499.84
FNBIC Building Fund Checking Acct			\$21,500.00	\$3,761.01	\$18,927.00
FNBIC The Marketplace Checking Act			\$636.20	\$9,589.58	\$8,411.76
FNBIC Artisan Gift Checking Acct				\$5,203.74	\$8,681.76
FNBIC Savings Account	\$1,294.74	\$201.88	\$386.58	\$50,005.27	\$17,204.07
CRMF Endowment Account	\$66,275.46	\$60,324.31	\$59,129.23	\$48,196.39	\$49,016.93
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$73,460.48	\$66,469.21	\$86,873.42	\$124,939.47	\$114,746.13
Growth or Loss in Funds		(\$6,991.27)	\$20,404.21	\$38,066.05	(\$10,193.34)

Note: Management has elected to expense all purchases of \$25,000 or less at the time of purchase

2021

NET WORTH STATEMENT

Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.

ASSETS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Real Estate-Land	\$115,500.00	\$115,500.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
Real Estate-Buildings	\$149,281.00	\$142,281.00	\$163,781.00	\$155,591.95	\$142,000.00
Total Real Estate	\$264,781.00	\$257,781.00	\$293,781.00	\$285,591.95	\$272,000.00
Fixed Assets	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00
Collection and Artifacts	\$24,997.89	\$26,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Special Project Assets	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Inventory on Hand	\$11,240.00	\$5,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00
Accounts Receivables	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$71,100.00	\$63,300.00
Total Other Assets	\$66,737.89	\$62,000.00	\$136,000.00	\$126,600.00	\$126,300.00
Operating Fund Balance	\$1,613.51	\$1,933.06	\$1,221.25	\$4,586.64	\$9,004.77
Storybook Project Fund Balance	\$4,276.77	\$4,009.96	\$4,000.16	\$3,596.84	\$3,499.84
Marketplace Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$636.20	\$9,589.58	\$8,411.76
Artisan Gift Shop Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,203.74	\$8,681.76
Building Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,500.00	\$3,761.01	\$18,927.00
Savings Account Balance	\$1,294.74	\$201.88	\$386.58	\$50,005.27	\$17,204.07
Endowment Fund Balance	\$66,275.46	\$60,324.31	\$59,129.23	\$48,196.39	\$49,016.93
Cash on Hand	\$73,460.48	\$66,469.21	\$86,873.42	\$124,939.47	\$114,746.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$404,979.37	\$386,250.21	\$516,654.42	\$537,131.42	\$513,046.13
LIABILITIES	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Other Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FNBIC Loan Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.87	\$62,500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.87	\$62,500.00	\$0.00
NET WORTH	\$404,979.37	\$386,250.21	\$516,598.55	\$474,631.42	\$513,046.13
Change in Net Worth	#VALUE!	(\$18,729.16)	\$130,348.34	(\$41,967.13)	\$38,414.71

A copy of the 2021 Form 990 is available for public inspection upon request at our offices or by visiting www.calicorockmuseum.com.

**CALICO ROCK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
BUILDING PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT**

REVENUES	
Donations & Grants	\$185,824.01
The Nook Grant-Windgate	\$25,000.00
Transfer from Savings	\$57,502.36
Endowment Growth Funds	\$21,647.30
Material Donations	\$50,892.69
Inkind Labor Donations	\$25,000.00
Total Donations	\$365,866.36
Loan Balance	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$365,866.36

BALANCE IN BUILDING FUND	\$18,927.00
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EXPENSES	
Awnings & Signage	\$9,892.00
Bricks and Sidewalks	\$5,090.00
Building Acquisition-Cheney	\$50,000.00
Building Acquisition-Meierdirk	\$80,000.00
Construction-The Nook	\$1,000.00
Drywall-Visitor Center	\$2,100.00
Electrical-Heritage Center	\$4,102.91
Electrical-Visitor Center	\$8,502.00
Exhibit Construction	\$7,323.50
Fire Escape	\$2,600.00
Fixtures & Furnishings	\$10,698.00
Flooring-Visitor Center	\$12,382.00
General Construction	\$29,860.00
Heat & Air- Visitor Center	\$9,357.00
Heat & Air-Heritage Center	\$6,489.55
Insulation-Visitor Center	\$4,500.00
Interest on Loan	\$6,677.99
Landscaping	\$360.00
Outdoor Classroom	\$4,225.00
Painting	\$2,690.00
Plumbing	\$847.00
Roof Repair	\$1,100.00
Supplies & Materials	\$52,586.46
The Nook-Framing	\$4,298.00
The Nook-Outdoor Decks	\$2,355.00
The Nook-Plumbing	\$3,000.00
The Nook-Electrical	\$2,392.95
Tin Ceiling-Visitor Center	\$12,268.00
Windows & Doors	\$10,242.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$346,939.36

As of 12/31/2021

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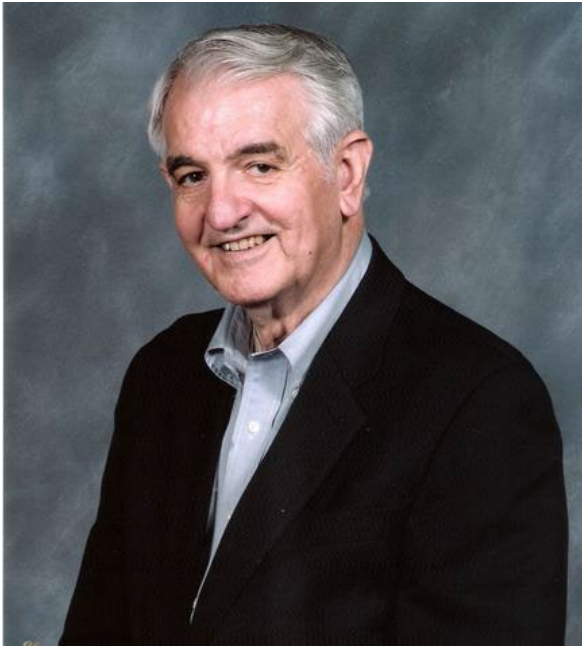
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In Memory Ed Matthews

His slightly crooked grin usually stretched from ear to ear. His speech was always slow and deliberate, but believing he was not animated would have been a terrible mistake. At ease planting flowers on Main Street with his hands buried deep in dirt or talking by telephone with the United States Secretary of State, Ed Matthews was comfortable in his own skin.

He loved his family and was committed to serving his Lord, but there were two subjects he was sure to speak about if given just enough time--the Methodists and Calico Rock, and not necessarily in that order.

He grew up in Old Joe, just north of Calico Rock along Highway 5, but his love for Calico Rock ran as deep as his bones. He wrote the first history of the town which is immortalized as the Encyclopedia of Arkansas. And, he was instrumental in the founding and continuous growth of the Calico Rock Museum.



Ed was a Methodist minister by vocation, but being a pastor was his passion. He counseled bishops and regular Joes. He was Hilary Clinton's pastor when she lived in Little Rock as First Lady of Arkansas and remained a confidante and spiritual advisor for the remainder of his life. He spoke with her from foreign countries, the White House, and her West Chester home. He saw the human side of her, the vulnerable woman who was a mom and grandma first. He always said that every politician he's ever met, regardless of their party, were far more "real" and human than what we all come to believe by how they are portrayed on television.

Ed was passionate about Calico Rock. He was part of every group that made Calico Rock better. He joined a committee to research the history of the historic buildings on Main Street and applied for their designation on the National Register of Historic Places. He was part 20/20, CORE, the Chamber, and so much more. He was part of the group that tried to rebuild the old depot and negotiated with the railroad to keep the passenger train running through town.

Ed joined the original board of trustees for the Calico Rock Community Foundation. He gave the \$500 that let the Foundation open a bank account, it was the first donation the Foundation ever received. He and his family were quick to join the effort in raising funds for the very first building the Foundation bought and he donated to every future project, too.



Ed never missed a board meeting, a committee meeting, or a group meeting for decades, even though he lived in Little Rock with his wife Pat. He was committed. He was passionate. And, Ed Matthews was a doer.



A few years ago, a car accident made travel to Calico Rock a lot harder and Ed had to step back from all the work he was doing. He stayed involved from afar. He helped edit the Calico Rock history book. He supplied stories and anecdotes. He dug through old pictures. He made introductions to important people and future donors. He was always talking about Calico Rock.

Ed Matthews has gone to be with his Lord and Savior, whom he served faithfully for a lifetime. He leaves to mourn his wife Pat and their boys and children and scores of friends. Ed Matthews has gone home. We will sorely miss his devotion and his tireless efforts.

We close with the way always greeted his friends with love and warmth.

Thank you, pal!

