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The Orchard At Altapass Receives CFWNC Grant

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Mitchell County

The Orchard at Altapass is pleased to announce the receipt of a $2,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, Fund for Mitchell County. The monies will help the Orchard recognize the Scots-Irish heritage of our Appalachian region by holding an annual celebration beginning this year. Funds will be used to create an exhibit showcasing the history of the Great Migration. In partnership with the Mitchell County Historical Society, the kiosk will illustrate the legacy of the thousands of immigrants who traveled across the Atlantic to seek a better life in America. We are grateful to CFWNC for acknowledging our project's worth.

"We are very excited about initiating this annual event on the first Sunday of June," said executive director Beth Hilton. "Over the coming years, we hope that Pipes on the Parkway will become a much-enjoyed tradition in the community; not unlike the Altapass Orchard over almost two and a half decades. We're grateful to the Foundation for recognizing the Orchard and its work to save the good stuff and preserve the heritage of this region."

The Orchard at Altapass, 1025 Orchard Road near Spruce Pine at mile 328.3 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, is a not-for-profit working small batch heirloom apple orchard, educational, and music venue. We reopen on May 13, 2023. For information about Orchard programs and opportunities, please visit www.altapassorchard.org.

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It's the same with bitterness and resentment. It took me a long time to get past the point of thinking, "Someone owes me." I was bitter and angry about my past, and I ended up taking it out on the people around me, trying to "collect" from those who had no way of paying me back.

I had to decide to let go of my anger and resentment and trust God to restore what I had lost. He alone could make wrong things right…in His way and in His timing.

Whatever you've gone through or wherever you are today, your pain doesn't have the final say in your life. God can take any situation and turn it around for His good.

If your life is a fragmented mess, let Jesus gather up the pieces. Be determined to maintain a positive, grateful attitude, focusing on God's blessings and the great things He is doing in your life.

As you do, your pain will become someone else's gain, your mess will become your message, and what you've walked through will help to bring someone else to their miracle. You'll have a life of beauty, joy, and gratitude for all God has done!

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