



ThorpeWood Receives Grant from the Community Foundation of Washington County

Thurmont, MD - ThorpeWood, a mountain retreat for at-risk youth, located in Thurmont, MD, is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Washington County, MD in support of its partnership program with Antietam Academy Middle School. Antietam Academy is Washington County's alternative school.

The program, created by ThorpeWood and Antietam Academy staff, is a custom-designed intensive intervention to help the middle school's most vulnerable 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls break a chain of poor life decisions by confronting the root causes of their lack of academic and development success. The goal of the program is to help the girls successfully transition out of Antietam Academy Middle School and back to their home schools with the skills to de-escalate and constructively resolve conflict, manage stress, and develop healthy relationships. The girls are involved with the program for at least two years.

ThorpeWood takes an innovative approach to youth learning and development by partnering with schools and youth organizations which have identified a small group of their students who share a specific characteristic or need, usually a group that our partner cannot easily or effectively reach. Situated on 155 acres, ThorpeWood is a tranquil setting in which small groups of students can fully engage in long-term supplemental education programs with close support from their schools' teachers and ThorpeWood's education staff. Currently, ThorpeWood serves about 85 students in partnership with schools and youth organizations in Baltimore City, Frederick and Washington Counties, MD

ThorpeWood's (TW) mission is to serve at-risk youth and increase the likelihood of their success through long-term, outcome-based, customized academic support and personal development programs in partnership with their schools and youth organizations. ThorpeWood, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The website is www.thorpewood.org.

The Community Foundation of Washington County (CFWC) has granted over \$5 million to the nonprofit community since 1997. CFWC currently has 165 funds, with over \$15 million in assets. For 2009, CFWC's unrestricted grants were directed to programs related to family security issues, including but not limited to domestic violence, child neglect and abuse, and teen pregnancy, with particular emphasis on addressing probable/possible root causes such as poor parenting skills, absent parents and single parent households.