

**John D. Grubb and Louise G. Sumner Fund for Monroe County
An Affiliate Fund of East Tennessee Foundation
2007 Grants Awarded**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<p>1. American Red Cross (ARC) - Monroe County Chapter Monroe County Funding is awarded to support assistance for victims of fires. Last year, Monroe County had 26 home fires and a similar number is projected by ARC for 2008.</p>	\$2,500
<p>2. Coker Creek Economic Development Group, Inc. Monroe County Funding is awarded to support a marketing initiative and library program. "Coker Creek Connection", a community newsletter, will be published in seasonal editions to coincide with area events, and new Coker Creek Welcome Center and Library signs will be designed and installed to replace the existing ones.</p>	\$4,000
<p>3. Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. Hamblen County Funding is awarded to support the Monroe County Neighborhood Center, which provides assistance to low-income households in crisis or emergency situations. Services include but are not limited to assistance with utility cut-off notices, purchase of home-delivered fuel, and assistance with payment of rent/mortgage, food and emergency medicines.</p>	\$3,500
<p>4. Hearing and Speech Foundation (HSF) Blount County Funding is awarded to support the Indigent Care Program for Monroe County residents. HSF assistance is determined by patient household income and extenuating financial circumstances. Each patient is evaluated individually and fitted with hearing aids tailored to that patient's special needs.</p>	\$3,000
<p>5. Monroe Area Council for the Arts Monroe County Funding is awarded to support the Fiber Arts in the Classroom residency for all fourth grade students in the Monroe County school system. Multi-media artist Geri Forkner will teach students the importance of looms, weaving and the making of cloth.</p>	\$2,800
<p>6. Monroe Area School for the Performing Arts, Inc. Monroe County Funding is awarded to support the 2008 season of the newly created Monroe Area Opera, a repertory opera company operating through the Monroe Area School for the Performing Arts, Inc. The season will consist of the Gilbert & Sullivan opera, "Trial by Jury" and Gian Carlo Menotti's psychological thriller, "The Medium". A particular emphasis will be placed on taking operatic productions into area schools.</p>	\$1,900
<p>7. Monroe County Friends of Animals, Inc. Monroe County Funding is awarded to support the Rescue Run Program. Animals deemed suitable for delivery to shelters are separated from the general shelter population and placed in a foster home for two weeks prior to delivery to rescues.</p>	\$4,000
<p>8. Monroe County Habitat for Humanity Monroe County Funding is awarded to support the purchase of equipment that is needed to build homes.</p>	\$4,000

- 9. Rural Vale Elementary School** **\$1,500**
Monroe County
Funding is awarded to support the new FOCUS (Forming Opportunities for the Community United in Service) Club program. Students in Kindergarten through eighth grade will participate and complete service activities and projects.
- 10. Senior Citizens Home Assistance Services** **\$3,500**
Knox County
Funding is awarded to support homecare services for elderly residents of Monroe County with disabilities who cannot afford to pay the full cost. Services include personal care, light house keeping, medication reminders and assistance with transportation.
- 11. Sequoyah Birthplace Museum** **\$3,000**
Monroe County
Funding is awarded to support four educational events at the museum: Cherokee Heritage Day, Sequoyah Remembrance Day, Fall Festival and Ayoka's Day of Play. The programs will educate visitors about Sequoyah, his creation of the Cherokee writing system, and the rich heritage of the Cherokee people.
- 12. Spay/Neuter Assistance for Pets, Inc. (SNAP)** **\$4,000**
Monroe County
Funding is awarded to support the continuation of a five-year spay/neuter project initiated in 2006 which will ultimately reduce the number of animals euthanized at the Monroe County Animal Shelter by more than 85%. Vouchers will be issued to pet owners who need financial assistance in spaying or neutering (s/n) pet dogs and cats. Vouchers will be valid at the offices of local veterinarians with whom SNAP has negotiated for reduced s/n rates.
- 13. Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts** **\$2,300**
Monroe County
Funding is awarded to support the annual Twilight Festival in the Duck Park. The 2008 season (three Saturday evenings in May, July and August) will have a "Hometown Favorites" theme and feature musicians with a link to the Sweetwater community.
- TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED:** **\$40,000**