Williamsburg COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Connection

Connecting people who care with causes that matter... forever.

Winter 2022

The Holbach-Hill Memorial Fund

Siblings Mary, Michael, and Douglas Hill and Deborah Anderson established the **Holbach-Hill Memorial Fund** to honor the memory of their parents and grandparents who had a long history of philanthropic giving. This endowed donoradvised fund will support the causes that the family cares about, assisting the working poor and providing healthcare for uninsured or underinsured families both today and long into the future.

The siblings see the fund as a way to demonstrate and pass along the legacy of giving that they inherited from their parents and grandparents. They remember their grandparents, Frank and Ruth Holbach, as not wealthy in the material sense, but having the most caring and generous hearts. Ruth worked with low-income moms to help them prepare healthy meals on a budget. There were doctor visits paid for and a needed bed

provided. If someone was sick, or arriving home with a new baby, meals were made and delivered. Bags of groceries were dropped off anonymously if they knew a family was struggling.



Frank and Ruth Holbach

"They were the most loving, kind, and joyful people." This example of caring for others was passed on to their parents, Donald and Patricia Hill who gave very



Donald and Patricia Hill

generously of their time and talent, serving on multiple committees in their church and generously supporting the Children's Advocacy Center in Texas. Donald and Patricia also felt that every child should have a bike. They would look through all the angel tree requests and ensure that every request for a bike was fulfilled. Some years there were only a few bikes and other years there were a few dozen, but the siblings remember that it brought their parents tremendous joy to play their part in bringing a smile to a child's face.

Through the **Holbach-Hill Memorial Fund**, the family tradition of "how can I help others help themselves" will continue with this generation. WCF is so grateful for this gift that will truly help fulfill our vision: A vibrant community with a commitment to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY: \$83,715 in FALL GRANTS

Health & Community Wellness

Child Development Resources, Inc. Community of Faith Mission, Inc. Dream Catchers Therapeutic Riding Center Grove Christian Outreach Center Lackey Clinic Literacy for Life Postpartum Support Virginia Williamsburg House of Mercy

Arts & Culture

Access Virginia I Am Me Initiative Foundation Williamsburg Players Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra **Senior Services**

FREE Foundation Respite of Williamsburg United Methodist Church

> **Environment & Conservation** Williamsburg Area Botanical Garden

> > **Children & Young Adults** Take the Journey Enterprises

Benjamin R. Altshuler Memorial Fund

The Arc of Greater Williamsburg Bacon Street Youth & Family Services BikeWalk Williamsburg Williamsburg Area Faith in Action





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GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHTS

Access Virginia received a grant to support the

Virginia Accessibility Program. This program provides open captioning and



audio description of performing art shows so that deaf, hard of hearing and blind, visually impaired persons can attend performances and experience the wonder of live entertainment at public facilities. In the 2022-2023 season, Access Virginia will provide this at all Williamsburg Players shows thus allowing many more of our community members the opportunity to enjoy a theatre production.

Williamsburg Area Botanical Garden

received a grant for new educational signage. The signs will guide visitors through the different habitats and



areas within the garden while also educating them about the ecological importance of each unique habitat. Located on two acres in Freedom Park, the garden showcases plants that support pollinators and wildlife, educates visitors about environmental conservation, and demonstrates sustainable gardening practices for a typical garden in the Virginia Peninsula area.

The Community of Faith Mission received a

grant to support the winter homeless shelter program.

These funds will help COFM provide bedding,



hygiene items, personal protective equipment, new shoes, printed materials, transportation, and over-the-counter medications at the host sites. The shelter is hosted by various local community churches and serves on average 110 individuals during the winter months.

Respite of Williamsburg United Methodist

Church received a grant from the Peggy J. Swain Memorial Fund to purchase two recliners and a rocking chair for its senior clients in the respite care program.

Respite Care provides social engagement



and stimulating activities for dependent seniors in a safe and secure setting to maximize their cognitive and social abilities while also providing time off for their care givers to allow them time for personal care to avoid burnout.



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WCF ANNOUNCES NEW TECHNOLOGY FUND



Since 2008, Van Ruckman has volunteered his expertise to assist the Foundation with its purchases of technology, staff training, websites, computer systems, email, and database management, saving the Foundation countless dollars. To honor his extraordinary commitment, a Field-of-Interest Fund has been established and will be known as the **Van Ruckman Fund for Technology, Technical Assistance and Training**. This fund will provide grants to

nonprofit organizations that will mirror the type of support that Van has provided to the Foundation: funding technology, technical assistance, and training for local nonprofit organizations. We are so grateful for Van's many years as a volunteer and hope that this fund will help other organizations the way that Van has so ably helped the Foundation. Thank you, Van for all that you do!

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