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Step Up for Yellow Mountain

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Get your **running shorts** out or your **walking shoes** ready and Step Up for Yellow Mountain Enterprises on **June 25th at Lees-McRae College**. Come out and enjoy beautiful Banner Elk and help raise much needed money to support the clients of the vocational services of Yellow Mountain Enterprises.

The **first annual Step Up for Yellow Mountain** is actually three events happening concurrently. The Board of Directors of the Avery Association for Exceptional Citizens have organized a Walk-A-Thon, a 5k Road Race and a Silent Auction to raise money for the programs and services of Yellow Mountain.

The **Walk-A-Thon** begins at 9:15 in the morning at the athletic field at Lees-McRae College. Registrants will recruit sponsors to donate funds to Yellow Mountain based upon how many laps they walk around the track. Sponsors may also agree to a set donation. All donations are tax deductible.

The **5k Road Race** begins at 10:00 in the morning on the track at Lees-McRae College. The race will then proceed up the Hickory Nut Gap road to the Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church and then back to Lees-McRae. Entry fee for the race is only \$20.

Trophies will be awarded for both the Walk-A-Thon and the 5k Road Race in seven age categories: 1-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69 and 70+.

The **Silent Auction** of goods and services began on-line on May 11. Businesses and

individuals have donated items to benefit Yellow Mountain. These may be looked at now by going to the Yellow Mountain Enterprises web-site (www.yellowmtn.org) and following the links to the auction.

The **Silent Auction** gives businesses an opportunity to do good by supporting Yellow Mountain Enterprises but also to **advertise** their goods and services. It also gives our supporters an opportunity to **get a good deal** on something they want, rent a place at the

beach or on Beech Mountain at a good price AND help Yellow Mountain Enterprises.

The **Walk-A-Thon** is also a competition between groups. Each person who enters may also enter as a member of a group. The group that raises the most money will be awarded a trophy and their name will be placed on a permanent trophy, which will be kept at Yellow Mountain Enterprises. **Get a group organized** from your church or neighborhood and see if you can win a trophy.

You can help us make this first annual fund raising even a success by:

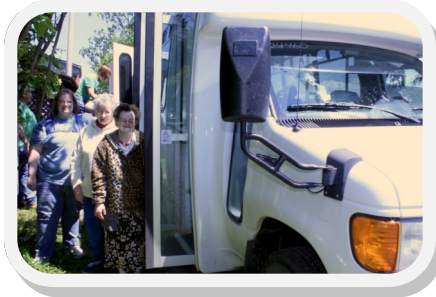
- Walking or organizing a walking group
- Sponsoring a walker
- Running or recruiting runners
- Contributing an item for auction
- Bidding on an item

Thank you for your support for our clients who deserve the pride of earning a paycheck for a **job well done**.

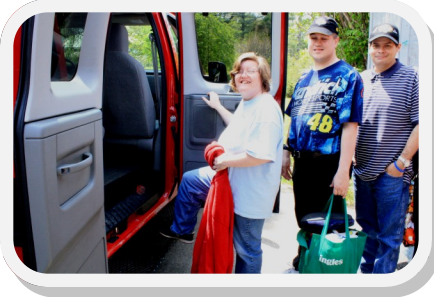


Ashley Grogan, volunteer at Yellow Mountain models event t-shirt

Yellow Mountain Transportation Special Allocation Replaces Aging Vans



Sandy, Frieda and Jackie board the new bus-style van added to Yellow Mountain Enterprises' transportation service.



Marilyn, Chad and Michael use the new safety step donated by Crossnore Baptist assuring the safety of our workers

A special allocation of funds from the **Smoky Mountain Center** enabled Yellow Mountain Enterprises to replace two of their aging vans with newer, low mileage vans. **Thanks** to the Smoky Mountain Center for all their guidance and support for our services to disabled adults. **Thanks also** to **Commissioner Glenn Johnson** who advocated for our needs with the organization.

Thanks are also due to **Crossnore First Baptist Church** for helping us make our red van safer. We were not able to afford to put a step on the van, which made it much harder to get into and out of for many of our workers. Crossnore Baptist Church paid for a **safety step** following a request from our van driver Johnny Calhoun, who is a member there and clearly saw the danger.

The majority of our workers would not be able to attend Yellow Mountain Enterprises without our transportation service.

Yellow Mountain Enterprises

The Tin Man

Available for only ten dollars
Decorate your deck
from the **Land of OZ**



Neal Graham, one of our best Tin Man Builders, proudly holds a completed decoration aloft



Harvey Calloway and **Bob Turbyfill** proudly hold up one of our larger trophies that they made.

The Clients'

Corner

Harvey, on the left, has been one of our workers at Yellow Mountain Enterprises **since 1991**. He loves bluegrass music and is a big fan of **Ralph Stanley**. Harvey met Ralph once and had his picture taken with him. It is his favorite memory. He asks David L. Tate, Executive Director, every day when he can "go to see Ralph Stanley." He **likes building trophies** and **working on the computer** during his compensatory education classes offered by Mayland Community College at Yellow Mountain. He is also a big fan of the Avery County Fair and wants to be crowned King of the Fair.

Bob Turbyfill, on the right, has been one of our workers at Yellow Mountain Enterprises **since 1990**. He takes **special pride and dedication in looking after his long-time friend Cynthia**. Bob was reluctant to leave school and come to Yellow Mountain until he heard that his long-time friend from school was also at Yellow Mountain. He likes building trophies but really **enjoys working in the Thrift Store**, organizing the toys and games. He loves video games and action figures.

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Yellow Mountain Trophies

Where Everyone Comes in First Place

One of the Enterprises at Yellow Mountain is a **trophy building business**. The trophies that are awarded for notable achievements by a wide variety of different groups are essentially component parts that must be assembled. Assembly is a **task done very well** by the workers at Yellow Mountain who do the repetitive tasks with great pride.

Flora Sutherland, a resident of the Avery County Group Home for more than twenty years and a worker at Yellow Mountain Enterprise for that entire time loves making trophies. **"I made that trophy,"** she states with pride, **"I didn't used to be able to do that but now I can."**

Orders are taken at our offices at 255 Estatoa Street in Newland where customers can select from a wide variety of styles and sizes with decorations ranging **from basketballs to fishing poles, kids kicking soccer balls to dogs treeing a raccoon**. All trophies are individually engraved. Engraved plaques and medallions are also available through Yellow Mountain Trophies. Even a large order of trophies can usually be filled in less than a week.



Our workers gather all the parts they need to build their trophies



Laurie Whitney, Vocational Coordinator instructs one of our workers in the assembly of a basketball trophy

Many local groups such as **Avery County Parks and Recreation Department, Mayland Community College, Mountain Glen Golf Course, the Avery County schools, Hunters Helping Kids, Grandfather Home for Children** and others buy all their awards from Yellow Mountain. We also provide trophies for groups outside our area such as the **Morrison YMCA in Charlotte, the Spruce Pine Mountaineer football team and the Cheer Energy team from Hickory.**

It makes me want **to do a good job**, like when Hubba Aldridge from Crossnore Baptist Church asked for me to build their trophies. **I really like building trophies and making money."**

Laurie Whitney, Vocational Coordinator at Yellow Mountain stated, "A little direction and supervision is all that is needed to assure that the columns are attached in the proper way to the base and the decorations added to signify the award. **Each worker feels like a first place winner after they have built that first place trophy."**

Charlie Varner who has worked with Yellow Mountain Enterprises for 23 years said, **"It makes me happy to know who is going to get a trophy I made. It**



Close concentration is evident as each worker focuses on their next task in assembling their trophy.

"All of our workers get paid for the work they do on the same two

week payday cycle as every other employee." Ms. Whitney further explained. "Each worker's skill at performing paid tasks is evaluated on an annual basis to determine their rate of pay. This assures that **everyone is paid fairly for what they can do** and the speed at which they can perform the work. Our trophy builders take great satisfaction in going to the **United Community Bank** in Newland to cash their paychecks."



After all the trophies in the order are built, our workers can feel satisfied by a job well done

Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a job and earn a paycheck, no matter what their abilities," stated David L. Tate, Executive Director of the Avery Association for Exceptional Citizens, "and that is our main mission at Yellow Mountain Enterprises, giving our workers that precious **opportunity to earn a paycheck."**

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Yellow Mountain Treasure Box Thrift Store to Move to New Location

Windows are being washed and the floors swept at the new **Yellow Mountain Treasure Box**. The newly renamed Yellow Mountain Thrift Store is being moved to the Johnson Building, directly **across from the First Citizens Bank**.

Many **thanks** to Kelly and **Sue Johnson** for working so closely with the Avery Association for Exceptional Citizens to get this project going. Our workers really appreciate you.

The current thrift store is located at Yellow Mountain Enterprises office on 255 Estatoa Street, so the **new location is a short walk for the clients** who will be working there on a regular basis.

The Yellow Mountain Treasure Box will be **run by volunteers** who agree to work in the morning or the evening with assistance provided by the workers at Yellow Moun-



Tiffanie Carver sweeps the wood floor to ready



Tammie Daniels, Administrative Assistant (meaning she does anything and everything) helps Patty Topper move some of the items that will be for sale after the



Chad Cook washes grime from the display windows

tain Enterprises. Working in the store is one of many different enterprises from which the workers can earn their paycheck.

Please consider donating your extra clothing and other household items to the Yellow Mountain Treasure Box. **Call 733-2944** for further information.



Patty Topper makes the door to the new Treasure Box sparkle