

Quick Facts



MISSION	The Williamsburg Community Foundation enhances the quality of life in greater Williamsburg by connecting people with causes that matter, managing charitable funds, and providing grants and scholarships for our community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities.
VISION	A vibrant community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive.
CORE VALUES	<p>We believe we are stronger working together to promote just and fair access to opportunities for all people by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Listening to nonprofits.</i> We partner with them to address the problems our community seeks to solve. We celebrate the passion they bring to their missions. • <i>Supporting and protecting the philanthropic intent of our donors.</i> We express our gratitude and report back on the impact their generosity has on the causes they care about. We engage our donors in meaningful conversations about community needs. • <i>Earning the trust of our community.</i> We listen carefully and do what we say we will do. We partner with others to get things done. We are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We make data-driven decisions.
WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?	Community foundations are tax-exempt public charities that invest and administer a pool of funds established by individuals, families, businesses and organizations. Each fund provides grantmaking dollars for community needs. Like all community foundations, the WCF is overseen by a volunteer board of leading citizens and run by professionals with expertise in knowing our community's needs.
GIFTS FROM THE COMMUNITY	At the end of its first fiscal year in 1999, the Foundation had \$100,000 in assets; as of 12/31/2025 the Foundation had assets of \$44.5 million . These gifts are made possible by local individuals, families, businesses, and other groups, about 600 donor households per year.
SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY	Since 1999, the Community Foundation has awarded grants and scholarships totaling more than \$15 million to 1,000+ students and more than 400 nonprofit organizations, including competitive grants to nearly 150 organizations in the Community Foundation’s service area: James City County, York County and Williamsburg.
TYPES OF NAMED FUNDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted—Unrestricted funds (Community Endowment) distribute grants annually to local nonprofit organizations to meet the most pressing needs in the community as determined by the Distribution Committee. • Field-of-Interest—A broad area of interest such as environment, arts or senior services is selected when the fund is established. Grants are distributed annually to nonprofit organizations as determined by the Distribution Committee.

<p>TYPES OF NAMED FUNDS, CONT.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated—When the fund is established a specific organization or organizations are selected by the donor to receive the annual income from the fund. • Donor-Advised—A donor-advised fund allows the donor to recommend grants during the year from income or principal to fulfill his or her philanthropic goals. • Scholarship— Scholarships which benefit local students can be established to meet particular criteria selected in advance by the donor. The donor may also designate a secondary school, university or college to select recipients for an annual scholarship from the fund. Current year <i>named</i> scholarships can be awarded through the Williamsburg James City County Scholarship Fund, a component fund of WCF with a contribution of \$1,500 or more. • Agency Endowment—Funds raised by a nonprofit organization are placed with the Foundation as a permanent endowment for that organization. An endowment at the Foundation gives donors to the nonprofit the peace of mind that the funds will only be used for the purpose for which they were intended.
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<p>ASSETS TO GIVE</p>	<p>Gifts in any amount may be made to the Community Endowment, Annual Fund or to any named fund in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Check or credit card ◆ Negotiable securities <p>The Foundation will also accept the following types of gifts: real or personal property, life insurance, retirement assets, bequest by will or charitable trust. Please call 757-259-1660 for information prior to making any gifts of these types.</p>
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<p>TRUSTEES</p>	<p>Melinda B. Morgan, Chair Jeanne Zeidler, Vice-Chair David E. Bush, CPA, CFP, PFS, Treasurer Barbara Engs Watson, Secretary</p> <p>The Rev. Jan M. Brown Dian T. Calderone, MTX, CPA Lori Conen Anthony Conyers III Philip G. Emerson Ti’Juana Gholson</p>	<p>Cheri Green, CFP Leigh Houghland Alison V. Lennarz Aashish Matani Monty Mason Rick Overy Iris C. Porush Edward Robinson Erin A. Smith Scott Stabler Mychael C. Willon Benming “Benny” Zhang</p>	<p>Honorary Trustees Cliff Fleet Katherine A. Rowe</p>
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