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Dear Friend of Mountain Projects,

Patsy Davis will soon retire after 30 years as Executive Director of Mountain Projects, leaving an enduring legacy in our mountain communities.

In her honor, we are both proud and humbled to announce the creation of the **Patsy Davis Legacy Fund**, a tribute to an extraordinary woman whose leadership has shaped the heart of our organization for over 35 years – 30 of those as our Executive Director. We hope you'll join us.

If you've had the privilege of knowing Patsy, you know that her work has never just been a job – it's been a calling. Her compassion, courage, and relentless commitment to serving others have been a beacon of hope for so many. Recently, Patsy received the *Order of the Long Leaf Pine*, one of North Carolina's highest honors, in recognition of her lifelong service and impact. It's a reflection of what so many of us already knew – her legacy is one of love in action.



Please help us honor the legacy of Patsy Davis, longtime Executive Director of Mountain Projects, who retires this summer.

The **Patsy Davis Legacy Fund** will carry forward that spirit by addressing one of the most urgent needs in our region: housing. At a time when safe, stable homes are out of reach for too many, this restricted fund will provide direct support for those at risk. From building new homes and self-help housing to urgent repairs, weatherization, safety improvements and other housing needs, this fund will be a lifeline—just as Patsy has been.

But we cannot do this alone. We need the partnership of compassionate people like you – people who understand that housing is more than shelter. It's dignity. It's stability. It's the cornerstone of opportunity for families trying to build a better future.

Your gift – whatever the amount – will go directly to work, providing tangible, life-changing support to those who need it most. It's also a way to honor a woman who has given so much of herself to others.

To donate, please visit MountainProjects.org/LegacyFund or use the enclosed card and send your gift to Legacy Fund, Mountain Projects, 2177 Asheville Road, Waynesville,

NC 28786. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to any of us or call Judy Dykes at 404-310-5772.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for helping us celebrate Patsy's incredible legacy. With your help, we can continue her life's work—offering hope, stability, and a path forward for families across our beloved mountain communities.

With deep gratitude,

Judy & Bucky Dykes
Geri & Don McGowan