

T-Bird proceeds aiding Stanley Storm Haven Fund

BECKLEY AREA FOUNDATION

There are many ways to support the work of the Beckley Area Foundation. Chuck Lucas serves as an example. He has served on the Foundation's Board of Directors. Both Chuck and his wife Carolyn have provided wise counsel and untold volunteer hours to many of the organizations and programs that benefit from BAF-endowed funds. They have been generous donors to the Foundation, establishing new funds and making significant additional donations to existing endowments.

Last fall, Chuck donated a 2001 T-Bird to the Foundation. Using Chuck's gift, Pete Torrico organized a "Tickets for a T-Bird" event which

generated profits that were then invested in several BAF permanent endowments. Chuck and Carolyn were eager to honor Doug Stanley and, learning that the Foundation already has a fund started by Doug's friends, decided to direct some of the proceeds to this existing fund.

The Storm Haven Fund Honoring Douglas L. Stanley was established in 2002 to provide a permanent source of income for this community-based transitional, residential substance abuse program. Stanley devoted much time, energy and financial support to work in the recovery community, recognizing the need for a residential facility like Storm Haven. He purchased and donated a building for this purpose.



Doug Stanley

Established in 1995, Storm Haven offers a wide range of services, including basic living skills development, crisis intervention, residential services, outreach

efforts, referrals for outpatient aftercare and a 12-step program. It is a charitable, nonprofit, self-supporting organization serving Raleigh and nearby counties.

Doug Stanley died in 2014 from leukemia. He had been clean and sober for 24 years after struggling with alcoholism and addiction. Yet his recovery is not as remarkable as what he did with the succeeding years when he dedicated his life to offering a lifeline to anyone who was caught in the throes of addiction. There is no official count of the number of people in Beckley who say they owe their lives to his support, kindness and unconditional love.

His friend Sharon Muncy went with him to inspect the property that

is now Storm Haven. "I saw a burned-out shell of a building where vandals had broken all the windows out. All Doug saw were bedrooms for a lot of people." Stanley saw potential, just as he saw potential in all people. Residents and volunteers have made extensive improvements in the facility.

Prior to his death, his greatest concern was Storm Haven's future; he wanted it to live on after he was gone. The board of directors, volunteers, churches and businesses, as well as the residents of the facility, are now charged with the responsibility of fulfilling Doug Stanley's dream.

"Anyone may join the Lucas family and make additional donations to the Storm Haven Fund

honoring Douglas L. Stanley. No gift is too small," commented Susan Landis, executive director of BAF. "By pooling assets, the community can make a contribution toward solving a significant problem rather than simply talking about it. The donations will be invested and forever generate income in support of Storm Haven and its programs."

Checks should be made out to BAF-Stanley Storm Haven Fund and mailed to Beckley Area Foundation, 129 Main St., Suite 203, Beckley, WV 25801.

Call 304-253-3806 for information about starting a permanent endowment for the purpose of your choice or about adding assets to an existing endowment.