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*From left to right, back row: Kellie Gore, Katherine Chesnutt, Amy Miller, Amanda Price Ormsby, Mary Neal Henson, and Harriett Stepuch.
Front row: Kelley Wilson, Teresa Bentley, Gina Holste, Kim Shields, and Hunter Wall.*

11 Teachers Receive Funding from Watauga Education Foundation and Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation and The Watauga Education Foundation (WEF) have awarded 2010 Price-Deverick Scholarships to 11 teachers in the Watauga County Schools. Teachers receiving the awards include Teresa Bentley of Parkway, Katherine Chesnutt and Mary Neal Henson of Watauga High School and Hardin Park, Kellie Gore of Watauga High School, Gina Holste and Harriett Stepuch of Valle Crucis, Amy Miller from Mabel, Amanda Price Ormsby of Blowing Rock, and Kim Shields, Christina Wall, and Kelley Wilson of Hardin Park.

“These educators are working to improve their knowledge, skills, and certification,” said WEF allocations committee chair Emily Greene. “We are delighted to be able to help them achieve their goals.”

The Price-Deverick scholarship program for teacher development was initiated in 1993 by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (BREMCO) to help improve the educational opportunities in Watauga County Schools. BREMCO invited the Watauga Education Foundation (WEF) to join forces with them in this endeavor in 1997.

The scholarships are named for the late Barbara Deverick and Gwyn B. Price, former Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation leaders and champions of education.

“Our partnership with Blue Ridge Electric has funded more than \$60,000 worth of teacher scholarships!” noted WEF President Jay Fenwick. “We know that students will ultimately benefit when our teachers are successful.”

The Watauga Education Foundation has raised and distributed more than \$1 million for students and teachers since 1987. In addition to supporting the Price Deverick scholarships, the WEF also awards grants for creative teaching projects, funds supplies for Battle of the Books and Jr. Battle of the Books, and produces Shooting Stars, the annual juried talent show for WCS visual and performing arts students.

This year, the Foundation will award its first college scholarship through the Kate Swift Reese Endowment. It will also establish the Imagination Library in Watauga County. Imagination Library will provide new books free of charge to children from birth to age 5, giving young children exposure to the world of books before starting school. More information about Imagination Library is available online at www.imaginationlibrary.com.

To learn more about the WEF, visit their website at www.wefnc.org.