

# Foundation News

Newsletter  
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The Community Foundation of the  
Rappahannock River Region

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## A Transformative Gift



**"We're happy to pass it [the fund] on to The Community Foundation because it's a perfect fit. It's time for a younger generation to become its steward so that the fund can continue to support the community as we've always done."**

**Sam Harding,  
President  
Fredericksburg Savings  
Charitable Foundation**



The Community Foundation has accepted the largest donation in its 24-year history. The Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation moved its \$13 million private assets to The Community Foundation as an unrestricted fund.

"This fund transfer is a testament to where we have come as a community foundation, responsible for carrying out the charitable wishes of our many donors in perpetuity," said Executive Director Teri McNally.

Established in 1998, the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation has donated over \$12 million to community organizations. Last year, it contributed \$691,000 to nearly 80 local nonprofits.

This summer, The Community Foundation is preparing to continue this legacy by

opening applications to regional nonprofits (July 2021). The Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation Fund will continue its legacy of supporting nonprofits that focus on community development, housing assistance and education, as well as medical facilities, historic and cultural organizations and civic-minded projects.

The Community Foundation is a trusted philanthropic leader in our region, as an administrator of more than 170 funds and with assets of over \$45 million. Last year, the foundation awarded \$2.3 million in grants and scholarships to local nonprofits and students.

With this transformative gift, the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation Fund will support local nonprofits forever—an example of the power of charitable giving for generations to come.

## Behind the Scenes of a Transformative Gift

The recent transfer of assets from the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation illustrates the crucial role that attorneys, accountants and financial advisors play in helping clients support the causes they care about.

Professional advisors are a great resource for the foundation and donors because they understand the many ways generous individuals can establish a fund, make a donation or even plan for future giving. The Community Foundation is able to accept a

wide variety of gifts: cash, securities, real estate, life insurance, and other complex assets. Talk to your financial advisor about the best way for you to support The Community Foundation and meet your charitable goals.



"It was my pleasure to provide financial reporting and tax services to the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation for the past 20 years. With the confidence I have in The Community Foundation, it was very easy for me to suggest this was the most appropriate way to perpetuate the legacy of Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation and ensure the annual financial support to our communities. I view this as a win-win for everyone."

Keith Wampler, CPA, CVA  
Partner, Chairman of the Board  
PBMares LLP



"Our firm focused on the necessary legal steps including the consents and documentation needed to transfer the funds from the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation to The Community Foundation. We were pleased to assist because the transfer benefits the community and meets the long-term desires of the donors."

John McManus  
Managing Partner  
Hirschler Law



"It was time for us to ensure that the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation's goals could be carried out for years to come. The Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation was established to benefit the local community, so the organization best suited to carry out its goals was The Community Foundation. It was an ideal solution, allowing the Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation fund to continue the good work it was set up to do."

O'Conor Ashby  
Partner  
Willis & Ashby

# Estate Planning: a Legacy of Giving

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**Call Teri McNally at 540.373.9292 to begin the planning process, ensuring that your estate will support the issues and charities you care about most.**

Michele and her children  
Bijan, Ky and Gage

The Community Foundation is your partner in strategic philanthropy. The foundation has many resources to help generous individuals through this process and works directly with various attorneys, accountants, planners and advisors to find the best strategy for each of our donors.

Michele Mansouri, 2020-2021 President of the Board of Governors, recently updated her will and included a gift to The Community Foundation to set an example of community philanthropy for her children.

"My parents and grandparents were very charitable, not just monetarily, but with

their time. My grandparents volunteered in nursing homes most of my life, and my dad was very involved with rehabilitation in the prison system. They set a wonderful example for me that I hope to pass on to my children. However, until recently they were never really comfortable discussing their estate planning. I remember asking questions and feeling as though it was very taboo. I have decided to have a very different approach with my children. We have had very open and honest discussions about my will and estate planning for many years now. Just as before, when I recently made changes, I met with them and explained my plans, and gave them an opportunity to ask questions

and discuss. I want to make it easy for my kids to fulfill my wishes. I included The Community Foundation—specifically the Women and Girls Fund—in my estate planning because I believe it's important to care for our community, even after we're gone. I also believe we still have a way to go in the fair and equal treatment of women in our society. I hope to set an example for my children, maybe even future grandchildren, that they will continue that work. "

Michele Mansouri, President  
2020 - 2021 Board of Governors

## Apply for a Grant

**Stay up to date on grants and news by subscribing to our eNews. Follow us on social media and visit our website [cfrrr.org](http://cfrrr.org).**

Eligible nonprofits are invited to apply for upcoming grant opportunities this spring and summer. Visit [cfrrr.org/grants](http://cfrrr.org/grants) for information on eligibility, grant requirements and additional funding opportunities.

For more information contact Casey Hu, Director of Donor Services, at [casey.hu@cfrrr.org](mailto:casey.hu@cfrrr.org).

**The Fredericksburg Savings Charitable Foundation Fund**

**Opens July 1, 2021  
Closes August 16, 2021**

**The Trust for Public Education IV Fund (Spotsylvania County Public Schools)**

**Opens September 12, 2021  
Closes October 12, 2021**

**The Haven Make a Difference Fund (Fredericksburg City Public Schools)**

**Opens September 14, 2020  
Closes October 15, 2021**

**The Community Relief Grant Phase III**

**Opens September 20, 2021  
Closes October 25, 2021**



# Local Nonprofits Reimagine Their Future

After an unprecedented and challenging year, The Community Foundation is identifying opportunities to help develop long-term and sustainable capacity-building initiatives for nonprofit organizations across our region. The foundation has engaged 22 nonprofit executives in an eight-month Nonprofit Leadership Cohort, led in partnership with Floricane, a Richmond-based consulting firm.

In a post-pandemic environment, nonprofit organizations are uniquely positioned to recalibrate and work collaboratively to envision a stronger, healthier and united future for the nonprofit sector.

Nonprofit leaders will focus on the changing landscape of the region, mapping key areas of opportunity and identifying short and long-term challenges. The program concludes in November 2021, with a shared vision of the future for both the sector and the region.

## Local nonprofits participating in the Leadership Cohort program:

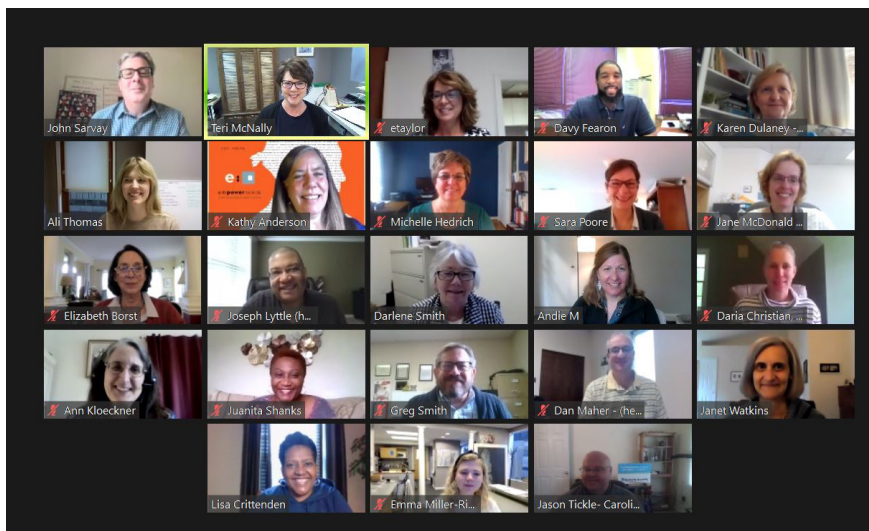
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Central Virginia Housing Coalition  
Empowerhouse  
FAHASS - Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services  
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**The Nonprofit Leadership Cohort was made possible thanks to the generous support of the Robert Cullen O'Neill Memorial Fund and an anonymous philanthropist.**



*"Leading under unprecedented circumstances this year was daunting personally and professionally. The Nonprofit Leadership Cohort is allowing me to re-energize, re-focus and re-engage with my peers. I'm truly excited to gain insight on how to leverage my strengths as a leader, and become more consciously aware of how I meet the needs of my organization, staff and community."*

Lisa Crittenden, Executive Director  
Loisann's Hope House



Nonprofit leaders gather over Zoom



*"I arrived in Fredericksburg in January to begin my work, so participating in this leadership formation allows me to meet and collaborate with other non-profit leaders around the region. This will help build bridges with non-profit colleagues for years to come."*

Dan Maher, President & CEO  
Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank

# One Year Later: COVID-19 Pandemic and Nonprofits

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More than one year since businesses, schools and nonprofits were forced to close, many of these organizations are beginning to reopen.

In fall 2020, The Community Foundation awarded \$171,310 in the second phase of its Community Relief Fund grants. Phase II grants were awarded to local nonprofits meeting the unforeseen challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants assisted these essential organizations in providing critical services, adapting to evolving needs and responding to increased demands for their services. Since its activation in March 2020, the Community Relief Fund has distributed over \$619,685 to regional nonprofit organizations.

The Community Relief Fund is made possible by generous donations from individuals, families and businesses in Fredericksburg, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. A full list of donors is available on our website.

**Make a difference. Consider donating to the Community Relief Fund or Nonprofit Leadership Cohort and join our efforts to strengthen the nonprofit sector in the Rappahannock River region.**



Karen Dulaney  
Executive Director  
Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic

"Like the rest of the nation, COVID-19 turned the clinic's world upside down, but unlike most places we can't shut down. Our low-income patients still must receive timely access to treatment to avoid devastating health effects. We used Phase I funds to purchase thermometers and blood pressure cuffs to distribute to our patients for home use. Combined with telephone visits and check-in calls, these devices allowed patients to monitor their symptoms and report back to the clinic's staff. Phase II funding purchased Plexiglas barriers for use at our reception and patient-facing areas. Along with keeping our patients safe, these barriers protect the clinic's staff and volunteers, especially when it's not possible to maintain physical distance."

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Michelle Hedrich  
Executive Director  
Big Brothers Big Sisters Greater  
Fredericksburg

"The timing of the Community Relief Fund grant was perfect because our event fundraising was down 50 percent, yet the children and their families whom we serve were facing even greater challenges due to COVID. Because we already have established relationships with the families, we are THE resource for them as they struggle with food insecurity, health issues, unstable housing—even technology issues associated with virtual schooling—and so much more. The grant helped our staff continue reaching out to the parents or grandparents of our 'Littles' on a weekly basis. And on top of all that, our 'Bigs' have continued to show up weekly to do something fun with our 'Littles.'"

It's so gratifying to know that people in the community care so much and want to make sure the nonprofits survive during these times."

# 2021 Scholarship Awards

One of the foundation's strategies for preserving and growing the quality of life in our region is supporting higher education for area students.

Generous individuals, families, companies and organizations establish scholarship funds to assist remarkable students throughout our region.

The Community Foundation currently administers more than forty scholarship funds, each with its own criteria determined by donors. All graduating high school seniors who are planning to attend a college or university are invited to apply. Many scholarships are also open to students pursuing a career, trade or technical education program or certification.



"I will be majoring in International Affairs at the University of Mary Washington. I intend to pursue a law degree after my undergraduate studies in hopes of becoming an immigration lawyer. As a first-generation immigrant and college student, I am indescribably honored to have received this scholarship award."

Amatul Musawir  
The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson  
Scholarship Fund



"Next year I will be attending Randolph-Macon College's nursing program. Nursing is something very close to my heart after watching my mom battle cancer. The encouragement from nurses inspired her to keep going and win the fight against cancer. I hope to embody the traits that these incredible nurses exemplified, and none of this would have been possible without your generosity."

Natalie Knoke  
The Douglas T. and Helen L. Gray Scholarship Fund

## The Community Foundation is honored to steward the following scholarships:

The Linda and Billy Beale Scholarship Fund  
The Craig "Cujo, Jr." Bennett Scholarship Fund  
The Mary E. Berger Scholarship Fund  
The William and Susanna Botts Scholarship Fund for Immigrants  
The Robert H. Bradley, Jr. Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund  
The Baron P. "Deuce" Braswell II Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund  
The Brian Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Como Farm Scholarship Fund  
The Christine and Will Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Mary Carter Frackelton Scholarship Fund  
The Molly Gill Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Douglas T. and Helen L. Gray Scholarship Fund  
The Jeremy Daniel Hawley Skilled Trades and Technical Education Fund  
The Richard C. Hayden Family Scholarship Fund  
The Peter D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The King George High School Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund  
The Brandon Thomas Lawn Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Betty Booker Lontz Scholarship Fund  
The Bill Lontz Science Scholarship Fund  
The Walton Mahon Scholarship Fund  
The Betty Merrill Scholarship for Excellence in Latin

The Irene A. Miller Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund  
The John C. Neal Scholarship Fund  
The Paul E. Neri Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Nuckols Family UVA Law Scholarship in Honor of Gary M. Nuckols  
The Kay Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Lee Wingate Pappandreou Drama Award  
The Rev. Douglas T. Pinkard Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Horace A. Revercomb, Jr. Scholarship for the Continuing Study of Music  
The Chris Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The George A. and Lucy Mae Scott Scholarship Fund  
The Seay Family Scholarship Fund  
The ShackLax Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Sofia Silva Scholarship Fund  
The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund for Colonial Forge  
The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship Fund for North Stafford  
The Crittenden R. Sullivan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The George D. Taylor Scholarship Fund  
The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund  
The Ira and Gladys West Scholarship Fund  
The Kenneth T. Whitescarver III Memorial Scholarship Fund  
The Clay and Elsie Williams Rural Conservation Scholarship Fund



# An Investment in Our Community's Future

**Interested in opening a scholarship fund to benefit our region's students? It's easy! Contact Ali Thomas at [ali.thomas@cfrrr.org](mailto:ali.thomas@cfrrr.org) or 540.373.9292 to learn more and open a fund today.**

**Thank you to all the members of the Scholarship Review Committee who read, rated, discussed and made recommendations for each fund.**

Ernest Ackermann	Nancy Collins	Jess Kujala
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**In 2021, over \$150,000 in scholarships were granted to students across the region.**

"I plan on attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and will major in architecture. Thank you so much for this opportunity."

Jeremiah Covington  
The Seay Family Scholarship Fund

## Kaeser Compressors' Commitment

The Community Foundation is grateful for the continued support of Kaeser Compressors, Inc. Each year, Kaeser Compressors donates funds to initiatives including scholarships for local students.

Whether you open your own fund or donate to an established fund, giving back to our region's youth provides a lasting legacy. Your contribution is more than just a financial donation; you provide inspiration

to a future generation—and help demonstrate the importance of philanthropy in our community. Thank you for giving back and making a difference.



Kaeser Compressors Staff

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# Thank You for Answering the Call

The foundation's annual Ring in the Holidays party has ushered in Fredericksburg's festive season for many 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 and enables us to work as advocates for our region," said Executive Director Teri McNally. "We were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic support of both longstanding and new donors to the year-end campaign in 2020."

Thank you to the many individuals, families and businesses who answered the call to support the mission and work of the foundation this year.

When your community needs you, you are there. Thank you!

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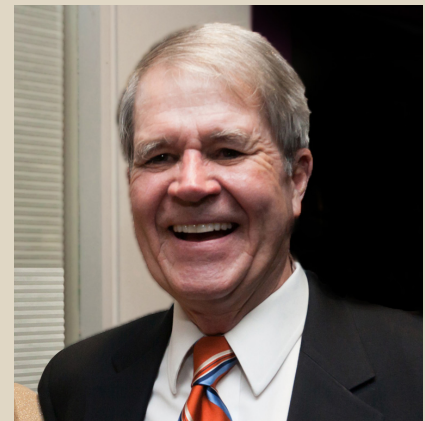
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Save the Date!  
Ring in the Holidays is  
back December 1, 2021

## Thanks also to these generous donors!

Martha and Rob Burke  
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"Over the years, I have increased my support for the foundation's end-of-year fundraising effort because I understand it is vital to cover the costs associated with their work."

John Cowan, Attorney  
Philanthropist and Lead Donor



"My husband Nathan and I know the good that The Community Foundation is doing in the region. I serve on other nonprofit boards and I see how the foundation has helped them. It is a cornerstone of our community."

Brooke Miller, Realtor  
Philanthropist, Platinum Donor, Fund Holder