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Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon announces COVID funding awards

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. -- The Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon and its Board of Trustees are pleased to announce its Phase One COVID-19 Emergency Initiative awards.

The Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon announced its first phase of grant funding to support our region impacted by the ongoing pandemic. The Foundation's Phase One COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative awarded \$100,000 to organizations in Barbour, Lewis, Randolph, Upshur and Webster counties.

"During these uncertain and challenging times, it is more important than ever that we come together as a community to help each other," said Janell Ray, Executive Director of the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon. "Our communities are faced with unprecedented needs and our Foundation is committed to providing support during this crisis."

This first phase of emergency response funding includes:

- **Mountaineer Food Bank** - \$50,000
 - Grant funding will support 23 local food pantries, mobile markets and food box distributions.

- **West Virginia Local Health, Inc.** - \$50,000
 - Grant funding will support each of the five county health departments in performing their key activities during this pandemic.

For other Foundation information, please view our website: <https://pallottinebuckhannon.org>.

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About the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon:

The Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon was established with proceeds from the sale of St. Joseph's Hospital, and continues the legacy established by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters of caring for the spiritual, emotional, and physical health of those in the region. The Foundation focuses its efforts on six primary areas: food insecurity, health & wellness, leadership development, spiritual & pastoral care, substance use disorder, and tobacco use prevention and cessation. Its service area includes Barbour, Lewis, Randolph, Upshur and Webster counties.

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