Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust Treated as a Private Foundation

Note. The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0052

2011

For calendar year 2011, or tax year beginning , 2011, and ending ,

Name of foundation: JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST

A Employer Identification number: 55-6136333

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address): P.O. BOX 458 | Room/suite:

B Telephone number (see the instructions): (304) 329-2752

City or town: KINGWOOD | State: WV | ZIP code: 26537

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial Return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ☐

2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐

H Check type of organization: ☐ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation [X] Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year *(from Part II, column (c), line 16)* ► $ 179,500.

J Accounting method: ☐ Cash [X] Accrual ☐ Other (specify) *(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)*

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I **Analysis of Revenue and Expenses** *(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)*	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
REVENUE				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc, received (att sch)				
2 Ck ► [X] if the foundn is not req to att Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	3,907.	3,907.	3,907.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities	2,843.	2,843.	2,843.	
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain/(loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		4.		
8 Net short-term capital gain				
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold				
c Gross profit/(loss) (att sch)				
11 Other income (attach schedule)				
12 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	6,750.	6,754.	6,750.	
OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach sch)				
c Other prof fees (attach sch)				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule)(see instrs) EXCISE TAX	68.		68.	
19 Depreciation (attach sch) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) See Line 23 Stmt	119.		119.	
24 **Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	187.		187.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	9,000.			8,883.
26 **Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	9,187.		187.	8,883.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a **Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements**	-2,437.			
b **Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		6,754.		
c **Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)			6,563.	

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Part II Balance Sheets

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	End of year (c) Fair Market Value
Assets			
1 Cash – non-interest-bearing			
2 Savings and temporary cash investments	79,619.	75,324.	76,085.
3 Accounts receivable ►			
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
4 Pledges receivable ►			
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
5 Grants receivable			
6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) ►			
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
8 Inventories for sale or use			
9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
10a Investments – U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule) L-10a Stmt	20,000.	20,000.	20,683.
b Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule)			
c Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule) L-10c Stmt	20,000.	20,000.	15,324.
11 Investments – land, buildings, and equipment: basis ►			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►			
12 Investments – mortgage loans			
13 Investments – other (attach schedule) L-13 Stmt	69,099.	71,007.	67,408.
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ►			
Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►			
15 Other assets (describe ►)			
16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	188,718.	186,331.	179,500.
Liabilities			
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	139.	68.	
18 Grants payable	8,883.	9,000.	
19 Deferred revenue			
20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
22 Other liabilities (describe ►)			
23 **Total liabilities** (add lines 17 through 22)	9,022.	9,068.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances			
Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
24 Unrestricted			
25 Temporarily restricted			
26 Permanently restricted			
Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	179,696.	177,263.	
28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund			
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 **Total net assets or fund balances** (see instructions)	179,696.	177,263.	
31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances** (see instructions)	188,718.	186,331.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year – Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	179,696.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-2,437.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ► CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS	3	4.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	177,263.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	177,263.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)	(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
1a	TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE CD	P	05/24/06	06/02/11
b	CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS	P	05/15/06	12/31/11
c				
d				
e				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a	20,000.		20,000.	0.
b	4.		0.	4.
c				
d				
e				

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

	(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	(l) Gains (Column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from column (h))
a				0.
b				4.
c				
d				
e				

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) — If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7; If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	4.
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (column (b) divided by column (c))
2010	3,265.	175,973.	0.018554
2009	7,191.	167,386.	0.042961
2008	7,989.	177,250.	0.045072
2007	14,925.	195,440.	0.076366
2006	5,241.	190,341.	0.027535

2	Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.210488
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.042098
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5	4	177,267.
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	7,463.
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	68.
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7	7,531.
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	8,883.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)

1 a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► ☐ and enter 'N/A' on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter ________ (attach copy of letter if necessary – see instrs)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	68.
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, column (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0.
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	68.
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	0.
5	**Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	68.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2011 estimated tax pmts and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011 — 6a		
b	Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source — 6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) — 6c 135.		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld — 6d		
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	135.
8	Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	**Tax due.** If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed ►	9	
10	**Overpayment.** If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid ►	10	67.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2012 estimated tax ► 67. **Refunded** ►	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

			Yes	No
1 a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a		X
b	Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see the instructions for definition)?	1b		X
	If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities			
c	Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	1c		X
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: **(1)** On the foundation ► $ ________ **(2)** On foundation managers ► $ ________			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ► $ ________			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? *If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities*	2		X
3	Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? *If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes*	3		X
4 a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	4a		X
b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? *If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T*	5		X
6	Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6		X
7	Did the foundation have at least $5,000 in assets at any time during the year? *If 'Yes,' complete Part II, column (c), and Part XV*	7	X	
8 a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ► WV - West Virginia			
b	If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by *General Instruction G? If 'No,' attach explanation*	8b	X	
9	Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2011 or the taxable year beginning in 2011 (see instructions for Part XIV)? *If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV*	9	X	
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.*	10		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

			Yes	No
11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	

Website address ► N/A

14 The books are in care of ► PAMELA J. SCHWER Telephone no. ► (304) 329-2752

Located at ► 316 EAST MAIN STREET KINGWOOD, WV ZIP + 4 ► 26537-0520

15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 – Check here ► ☐

and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► 15

			Yes	No
16	At any time during calendar year 2011, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1 If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ►			

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

				Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)				
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?		1b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► ☐				
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2011?		1c		X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))				
a	At the end of tax year 2011, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2011?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
	If 'Yes,' list the years ► 20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__				
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement – see instructions)		2b		X
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20__ , 20__ , 20__ , 20__				
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2011 as a result of **(1)** any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, **(2)** the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or **(3)** the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? *(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2011)*		3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		4a		X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2011?		4b		X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required *(continued)*

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc, organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53 4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? **5b**

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► ☐

c If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? **6b** No: X

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? **7b**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
DAVID P. BROWN 306 SEEMONT DRIVE KINGWOOD WV 26537	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.
DEBORAH T. LIVENGOOD 121 PARKVIEW DRIVE KINGWOOD WV 26537	TRUSTEE 0.50	0.	0.	0.
PAMELA J. SCHWER 316 E MAIN STREET KINGWOOD WV 26537	TRUSTEE 2.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1— see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
0				
0				
0				
0				

Total number of other employees paid over $50,000 ► None

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than $50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over $50,000 for professional services ►		None

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 FUNDING PRESTON COUNTY CHARITABLE GROUPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS IN THE WILL OF JOHN W. TRENTON	60.
2 FUNDING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL STUDENTS IN PRESTON AND GRANT COUNTIES IN WEST VIRGINIA	59.
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	103,497.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	76,469.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0.
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	179,966.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) 1e		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	179,966.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	2,699.
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	177,267.
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	8,863.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ► [X] and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5 2a		
b	Income tax for 2011 (This does not include the tax from Part VI) 2b		
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	**Distributable amount** as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc, purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	8,883.
b	Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc, purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	**Qualifying distributions.** Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	8,883.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	68.
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	8,815.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2010	(c) 2010	(d) 2011
1 Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011.				
a Enter amount for 2010 only			0.	
b Total for prior years: 20___, 20___, 20___				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2011				
a From 2006 — 0.				
b From 2007 — 0.				
c From 2008 — 0.				
d From 2009 — 0.				
e From 2010 — 0.				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4: ► $ 8,883.				
a Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)				
d Applied to 2011 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 *(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)*				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount — see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount — see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2011. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2012				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2006 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2012. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2007 — 0.				
b Excess from 2008 — 0.				
c Excess from 2009 — 0.				
d Excess from 2010 — 0.				
e Excess from 2011 — 0.				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2011, enter the date of the ruling ►

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section [X] 4942(j)(3) or [ ] 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			
	(a) 2011	(b) 2010	(c) 2009	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	6,567.	6,720.	7,265.	8,072.	28,624.
b 85% of line 2a	5,582.	5,712.	6,175.	6,861.	24,330.
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	8,883.	3,265.	7,265.	8,072.	27,485.
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c	8,883.	3,265.	7,265.	8,072.	27,485.
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a 'Assets' alternative test – enter: (1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b 'Endowment' alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	5,909.	5,866.	5,579.	5,909.	23,263.
c 'Support' alternative test – enter: (1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had $5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see instructions.)

1 **Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than $5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))

N/A

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

N/A

2 **Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:**

Check here ► [ ] if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc, (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST
P.O. BOX 458
KINGWOOD WV 26530-0458 (304) 329-2752

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

WRITTEN REQUEST SPECIFYING PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE.

c Any submission deadlines

ANNUAL DEADLINES ARE SET FOR APPLICATIONS. SEE ATTACHED LITERATURE.

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

SEE ATTACHED LITERATURE. FUNDING IS RESTRICTED TO PRESTON AND GRANT COUNTIES IN WV.

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
SEE ATTACHED LIST	NONE	N/A	SEE ATTACHED	8,883.
Total			► 3a	8,883.
b *Approved for future payment*				
SEE ATTACHED LIST	NONE	N/A	SEE ATTACHED	9,000.
Total			► 3b	9,000.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					3,907.
4 Dividends and interest from securities					2,843.
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)					6,750.

13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e) 13 6,750.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions)
3,4	THE INCOME RECEIVED ALLOWED THE TRUST TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS NEEDED IN THE
3,4	COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SIMILAR
3,4	CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS SPECIFIED
3,4	IN THE WILL OF JOHN W. TRENTON.

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of.			
(1)	Cash	1a(1)		X
(2)	Other assets	1a(2)		X
b	Other transactions:			
(1)	Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
(2)	Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
(3)	Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
(4)	Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
(5)	Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
(6)	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X

d If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' complete the following schedule Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Pamela J. Schuler | 8/13/12 | TRUSTEE

Signature of officer or trustee | Date | Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN

Firm's name ▶ Non-Paid Preparer | Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ▶ | Phone no

Form 990-PF, Page 1, Part I, Line 23
Line 23 Stmt

Other expenses:	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
POST OFFICE BOX	110.		110.	
CHECK ORDER	9.		9.	
Total	119.		119.	

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 10a
L-10a Stmt

Line 10a - Investments - US and State Government Obligations:	End of Year State and Local Obligations Book Value	State and Local Obligations FMV	End of Year US Government Obligations Book Value	US Government Obligations FMV
FHLMC, 4 1%, DUE 6/15/30, CALL 6/15			20,000.	20,683.
Total			20,000.	20,683.

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 10c
L-10c Stmt

Line 10c - Investments - Corporate Bonds:	End of Year Book Value	Fair Market Value
BANK OF AMERICA INTERNOTE, 5.15%, DUE 6/15/25	20,000.	15,324.
Total	20,000.	15,324.

Form 990-PF, Page 2, Part II, Line 13
L-13 Stmt

Line 13 - Investments - Other:	End of Year Book Value	Fair Market Value
CAPITAL INCOME BUILDER FUND	56,202.	51,000.
INVESCO BUILD AMERICA BONDS (UNIT TRUST)	14,805.	16,408.
Total	71,007.	67,408.

JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST
FORM 990-PF FOR 2011
FEIN 55-6136333
PART XV - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

3(a) - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year

Name and Address	Purpose	Amount
Grant for Public Address System Hilltopper Youth Basketball League 217 Highland Avenue Terra Alta, WV 26764	PA System	$1,982 93
Grant for Playground Equipment and Repairs Presbyterian Day Care Center 106 East High Street Kingwood, WV 26537	Playground Equip & Repair	$3,900 00
Preston High Scholarship Recipient LaRanda Schoolcraft and West Virginia University 141 Whitedale Church Road Terra Alta, WV 26764	Scholarship	$1,000.00
Preston High Scholarship Recipient Brittinee Ridenour and West Virginia University 517 Ridenour Road Tunnelton, WV 26444	Scholarship	$1,000 00
Preston High Scholarship Recipient Kayla Ann Cook and Pierpont Technical (FSU) 1520 North Preston Highway Kingwood, WV 26537	Scholarship	$1,000 00
		$8,882.93

JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST
FORM 990-PF FOR 2011
FEIN 55-6136333
PART XV - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

3(b) - Grants and Contributions Approved for Future Payment

Name and Address	Purpose	Amount and Date Paid
Grant for Preston High School Track Facility Preston High Athletic Boosters Preston High School Kingwood, WV 26537	Track Surface	$7,000.00 dated July 11, 2012
Preston High Scholarship Recipient Nicole Spindler and West Virginia University P.O. Box 171 Bruceton Mills, WV 26525	Scholarship	$1,000 00 dated June 28, 2012
Preston High Scholarship Recipient Kayla Anderson and West Virginia University 100 Brown Avenue Kingwoood, WV 26537	Scholarship	$1,000.00 dated June 28, 2012
	Total	**$9,000.00**

JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST

The John W. Trenton Benevolent Trust (the Trust) is an irrevocable trust created under the will of Dr. John W. Trenton to benefit the citizens of Kingwood and Preston County in the furtherance of community recreation facilities, scholarships, and similar charitable scientific, literary, and educational purposes. The Trust's funds may be used for the purpose of ground and erection of buildings, for improvements to the land and buildings, equipment, and facilities that will be used to benefit needy and deserving persons and/or projects, as well as enhance existing local charities. These local charities include but are not limited to, projects or undertakings such as Habitat for Humanity or similar charitable scientific, literacy, educational, or benevolent purposes as may be determined and selected by the Boards of Trustees, and may further include medical or paramedical scholarships to deserving students from Preston or Grant Counties in West Virginia. The Trust may also be used to help apply for matching grants through governmental agencies and other private foundations. No part of any proceeds of the Trust may be used for political, illegal, or immoral purposes and the funds of the Trust shall not be used in furtherance of projects where spending and use of Trust funds is directed by governmental agencies or regulations as opposed to the discretion and judgment of the Board of Trustees.

It was Dr. John Trenton's wish to recognize that the people of Preston County provided a place in which he could live and participate in his professions; and in appreciation for that privilege, it was his belief that he could best repay the privilege by supporting organizations and undertakings which are dedicated toward providing their resources unselfishly to the citizens of the County in which he lived.

Annually, the Board of Trustees of the Trust will file with the County Clerk of Preston County, West Virginia, an annual statement showing all receipts and expenditures in detail, together with a statement of all assets in the Trust.

JOHN W. TRENTON BENEVOLENT TRUST
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Funding Available: **Approximately $7,000.00**
Application Due Date: **April 30, 2012**

Please attach additional pages where necessary. Return completed application to:

John W. Trenton Benevolent Trust
Funding Application
P.O. Box 458
Kingwood, WV 26537

Applicant Name: ______________________

Applicant Address: ______________________
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Contact Person: ______________________

Phone Number: ______________________

Board Officers/Directors: ______________________
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501(c)(3) Status: Attach copy of 501(c)(3) exemption from IRS.

Amount Requested: ______________________

Planned Use of Funds: ______________________
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Please explain how your organization fits the criteria set forth in the trust statement.

Will these funds generate matching dollars? If so, how much?

PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS AND HONORS

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JIM BAILEY SCHOLARSHIP: Kayleigh Lunde
JIM DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Nicholas Robertson
JOYCELYN A. AYERSMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Kayla Sisler
JOHN & JOANN WILLS MUSIC EDUCATION: Chelsea Bishop
KHS/CPHS ALUMNI: Tiffany Richards, Sydney Knotts, Chelsie Barker
KINGWOOD FOE: Ashli Shahan, Melanie Goff, Bryson Bishoff, Kyleen Reckart, Jalin Dixon
KINGWOOD WOMEN'S CIVIC CLUB: Brandon Carr, David Knotts
KINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '59: Renae Kuhn
KOTCHEK SCHOLARSHIP: Kelly Guthrie
KYLE METHENY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Nash Thomas
LADY OF AGRICULTURE: Kelly Guthrie
LEORA & MILDRED LARUE: Chelsea Bishop, Cassandra Fultz, Renae Kuhn, Tiffany Richards
BJORKMAN/MESSENGER TRACK COACHES SCHOLARSHIP: Peter Schwarzenberg, Racheal Hulett, Whitney Workman
MARY AGNES BORGMAN: Emily Jenkins
MARY VIRGINIA FAIRFAX: Brandon Carr
MICHAEL MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Matthew Scheffel
MILITARY AWARDS: Matthew Scheffel, Whitney Workman
MONICA CHROUSSIS: Cassandra Fultz
MR. & MRS. NORTH PRESTON FARMER: Trevor Jenkins, Kelly Guthrie
NEWBURG ALUMNI: Alexis Larew, Anna Pysell, Sara Layman
NICHOLAS & MARY AGNES TRIVILIAN SCHOLARSHIP: Nicole Spindler
PATTY SANDERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Robert Chandler, Trevor Jenkins, Harlin Wolfe, Sarah Wiles
PRESTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION: Kayla Anderson, Kimberlyn Ramsey
PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DINNERS SCHOLARSHIP: Maria Johnson
PRESTON COUNTY SCHOOL SERVICE PERSONNEL: Joseph Schmidl II
PRESTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: Nicole Lawless
PRESTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTH CAREERS SCHOLARSHIP: Chelsie Barker, Samantha Ash
RYAN ALLEN RHODES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Sara Layman
RYAN ALLEN RHODES PERFECT ATTENDANCE K-12: Michael Wilson
KINGWOOD ROTARY CLUB REV. JOHN NEGLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Cassandra Liston
ROTARY CLUB: Joseph Schmidl
REILDER DAHLBERG: Joseph Schmidl, Kara Cobun
ROBIN ZINN ANIMAL LOVER: Kara Cobun
ROWLESBURG PTO: Chelsea Hare
SARA CHROUSSIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Samantha Anderson
SHARON McGINNIS PASSION FOR PETS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Harlin Wolfe
STATE EDUCATION EOT: Amber Williams
SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP: Tiffany Richards
SUPERIOR APPALACHIAN PIPELINE: Jody Lewis, Harlin Zachary Wolfe
SUSI MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Dylan Bowers, Matthew Clark
TERRA ALTA CIVIC CLUB: Jenny Verbonitz
TERRA ALTA CIVIC CLUB/MARCIA WEBSTER: Cassandra Fultz
TERRA ALTA/EAST PRESTON ALUMNI: Dakota Garlitz, Tyler Friend, Trevor Jenkins, Amber Watts, Sarah Wiles
TERRA ALTA/EAST PRESTON PTO: Harlin Wolfe, Shanice Foster
THOMAS PERRILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Nash Thomas
TIFFANY WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Brianna Plum
TRIPLE A FORD COMPETITION: 4th place, Kyle Hilling, Stephen Moreland
TRENTON MEMORIAL: Kayla Anderson, Nicole Spindler
TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Cassandra Liston, Cassandra Fultz
VALLEY DISTRICT PTA: Heidi Newcome, Travis Petak
VALLEY SPORTSMAN CLUB: Harlin Wolfe, Racheal Hulett, Sara Layman
WM & BARBARA KNOTTS WOLFE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Alexis Larew
WV CTE HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION HOSA SCHOLARSHIP: Nicole Lawless
DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE: Shanice Foster, Brandy Davis
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN: Melanie Hines, Damien Cricks
POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE: Jacob Nichols, Harlin Wolfe, Lewis Vicinus
WEST LIBERTY COLLEGE: Shana Shafer, Chandel Sigley
WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY: Nicholas Robertson and Whitney Workman, Presidential Scholars; Mollie Monroe, Dean's Scholar
WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN: Emma Clarkson, Racheal Hulett, Emily Jenkins, Kimberlyn Ramsey, Karli Ridenour, Rex Rosenberger
WVU PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS: Samantha Blossom, Cassandra Liston
WVU RHODENDRON SCHOLARS: Kara Cobun, Matthew Scheffel, Joseph Schmidl, Austin Shahan
WVU MOUNTAINEER SCHOLARS: Kayla Anderson, Charles Fultz, Emily Harmon, Logan Jones, Kimberlyn Ramsey
WVU SHENANDOAH SCHOLARS: Samantha Anderson, Chelsie Barker, Dylan Bowers, Matthew Clark, Angelina Dewitt, Rebecca Hagedorn, Kyle Hilling, Tavien Hovatter, Maria Johnson, Renae Kuhn, Chandel Sigley, Nicole Spindler, Rachael Taylor
WVU ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS: Mary Belan, Joshua Taylor, Adrian Witte
WVU ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT: Joseph Schmidl
WVU VALEDICTORIAN AWARD: Cassandra Liston
HSTA: Chelsie Barker, Kara Cobun, Casey Chidester, Rex Rosenberger, Shana Shafer, Chandel Sigley, Amber Williams
PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS: Samantha Anderson, Kayla Anderson, Samantha Ash, Samantha Blossom, Dylan Bowers, Brandon Carr, Matthew Clark, Emma Clarkson, Kara Cobun, Angelina Dewitt, Jalin Dixon, Charles Fultz, Cassie Fultz, Rebecca Hagedorn, Emily Harmon, Kyle Hilling, Emily Jenkins, Maria Johnson, Logan Jones, Renae Kuhn, Cassandra Liston, Brittany Louk, Patricia Marthey, Hayley Miller, Mollie Monroe, Heidi Newcome, Jacob Nichols, Kimberlyn Ramsey, Kyleen Reckart, Nicholas Robertson, Rex Rosenberger, Matthew Scheffel, Joseph Schmidl, Peter Schwarzenberg, Shana Shafer, Austin Shahan, Chandel Sigley, Nicole Spindler, Rachael Taylor, Joshua Taylor, Ashley Uphold, Kiersten White, Bethany Wiles, Michael Wilson, Adrian Witte, Whitney Workman

Preston High

‘We’re proud of every one of you’

Class of 2012 received more than $1.8M in scholarships, awards

BY MICHELLE WOLFORD
The Dominion Post

KINGWOOD — Among the many proud parents at Preston High School’s commencement ceremony Friday were a couple who wondered 18 years ago if their children would even see kindergarten.

David and Lynn Shahan, of Kingwood, were about as happy and sad as two parents could be as twins Austin and Ashli Shahan, 18, said goodbye to Preston High and hello to the rest of their lives.

Austin qualified for the PROMISE scholarship, and received a WVU Rhododendron Scholarship. He plans to study computer science and computer engineering. Ashli will attend MTEC to become a licensed practical nurse, with her sights set on being a registered nurse.

Their futures were not always so bright. Born nearly four months prematurely, the two barely topped three pounds combined. The twins’ early days were spent in a neonatal intensive care unit where they faced slim odds of survival.

But they did survive, and on Friday, they marched across Knights Field to collect their high school diplomas.

Their mother, Lynn, fought back tears. “They started out such tiny babies fighting for life and have turned out to be such great young adults. There are not enough words to express how proud of them I am,” she said.

“It’s bittersweet,” she said, “having them graduating, but moving on.”

Dad, David Shahan, called the pair “my little miracles.”

“It is hard to believe they are all grown up now. I pray they have long and healthy lives and that they achieve their dreams,” he said.

The Shahan were just one set of proud parents of the 302 Preston High graduates. The stadium was packed with them.

Randy Monroe, of Arthurdale, was there to see his daughter, Mollie, graduate. He said he was glad the weather cooperated, so entire families could attend. “I couldn’t be more proud of her,” he said. Mollie, who received a PROMISE scholarship, will study education at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Bill and Terri Robertson, of Kingwood, said their son, Nicholas, would also attend Wheeling Jesuit. He’ll run track there. “He’s fifth in his class,” Terri Robertson said. “We’re real proud of him. I can’t believe he’s old enough to be graduating.”

Superintendent of Schools Larry Parsons said the 2012 graduates were special, collecting more than $1.8 million in scholarships and awards, “and succeeding and accomplishing at a high level. We’re proud of every one of you and what you’ve accomplished.”

“Each year in West Virginia, 8,500 student students drop out of school. You did not. Seventeen percent in Preston County drop out. You did not,” he told the students. “You are special.”

Class President Emily Harmon talked about the importance of “that thick piece of paper with fancy letters” and encouraged her classmates to find their purpose and fulfill it. “I can’t wait to see what everyone becomes,” she told them.

Valedictorian Cassandra Liston said she set the goal of valedictorian early in life “and I know about sacrifice and hard work. It always pays off in the end.” She reminded the graduates of their class motto: “The world is not ending; we are just taking over.”

“The world is not ending. It’s just beginning for us.”

Justin Sisler gives a thumbs up to the crowd during Preston High School’s graduation ceremony.