# 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.

## Values & Vision

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## 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 6/30/20 the Foundation has assets of $19.8 million. These gifts are made possible by local individuals, families, businesses, and other groups - approximately 600 donor households per year.

## Support of the Community

In twenty years, the Foundation has awarded grants and scholarships totaling $7.6 million to more than 200 nonprofit organizations and over 650 students. The Foundation makes competitive grants in its service area: James City County, York County and Williamsburg.

## Types of Named Funds

- **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.

- **Designated**—When the fund is established a specific organization or organizations are selected by the donor to receive the annual income from the fund.
**TYPES OF NAMED FUNDS**

**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 *named* scholarships can be awarded through the *Williamsburg James City County Scholarship Fund*, a component fund of WCF with a contribution of $1,000 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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**ASSETS TO GIVE**

**Gifts** in any amount may be made to the Community Endowment, Annual Fund or to any named fund in the form of:

- Check or credit card
- Negotiable securities

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.

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