

***Michael Whalton*** is originally from Key West, Florida where, in the 1980s, he was the general manager of Sloppy Joe's Bar and the founder of the Hemingway Days Festival. He and his wife Susan moved to Hedgesville, in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, 24 years ago and have lived quietly on a 54-acre farm ever since. Over the past 26 years the Whalton's have adopted two children, rescued dozens of dogs and cats, and renovated several historic properties. Michael served on the board of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation for 10 years and worked as part-time executive director of the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, Virginia, from 2005 until 2011. He earned his RBA from Shepherd University in 2005 and his MBA in 2008. In April 2012, Michael was chosen to succeed Amy Owen as executive director of the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Martinsburg, a Paul Harris Fellow, serves on the board of Philanthropy West Virginia, and is an alumnus of Leadership Jefferson.