# **2017 Community Impact Report**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES -> DRAMATIC RESULTS



# - PANGAEA IMPACT 2017 - **Partnerships**



Public/private partnerships have provided the necessary puzzle pieces to create this state-of-the-art network and dramatic community impact.



Wi-Fi usage has far exceeded expectations. The original target was 18,000 annual users. Since the project inception in 2015, more than 600,000 users have accessed the networks.

PANGAEA public Wi-Fi is available in many downtown areas of Polk & Rutherford counties including Harmon Field and Lake Lure beach.

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# **Community Impact**

### WHO WE SERVE



50+
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



35 K-12 SCHOOLS & COLLEGE CAMPUSES



6 LIBRARIES



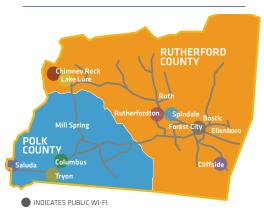
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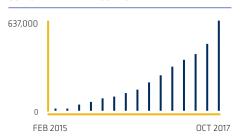
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COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS



### **NETWORK AREA**



# **CUMULATIVE WI-FI USERS**





Since 2013, PANGAEA Internet has awarded more than \$10,000 in fiber splicing scholarship funds and customer installation grants.

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# **Polk County, North Carolina**



The difference is like night and day for us Lee Lindsay, Steps to Hope, Columbus



PANGAEA has always been a rock solid, reliable internet solution

Bruce Yelton, Polk County Government, Columbus



My metropolitan colleagues are quite surprised with what we have in our rural area Scott Warren,

Scott Warren, CooperRiis, Inc., Mill Spring



PANGAEA has changed the way we do business

Kevin Johnson, Wayne Wire Die Co., Columbus



In a day when vendors rarely treat customers with even good customer support, Ken and Stu displayed great care and excellent customer support

Jason Sain, St. Luke's Hospital, Columbus



Best thing we ever did was switch to PANGAEA Internet

Dave Miller, Gospel Express Ministries, Columbus



### - PANGAFA IMPACT 2017 -

# **Rutherford County, North Carolina**



As a healthcare provider, we rely on connectivity 24/7; with PANGAEA we have never experienced an outage

John Cilone, FairHaven Nursing Home, Bostic



PANGAEA has truly increased our productivity and connections with the customers we serve throughout the United States

Kyle Hankinson, KCH Engineered Systems, Forest City



PANGAEA has provided a very high standard for uptime and quality of service for our business.

Richard Hendricks, Tanner Companies, LLC, Rutherfordton www.doncaster.com



Our decision to work with PANGAEA Internet has been an incredible experience and we couldn't be more pleased

Staff & Owners, Green River Plantation, Rutherfordton



Connectivity is excellent and the speed is fast

Charles Burgess, Burgess-Pittman & Co. of Keller Williams, Butherfordton



After a power surge, Ken had us back to full flow in just minutes; that's what I call service

Dr. Scott Rash, Breakthrough Chiropractic, Soindale



Within three days PANGAEA Internet installed a 1GB connection for the Tryon International Equestrian Center's (TIEC's) new steeplechase location, which hosted the 71st annual event.

The new Columbus, NC location drew more than 9,000 spectators. PANGAEA Internet now serves five TIEC locations.

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# **Board of Directors / Staff**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Jim Edwards
PRESIDENT
2017 saw good progress in
PANGAEA's network speed
and reliability through
strategic equipment and
network investments



Joe Crowder SECRETARY Incredibly reliable fiber optic service delivered by a dedicated and knowledgeable staff



Harry Grymes TREASURER Providing reliable "light speed" connectivity to power your business enterprise



STAFF

Ron Walters EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Community leadership, invaluable partnerships, tremendous staff = amazing results



Stu Davidson
OPERATIONS
DIRECTOR
Direct fiber connection
results in superior
service



Jeff Byrd DIRECTOR Small towns, rural counties, with world class bandwidth



Steve Garrison DIRECTOR Enhancing economic growth via reliable and dependable highspeed fiber



Marche Pittman DIRECTOR The service that we receive from PANGAEA helps us make government faster and more effective for the citizens of Polk County



Ken Griffin
NETWORK ENGINEER
Our enterprise grade fiber
bandwidth and reliability
will future-proof your
infrastructure



Carolyn Whitehead OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Dedicated service provided by dedicated people



Russ Pitts DIRECTOR Enabling affordable, reliable, high-speed internet in Western North Carolina

# MISSION

To deliver affordable, reliable connectivity and services for our region that will enhance economic development, improve the quality of life, and create a broad platform of innovation enabling underserved areas.



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