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Stephanie Hanchey
President of the Board of Governors

Little Ark Baptist Church Receives 25th Anniversary Preservation Grant

The Community Foundation is excited to announce Little Ark Baptist Church as its first 25th-anniversary grant recipient. The \$25,000 grant will allow the historically Black church to restore its cemetery. In 1942, railroad construction sanctioned by the U.S. government divided the cemetery boundaries.

"This project is as meaningful to our community as it is to the Church and its congregation. It embodies the Foundation's commitment to create an accessible, inclusive, and sustainable community," says Stephanie Hanchey, President of the Board of Governors.

Little Ark Baptist Church is a historically Black church, located in King George, Virginia. The church's cemetery is home to several congregants' ancestors, many of whom gained their freedom in 1876, the same year the Church was established.

The U.S. Navy surveyed a rail line route through Stafford and King George, in the 1930s, to the station at Dahlgren. In 1942, a nearing world war prompted the government to seize the land for railroad construction. The new railway divided the church's cemetery and claimed approximately 25% of the church's property.



Little Ark Baptist Church and The Community Foundation board members celebrate the giving and receiving of the 25th Anniversary Preservation Grant.

In 1957, the Navy concluded operations and the railroad lay dormant until 1995 when it became a recreational trail, known today as Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail.

The Foundation's 25th anniversary grant supports Little Ark Baptist Church and its partners as they reroute the trail, restore the cemetery to its original condition, and build physical buffers to support dignified burial, visitation, and maintenance requirements in perpetuity.

Through 2023, The Community Foundation will grant an additional \$100,000 with four more \$25,000 grants, throughout the year in celebration of 25 years of advocating for philanthropy in the Rappahannock River region.

The next funding cycle opened on September 26 and is open to animal welfare and environmental nonprofits.

To apply visit cfrrr.org/apply.

Increase Your Tax Credits While Increasing Access to Education



The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit (EISTC) program assists students from low and middle-income families in paying for non-public school education.

Individuals and businesses who contribute to this scholarship program may be eligible

to receive a 65% state tax credit for their donation and may also receive a deduction for charitable contributions on both federal and state income taxes.*

Donors can give to the program year-round. Reach out to Ashley McNeil to learn more about the easy, streamlined donation process.



Learn more about making an eligible charitable contribution by contacting Ashley McNeil, Manager of Programs and Special Initiatives at 540-373-9292 or ashley.mcneil@cfrrr.org

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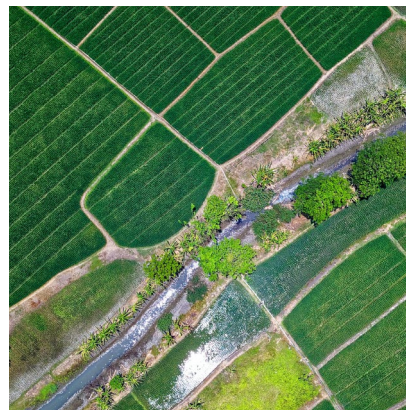
The Community Foundation is uniquely qualified to accept non-cash assets as charitable donations. For some donors, non-cash assets might even provide enhanced tax advantages.

A non-cash asset can be anything from real estate, art collections, publicly traded stock, business interests, cryptocurrency, and more. Non-cash assets are a great way for donors to maximize their philanthropy.

To learn more about donating non-cash assets and tax savings connect us with your professional advisor.

Learn more by contacting Teri McNally, Executive Director, at 540.373.9292 or terimcnally@cfrrr.org.

Stay up to date on unique charitable donation opportunities by subscribing to our eNews at www.cfrrr.org.



Investing in their Future: Over \$160,000 Awarded in Student Scholarships

This June, The Community Foundation awarded more than \$160,000 in scholarship funds to 51 area students. This is made possible by local philanthropists who entrust their scholarship funds to The Community Foundation. Today, the foundation manages 46 scholarship funds on behalf of generous individuals and families who are passionate about investing in our region's students.

Congratulations to the 39 graduating seniors from the class of 2022 and the 12 college students who were awarded renewal scholarships. We are thankful for the generous donors and volunteers who make this program possible.

The Community Foundation is honored to steward the following scholarships:

The Baron P. "Deuce" Braswell II Memorial Scholarship Fund
 The Betty Booker Lontz Scholarship Fund
 The Betty Merrill Scholarship for Excellence in Latin
 The Bill Lontz Science Scholarship Fund
 The Brandon Thomas Lawn Memorial Scholarship Fund
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 The Como Farm Scholarship Fund
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Nilofar Fatahiyar, recipient of the Como Farm and Kay Orr Memorial Scholarships.

The Nuckols Family UVA Law Scholarship in Honor of Gary M. Nuckols
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 The Sofia Silva Scholarship Fund
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 The Walton Mahon Scholarship Fund
 The William and Susanna Botts Scholarship for Immigrants Fund



The Haven Make A Difference Fund Grant for Environmental Science Programming



James Monroe High School students measure water quality with tools funded by the Haven Make a Difference Fund.



In 2021, Haven Make a Difference Fund supported two science-based programs at James Monroe High School and Lafayette Elementary School.

This fund has an 11-year grant history and was established to benefit public schools in Fredericksburg.

The program at James Monroe High School (JMHS), provided water quality field activities and allowed Friends of the Rappahannock to partner with JMHS to provide professional development sessions for environmental science and biology science department staff. Science equipment purchased by the grant made it possible for JMHS students to collect, observe, and analyze water and biological samples.

The program is helping JMHS fulfill the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) educational goal to, “enable students in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed”.

The fund also supported “Planting Seeds of Knowledge” at Lafayette Elementary School. Two functional, multi-age special education classrooms learned about the plant cycle, parts of the plant, growing seasons, and how to grow their own

plants. Downtown Greens partnered with teachers and provided lesson plans. Throughout the 7-month program, the sensory experience of gardening engaged non-verbal students and complemented IEP goals.



“Planting Seeds of Knowledge” students at Lafayette Elementary School.

New Professional Development Series for Local Nonprofits

Nonprofit Leadership Workshop Timeline

Equity Journey of Team Organization

October 27, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Discussion Group for Executive Directors

Understanding the Meaning of Equity*

November 1, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Shared Leadership

January 11, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Designed for Executive Directors

Grant Writing

February 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
4-hour session, lunch included

Building a Board Pipeline

March 22, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Creating a Vibrant Board Culture

April 26, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Discussion Group for Executive Directors and Board Chairs

Five Components of a Strategic Annual Fundraising Plan

May 24, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Workshop Location:

Workforce & Technology Center,
Room 105
Germanna Community College
10000 Germanna Point Drive
Fredericksburg, Virginia
22408

This fall, The Community Foundation is introducing a new monthly professional development series to support regional nonprofits.

In partnership with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Germanna Community College, the foundation hosted the first workshop, 'New Era in Talent Development', on September 22.

Upcoming complimentary workshops will cover topics such as grant writing, board recruitment, human resources, DEI, and fundraising.

Learn more about the foundation's work to strengthen the nonprofit sector and register for sessions on our website at cfr.org/nonprofit-leadership-workshops/.

Thank you to the donors who have made this series possible:

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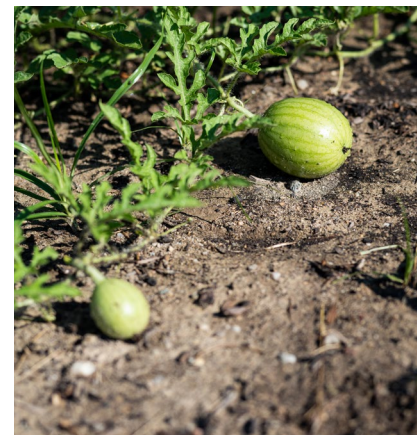


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The Bragg Hill Community Garden is in Full Bloom



A community member waters garden plots containing flowers and produce.



The Fredericksburg Food and Flower Garden at Bragg Hill is in full bloom and providing access to garden plots for community members of the Bragg Hill neighborhood.

The community garden, outdoor community space, and wildflower meadow is a collaborative effort by the University of Mary Washington's Center for Community Engagement, UMW Ecology Club, the Bragg Hill Family Life Center, and the City of Fredericksburg.

Nearly 2 years ago, in November 2020, the Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund of The Community Foundation supported the

project through a \$7,000 grant. This fund, established in April 2010, has granted over \$1.5 million to regional nonprofits to promote recreational opportunities, benefit our region's youth, and advance local historic and cultural preservation.

This Fredericksburg Food and Flower Garden at Bragg Hill creates new recreational opportunities in the neighborhood and increases residents' access to meaningful outdoor experiences. It also produces nutritious and fresh food for residents, which is especially important due to the high rates of food insecurity in the region. Additionally, the project includes a picnic area and community space for the enjoyment of area residents. Several Garden Talk programs will engage local youth and families and support

their participation. The shared garden is cultivated by UMW students, with the goal of making freshly grown produce available for free to members of the community. Youth thrive when given access to nature, healthy foods, and community connections. And studies show that gardening is a highly beneficial form of exercise for older adults. The wildflower meadow adjacent to the garden created an attractive area to visit with the added benefit of creating a habitat for beneficial pollinator insects and reducing erosion.

Leading Our Work

As the new fiscal year begins, the Foundation welcomes the following local leaders to its Board of Governors: Addison Pock, Jennifer McGovern, Kimberly Young, Kristin Shield, and William Bolden.

The Foundation is grateful for the dedication and board service of Stu Ashton, past

president of the Board of Governors; Dan Hansen, immediate past-treasurer; Carolyn Irwin; and John McManus, past president.

Stephanie Hanchey of King George will serve as president, alongside Executive Committee members Paul Giambra, president-elect; Andrew Grossnickle,

treasurer; Sharon Schmidt; secretary; and Ben Maxwell, immediate past president. We look forward to 2023 and are grateful for a generous and trustworthy Board to oversee the foundation's governance.

New Board Members



Addison Pock
Senior Wealth Advisor,
PBMAres



Jennifer McGovern
Attorney,
Parrish Snead Franklin
Simpson, PLC



Kimberly Young
Associate Provost for Career
and Workforce, University of
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Sharon Schmidt
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Thank You Ring in the Holidays Sponsors

Theme Sponsor



The Foundation's annual "Ring in the Holidays" fundraiser has ushered in Fredericksburg's festive season for years.

The sold-out fundraiser provides critical operating support for the Foundation.

'Ring in the Holidays is more than a party. It's essential to the Foundation's mission

Save the Date!
Ring in the Holidays
is back
November 30, 2022

and enables us to work as advocates for our region," says Executive Director Teri McNally. "We are overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support of both longstanding and new donors to the year-end campaign in 2022."

Thank you to the many individuals, families, and businesses who supported the mission and work of the Foundation this year.

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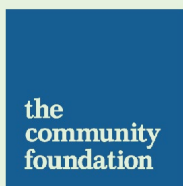
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