

## HELPING WOMEN TO THRIVE

Even as Scholarships have become a major focus of WCF, we have always struggled to find ways to support non-traditional students. Last year, Dian Calderone established the Economic Mobility Scholarship Fund to provide support for adults who are overcoming hardship and need technical skills in order to enter the workforce.

Foundation staff worked with Latisha's House, a safe house for female survivors of sex trafficking, to identify two recipients who have many barriers to furthering their education because of the hardships in their lives.



Dian Calderone

This scholarship fund was founded by Dian Calderone in honor of her mother. "Even though she was so busy with us, my mom was always volunteering," Dian shares, "sometimes she would even bring us with her." Dian realized that there aren't as many opportunities for financial aid for adults and decided to start this scholarship.

"Throughout my life people have always helped me," Dian explained, "I was in the right place and the right time and that's what led me to my job. But that's not the case for everyone, so I want this scholarship fund to help people who may not have that help."

Latisha's House provides long-term support to help women heal from their trauma and transition to a brighter future. Latisha's House founder Elizabeth Ameling explains. "We tell our clients, you've been given this financial gift, use it wisely and when you have the opportunity, pay it forward."

## ENRICHING LIVES OF LOCAL SENIORS

There are more organizations providing essential services to local residents than WCF has the unrestricted resources to support. Donors like Jill and Alex Guzman step in to fill that gap from their donor-advised funds. The Guzmans started the Guzman/Glassman Fund in honor of Jill's dad. "My dad has always inspired me to be a good steward of my money, so we wanted to make this fund in honor and in memory of him," said Jill. "We called Nancy and asked what organizations she wished they were able to support [through the competitive grant process] but didn't have the money to, and she told us about Tidewater Arts Outreach (TAO). We did more research and fell in love with their mission of bringing the arts to the people who need it." Jill shares, "After talking to Kate Powell, the Executive Director of TAO and visiting some events, we decided to work with them. My father loved music and since the fund was in honor of him it just made sense."

The Guzman Glassman Fund grant will support TAO initiatives that bring joy to older adults and those living in isolating circumstances. Free programs enhance their well-being through creative engagement with music, visual arts, performing arts, poetry, and literature.



Jill Guzman, Kate Powell of TAO,  
and Alex Guzman

**For more information about establishing your personal Fund, contact WCF.**

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## YOUR GIFTS AT WORK: \$96,433 in FALL GRANTS

### Health & Community Wellness

Bacon Street Youth and Family Services  
Edmarc, Inc.  
F.R.E.E Foundation  
Lackey Clinic

### Arts & Culture

I Am Me Initiative Foundation

### Senior Services

Grove Christian Outreach Center  
Tidewater Arts Outreach  
Williamsburg Area Meals on Wheels

### Environment & Conservation

Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master  
Naturalists  
James River Association  
Virginia Capital Trail Foundation

### Children & Young Adults

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula  
Colonial CASA, Inc.  
The Youth Aeronautics Educational Foundation

### Economic Mobility

BikeWalk Williamsburg  
Community of Faith Mission, Inc.  
HEAT Foundation  
Operation Love, Inc.

### Benjamin R. Altshuler Memorial Fund

3e Restoration, Inc.  
Avalon Center  
Faith in Action Williamsburg, Inc.  
Faith Recovery  
Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc.

### Capacity Building Grants

Real People Educating Others  
Rob Till Community Garden

*Many Thanks to our Fall Grant Lunch  
Sponsor!*



**Save the Date!**

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND CAMPAIGN KICKOFF**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

**5:00 – 6:30**

**Williamsburg Community Building**

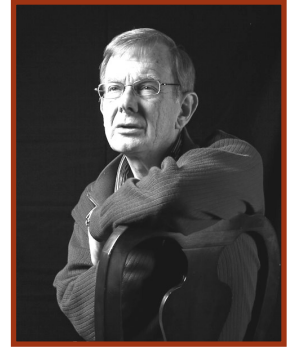
We will be drawing 10 attendees' names  
who will each select a local nonprofit to receive a surprise \$2,500 grant!  
Formal invitation to follow.

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## GROWING THE COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

### Robinsons Establish Fund to Maximize Impact

Having lived in Williamsburg for nearly 20 years, Cherry and Eddie Robinson were aware of WCF's impact through their service on other nonprofit boards. "Recently, I was approached by Corrine Garland and Lori Conen. It was following those conversations that I decided to become more involved with WCF," said Eddie. That growing interest prompted Eddie to join the Finance and Investment Committee.



Eddie Robinson

With their awareness that unrestricted funds are the heart of its community grantmaking program, Cherry and Eddie Robinson decided to establish their own named fund. "After looking at possible gifting options, my conclusion was that I wanted to give to the community in general, rather than any one specific aspect of it," said Eddie. "I also realized that despite living here for many years my knowledge of how to best allocate those funds was not adequate. I concluded that the creation of an unrestricted Community Endowment Fund with WCF was the best solution."

Grants from the Cherry and Eddie Robinson Community Endowment Fund will be used to support changing local needs in perpetuity. "All my research confirmed that WCF does a wonderful job in determining an appropriate level of funds to allocate, and then distributing them in an optimal manner to help the community - certainly way better than I could do myself."

"I would also encourage everyone to donate to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign in 2024 to increase endowed funds and grow grant making capability."

#### Four Ways You Can Help

1. Set up your own named fund. It's simple and can be done before year's end.
2. Support your favorite area of interest, such as Arts & Culture.
3. Make a gift to the Annual Fund to underwrite our work.
4. Contribute to the W-JCC Scholarship Fund to support local students.

# Proud to support

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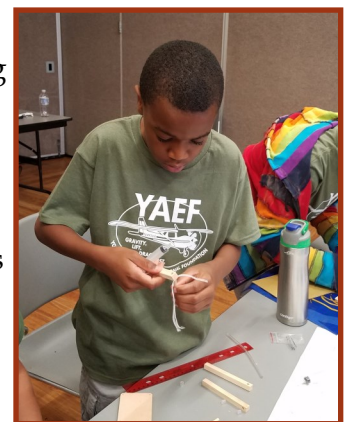
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## DEVELOPING THE WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW

Growing up in northern New Jersey, Samuel Billings was always fascinated by the planes that flew out of the airport near his house. He dreamed of flying one but due to his economic situation, the most he could do was dream. After graduating from college with a degree in accounting, he never forgot that dream. While it was too late for him to learn to fly a plane, he found a new dream: to give kids the opportunity he never had.

The Youth Aeronautics Educational Foundation started 15 years ago with five students in the Williamsburg area. The foundation started by offering a program in aviation where students are able to get their pilot's license while in high school and also offers a summer camp program. Over the last two years, it has expanded with the addition of a drone program, where students learn how to build and fly drones. Samuel explains, "The goal is to expose kids to careers that they may have not been exposed to, and give them the opportunity to do it." By graduating high school with a pilot's license or knowing how to work a drone, students are better equipped to go to college or pursue their chosen career. The WCF Children and Young Adults Fund grant will allow YAEF to expand their programs to include 13 and 14-year old students.



YAEF summer camper

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