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70 Years of Storytelling:

Danny Boone's Legacy



Who would show up with tire chains and kitty litter during a snowstorm to help a stranded trucker? Only Danny Boone.

Whether he was digging out cars, shuttling nurses to work in the snow, or quietly slipping a few dollars to a coworker in need, Danny was always the one you could count on. He joined Deerfield in 1981 as a 23-year-old intern and spent the next 18 years leading with humility, humor, and heart - eventually serving as Acting Executive Director. Danny believed in doing

the right thing, even when no one was watching. He once gave up a beach vacation so an employee could replace their car. He never looked for recognition, he simply showed up for others, again and again.

After his passing in 2000 at just 41 years old, his wife Melonie Boone and longtime colleague Shirley Burnette helped create the Danny Boone Scholarship Fund, honoring his legacy of helping others by helping employees pursue their educational goals. Over the years, dozens of Deerfield team members have gone on to become nurses, healthcare professionals, and leaders thanks to this support.

This semester, the fund is supporting five outstanding employees - four studying healthcare and one pursuing an MBA.

With the help of Melonie, Shirley Burnette, the committee members, and generous residents alike, Danny's legacy is alive and well, woven into the fabric of this community he helped build.

If you'd like to support the scholarship that carries his name, your gift makes a difference and helps keep Danny's spirit of generosity going strong.

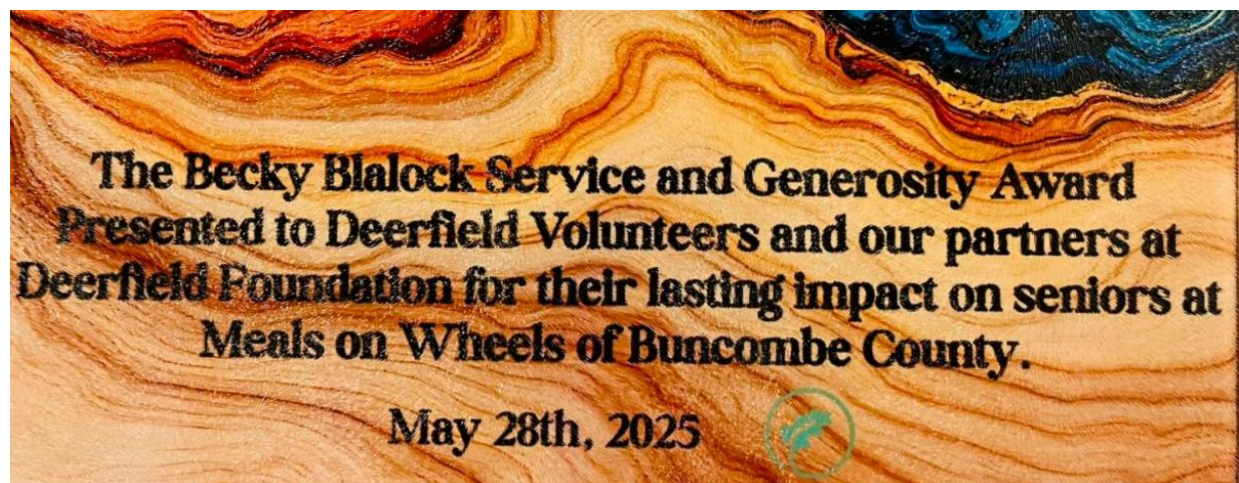
As part of Deerfield's 70th anniversary celebration, the Deerfield Archival

Group released the third installment of "Sentimental Journey," and this one is all about Danny Boone. The feature includes a moving interview with Melonie Boone and captures just how special Danny was to this community. If you missed it, be sure to click the link below and give it a watch. You won't want to miss it!

[Donate to the Danny Boone Employee Scholarship Fund](#)

[Watch the third installment of "Sentimental Journey"](#)

Meals on Wheels Community Impact Recognition:



We are proud to share that Deerfield Volunteers alongside Deerfield Charitable Foundation were recently recognized with Meals on Wheels of Asheville and Buncombe County's inaugural **Becky Blalock Service and Generosity Award**. Presented on May 28, 2025, this meaningful honor celebrates the deep and lasting impact Deerfield residents and the Foundation have made in support of local seniors.

This award is a reflection of over **25 years of volunteerism** by Deerfield residents and the ongoing partnership between Meals on Wheels and the Deerfield Charitable Foundation. In the past year alone, following the devastation of Hurricane Helene, the Foundation granted **\$150,000** to help the organization recover and expand services—enabling three new delivery routes to be added for homebound seniors in Buncombe County.

In addition to financial support, Deerfield continues to strengthen its volunteer efforts. On **June 9**, MaRita Alexander of Meals on Wheels led a special training and information session for residents interested in volunteering. It was an inspiring afternoon full of learning, laughter, and

stories of impact.

As Deerfield celebrates 70 years of community and compassion, this recognition from Meals on Wheels reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that seniors in our wider community receive the care, nourishment, and human connection they deserve. Thank you to our residents, volunteers, and generous donors for making this partnership possible.

If you're interested in volunteering with Meals on Wheels or learning more about the program, please contact Michelle or FaithAnne, we'd love to welcome you to this meaningful work.



Resident volunteers, Deerfield Charitable Foundation Board and Staff members celebrate with Meals on Wheels at the May 28th reception.

Don't Miss It! Upcoming Resident Education Sessions

Maximize Your Giving, Minimize Your Taxes!



Join us in welcoming Becky Davis, Senior Development Officer at The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, as she presents an informative session on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs), and Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)—three powerful tools that can help you maximize your charitable giving while optimizing tax benefits. Learn how QCDs can reduce taxable income, how CGAs provide a steady income stream while supporting causes you care about, and how DAFs offer flexibility in charitable contributions. Becky will break down these strategies and answer questions to help you make informed financial and philanthropic decisions.

Guest Speaker: Becky Davis, CFRE

Date: June 18, 2025

Time: 3 PM

Location: Blue Ridge Room

Medication's Effects on Vision



Did you know that some common medications can impact your eyesight? Dr. Tasha Woodall and Dr. Will McLean will present an insightful lecture on how common medications can impact your vision in the Blue Ridge Room for the next installment in the MAHEC Healthy Aging Series. It will feature topics such as what to watch for, how to reduce risk, and when to consult your provider. This session is a must for anyone looking to safeguard their eye health while managing medications. All are welcome!

Guest Speakers: Dr. Will McLean and Dr. Tasha Woodall

Date: June 30, 2025

Time: 4 PM

Location: Blue Ridge Room

United Way School Supplies Drive



Help us support children in need!

We are halfway to our goal
of providing 300 fully stocked backpacks (and
funding 70 more) for the upcoming school year!

Consider donating to provide a child with a fully
stocked backpack and the confidence to start
the year strong!

Checks can be made payable to Deerfield
Charitable Foundation (memo: "School
Supplies"), or donate online to the "Deerfield
Cares" fund and note "School Supplies."

Join us to pack backpacks!

Set up: Monday, July 21

Packing Day: Tuesday, July 22

Watch for more info in the Doings!

Questions? Contact Michelle (210-4506) or FaithAnne (210-4244), or email:
foundation@deerfieldwnc.org.

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Drive**

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