



4 Days, 37 Trees, 50 Wreaths, and Hundreds of People Later, the Festival of Trees Raises.....

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....\$46,000 and counting (after expenses) for Western Youth Network's programs!

What a success it was. By the end of the event, every single item sold! Thank you, thank you to all who played a part in making this magical event possible! Your efforts and generosity will change lives!

A tremendous thank you to our hard-working 2018 Festival Committee:

- Jenny Koehn, Committee Chair
 - Erica Lackey
 - Margaret McCoy
 - Mandy Robertson
 - Jan Todd
 - Erika Carey
 - Kate Younger
 - Kate Stucke
 - With special assistance from Karen MacFarland, Stacey Gibson and Jean Roberts as well as Leslie Temple, Tony Todd, Dave Robertson, Paige Patterson, Jim Warren and Elizabeth Lowe
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Highlights from the 2018 Festival of Trees



For the first time in Festival of Trees history, Santa came to town! Hundreds of children enjoyed a free photo with Santa, thanks to Carolina West Wireless.



The Watauga High School Junior ROTC Color Guard did a fantastic job with the Presentation of Colors that kicked off our Sonny Sweet Military Appreciation Event. All present were moved to discover that the leader of the guard was a WYN mentee. Her mentor of 7 years was in the audience to support her. Please mark your calendars for the next Sweet High Country Salute coming August 22, 2019.



Kent Tarbutton, proprietor of Chetola Resort and member of WYN's Advisory Board, made

moving remarks about the value of WYN's programs during the VIP "First Look" Reception for sponsors and designers. Chetola is an incredible partner for WYN and provided hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary drink for VIP guests.



Melissa Duong, Jason Triplett and Joe Antonucci from Capital Bank stand with WYN's Executive Director, Jennifer Warren at the exciting presentation of a \$10,000 grant to fund financial literacy courses for WYN youth. Capital Bank employees will partner with WYN to help our students gain confidence about money so that they can be empowered to make financially sound decisions in the future.



Tree designers went above and beyond this year to create a magical room. Pictured here are the LifeStore, High Country Resort Rental, Magic Cycles, Hatchet Coffee/Center 45, Tyler Evatt-Young and the ASU College Access trees.



Above: Friends of WYN enjoy the VIP reception

Below: Judy Current from LifeStore Bank prepares to present at the Share the Spirit Women's Brunch in beautiful Timberlake's Restaurant at Chetola.



Thank you to all who contributed to this event. Your commitment to serving the youth in this community is remarkable! Please see a full list of sponsors and tree designers below.

Festival Partners:

Chetola Resort
Watauga County Christmas Tree Association

Large Trees

Cheap Joe's Art Stuff
Chetola Resort
Diane Davant & Assoc. Interior

Our Festival Star

Sponsors (\$2,500+):

Capital Bank
Carolina West Wireless
Sonny & Bricca Sweet (founders,
Sonny Sweet Scholarship Fund)

Our Garland

Sponsors (\$1,000+):

Anonymous Donor
Cary Family Foundation
Deal, Moseley & Smith
4 Forty Four
LifeStore Bank & Insurance
VPC Builders

Our Sleigh Bells

Sponsors (\$500+):

Allen Wealth Management
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Gamma Beta Phi
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Highlands Union Bank
Monkee's of Blowing Rock
Phi Gamma Delta
Rivercross
Super 8

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Skyline/Skybest
South's Clothiers
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Design

Fidelity Bank Mortgage - The Rosa
Ivey Team

Footsloggers

Fuschia Moss Floral Design,
Millefleurs, and Callista Designs

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"Misfit Toys" group of friends

RevFive5 Fitness

Sew Original

Super 8

The Mustard Seed

The White Glove, Inc.

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Small Trees

828 Real Estate

Apple Hill Farm

ASU Child Advocacy Club

Blowing Rock Chamber of

Commerce

Bob Timberlake

Caledonia Book Group

Canvas Beauty Bar / Mountain

Mystic Spray Tanning

Center 45 and Hatchet Coffee

Cirque Appalachia

College Access Partnerships at
A.S.U.

Darby Design

The Gilded Lily by Patra

Tyler Evatt-Young

The Gamekeeper

Matt & Lauren Harris

High Country Resort Rentals

Horton Hotel

Log House Florist

Magic Cycles

Neighborhood Yoga

Patty Johnson & Mandy Robertson

Principles of Leadership

Tammy Taylor Interiors

Victorian Inn

Vincent Properties

Happy Holidays from the WYN family!

Thank you for another incredible year of raising a community together.

Have a safe and joyful holiday season!



Please consider sustaining WYN's life-changing youth programs with a gift today!
Every dollar makes a difference. *Thank you.*

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