

Be a part of an inspiring legacy by contributing to the Dr. George R. Smith Jr. Legacy Fund.

More than half a century ago, George and Mildred Smith made a choice to settle in Shawsville — a choice that forever changed this corner of Virginia.

Over the next 55 years, they invested in the community in so many ways. In addition to establishing Alleghany Clinic in 1955 in the old Marye House, Dr. Smith led the drive a decade later to build the Meadowbrook Nursing Home on that site.

While caring for the community's health, he and Mildred contributed to countless causes including their church, Camp Alta Mons, the Free Clinic of the New River Valley, and Virginia Tech.

In 1982 Dr. Smith founded **Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation** for which he served as President until 2010, his final year on the board.

Under Dr. Smith's leadership, Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation launched in 2004 the \$2.5 million redevelopment of the nursing home into today's Meadowbrook Center, a one-of-a-kind facility that features the Waldron Family YMCA, Meadowbrook Library, history museum, community



center, recreation center, pottery studio, art gallery, café, thrift shop and more.

The Meadowbrook Center has brought unprecedented programs and services to eastern Montgomery County and the New River Valley at large.

Amidst this work, Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation has also:

- ♦ **Awarded nearly \$10,000 in scholarships to local students pursuing higher education.**



Dr. Smith speaks at the 2007 dedication of the Waldron Family YMCA. In attendance (on left) was former Governor and now U.S. Sen. Mark Warner.

- ♦ **Supported the creation of the Shawsville Farmers Market, EastMont Arts Association, Waldron Family Y, Meadowbrook Museum, and EastMont Transport.**

- ♦ **Funded projects and learning programs in area public schools.**

The goal of the George R. Smith Jr. Legacy Fund is \$100,000.



MVCF president Tom Dunkenberger (right) presents a \$4,000 grant for Shawsville Middle School Smart Boards.

Endowment proceeds will be used to:

- ♦ Fund new initiatives and capital projects at Meadowbrook and throughout eastern Montgomery County;
- ♦ Award grants to deserving programs and students in local public schools;
- ♦ Support Foundation operations and services to the community.

Contributions are tax deductible; Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation is a nonprofit organization that meets the requirements of IRS Code 501(c)(3).

Thank you for your support as we all strive to build better community in eastern Montgomery County, Va.

Shawsville Will Have Services of New Doctor

The Roanoke Times - 10 July 1955

(Shawsville) — One day in June of 1954, a good-looking young man and his blonde wife pulled their car off busy U.S. 11 and stopped at the bank here to ask a question.

The gentleman was Dr. George R. Smith Jr. and he stopped to ask if Shawsville and the surrounding Montgomery County countryside could use the services of a full-time, practicing physician.

The answer was a resounding and a thankful yes.

Come Monday, Shawsville and the Alleghany Magisterial District will have a physician for the first time in over 15 years when 28-year-old Dr. Smith officially puts out his shingle and steps into the legendary role of a country doctor.

On "sort of a vacation" from the heat of Richmond in June, they stopped in Shawsville and the doctor asked the happy question.

Over a week ago, the Smiths, with 9-months-old George III, moved into the Marye house across from the bank and spent a hectic time getting it ready for the open house today

The Smiths like Montgomery County fine and they're a little astounded at the hospitality although both are from the South.

The doctor says he and the wife and George III "couldn't ask for more" and the people in Alleghany District apparently feel the same way.



Create your own legacy

Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation offers you a trusted, local resource to fulfill your charitable interests.

You can establish a fully endowed, named fund with a modest gift of \$10,000 and designate the field of interest that grants from your fund will cover such as your church or school, arts and culture, local history, libraries, health and human services, and the environment.

Our current fund endowments include:

- ◆ G.W. and Dot King Educational Fund, which has awarded \$10,000 since 2005 in scholarships to local students pursuing post-secondary education.
- ◆ Lorraine Ryan Fund, which in 2010 awarded a \$4,000 grant to Shawsville Middle School for high-tech Smart Boards.



Jake Vishneski (with parents Bernie and Chris) received the first G.W. and Dot King Fund scholarship in 2005 to attend VMI. When G.W. died in summer 2010, now 1st Lt. Jake Vishneski, who was serving in Iraq, donated \$1,000 back to the fund.

Funds may be endowed by cash, securities or real estate. Let us be your philanthropic partner as you seek to impact your community during your lifetime and leave a lasting legacy.

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