

25th Anniversary Campaign Update

As we strive to meet the increasing needs of the community, we are excited to share the latest update on our 25th Anniversary Campaign.

Since the campaign launch in February, we have successfully raised \$600,330 in cash and pledges—reaching 80% of our goal as of July 31. This progress is further enhanced by the generosity of five donors who are matching every gift 1:2.

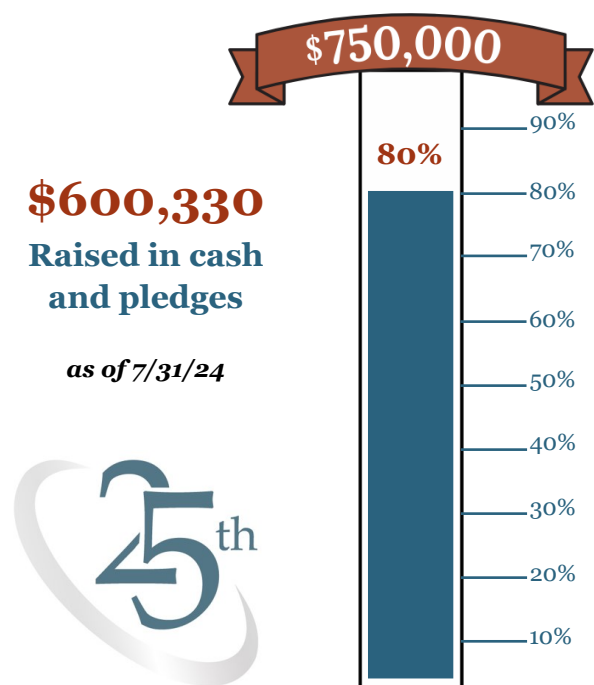
By contributing to the Community Endowment, your donation is invested for the long term, generating proceeds that allow us to award more competitive grants each year. This approach enables our donors to respond collectively to the most pressing needs and promising opportunities within greater Williamsburg.

Gifts of any amount are welcome and make a difference. Gifts of \$10,000 or more offer the unique opportunity to establish a named Community Endowment fund, creating a legacy that will benefit our community for generations.

We are proud to introduce the new funds established so far through this campaign:

- Conen Family Community Endowment Fund
- Ralph L. Crews Memorial Fund
- Lennarz Community Fund
- Overy Family Arts and Culture Fund
- Thomas Family Fund

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Thanks to the generous grant funding from the Williamsburg Community Foundation, Habitat for Humanity's Home Repair Blitz made a profound impact on the lives of homeowners in greater Williamsburg.
Janet V. Green, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Peninsula & Greater Williamsburg
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Perisie Scholarship Paves Way for Future Local Doctor



(Left to Right) Stephonda Lewis; Stephonda and her mother, whose treatment journey inspired Stephonda’s ambitions to attend medical school; Research internship at Northwestern University; Stephonda and her brother at her graduation from York High School; Stephonda’s 2024 White Coat Ceremony for Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Thanks to a generous bequest, the Perisie Scholarship in Memory of James P. and H. Bihin Perisie provides scholarships for female students to attend medical school in Virginia or North Carolina, and who intend to practice in the greater Williamsburg area. This year, the Williamsburg Community Foundation awarded the second Perisie Scholarship to Stephonda Lewis, who is attending Eastern Virginia Medical School at Old Dominion University.

Read Stephonda’s inspiring story on our website: www.williamsburgcommunityfoundation.org



Thank you, Chesapeake Bank, for sponsoring our Fall newsletter!

A Legacy of Music: The Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra's "Peter and the Wolf"

Thanks to the combined efforts of the late John C. Jamison and a Community Endowment grant, the beloved performance of "Peter and the Wolf" will once again grace local elementary schools this January. As part of the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra's 40th Anniversary celebration, more than a dozen performances will reach 5,000 students in grades K-5.

John C. Jamison envisioned a world where every child could experience this performance at least once in their lifetime. Before his passing, he established a fund with the Williamsburg Community Foundation to ensure future concerts could continue to inspire young audiences.

For years, the "Peter and the Wolf" Fund has brought this enchanting story to life, introducing children to the wonders of music and orchestra. The fund was only able to partially fund this upcoming performance series. A competitive grant from the John and Julia Curtis Fund, part of the Community Endowment, is helping to bridge the funding gap.



John Jamison with horn player Marlene Ford at a 2008 performance of "Peter and the Wolf"

This partnership not only honors the memory of John Jamison, but also highlights the community's dedication to keeping the arts alive in schools.

Support the Arts: Contribute to WCF's Arts and Culture Fund!

Your gift will be matched 1:2 as part of the WCF's 25th Anniversary Campaign. With your gift, you leave a lasting impact on our community's cultural and educational landscape.

Surprise Grants Awarded in Celebration of 25th Anniversary

WCF, with the help of our generous supporters, has awarded seven surprise grants to support local nonprofits: Postpartum Support Virginia, Inc.; Literacy for Life; BikeWalk Williamsburg; 3E Restoration; Dream Catchers; The Arc of Greater Williamsburg; and Housing Partnerships, Inc. have received grants. Another three grants will be awarded this fall.



To read the stories behind each grant, visit the "About Us-News" section of our website.



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Save the Date

Lunch & Learn:

Sept. 25, Oct. 15, Nov. 15, or Dec. 10

Join us for lunch at the WCF office to get a more in-depth understanding of how the Foundation works. There is no cost to attend.

RSVP to (757) 259-1660 or email
office@williamsburgcommunityfoundation.org

Grant Awards Luncheon: Oct. 2

Join us at Two Rivers Country Club from noon–1:30 pm to celebrate the remarkable impact of your contributions to the Foundation on our community. Thanks to the sponsorship of TowneBank, this event is free for all attendees.

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Grant Opportunities

Visit our website for guidelines, eligibility, and to apply. If your organization has never applied for a grant from WCF, we encourage you to contact Ginny Gasink, Program Officer, before applying: (757) 259-1660.

Capacity Building

Amount: Up to \$1,500

Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

Altshuler Amateur Sports

Amount: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: September 22

Community Endowment

Amount: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: December 13