Hunger & Nutrition: Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels has served up to 350 people per day during the pandemic. With help from a Community Emergency Response Fund grant, they are able to meet the increasing need for meal delivery to isolated seniors, children living in motels, and others referred by social services.

“I live out of town and have been unable to visit my parents weekly to prepare meals or do grocery shopping” said a family member of one Meals on Wheels client. “It’s been a huge relief to me to know they are receiving food and someone is checking on them daily.”

Cathie Upton, Executive Director, explains that they receive calls everyday from individuals needing food. “We are so very grateful to the Williamsburg Community Foundation for supporting our mission to feed those in need in our community. We have put over 75,000 meals into the community since March and could never have kept up with it without your support!”

WCF continues to make grants from the Community Emergency Response Fund to groups like Meals on Wheels. To date, $216,000 has been raised, with $142,100 distributed this year over five grant rounds.

To view the full list of grant recipients, as well as a list of all who have donated to this fund, please visit our website: WilliamsburgCommunityFoundation.org.

"After losing my job last spring, I had to move into a small motel room with my three children. Our room only has a small refrigerator and nothing else to cook with. If it wasn't for Meals on Wheels, my children wouldn't have a hot meal. They are a blessing to us!"
Honoring the Recipients of the Founder’s Award for Vision & Excellence

Millie West (1934-2020)

Millie West embodied the true spirit of philanthropy! An active Foundation leader and trustee in its early years, Millie’s spirit continues on through her bequest to the Community Endowment, WCF’s primary grantmaking fund.

Bobby & Hope Beck

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Five Community Leaders Join the WCF Board in 2020

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Anthony Conyers III is Colonial Williamsburg’s Director of IT Service Delivery, President of the Williamsburg Men’s Club, and involved in the Chickahominy Improvement Association.

John A. Fogarty retired from Deloitte & Touche in 2017 after a 39-year career in accounting and auditing. He currently serves as the volunteer controller at Bruton Parish Church.

Lisa Lucas is the Executive Office Manager for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. She has also served as President of the Lafayette High School PTSA, and the W-JCC Scholarship Fund Committee.

Frank J. Smith is the President and CFO of Sphinx Financial Group. He is a registered investment advisor and frequent speaker at trade meetings with 28 years of experience in the industry.

Benming “Benny” Zhang is an attorney with Kaufman & Canoles in Williamsburg, and previously served on the Williamsburg City Council. He serves on the Board of WHRO and Literacy for Life.
WCF awarded $69,915 in grants this fall! Many of these grants are helping agencies “pivot” their services during COVID-19. For example:

- **Peninsula Pastoral Counseling** will be able to do more telehealth therapy.
- **Literacy for Life** is moving tutoring online.
- **Colonial CASA** is advocating for the increasing number of kids in foster care.
- **Lackey Clinic** (left) modified their clinic, and purchased PPE to keep patients and staff safe.
- For the first time, WCF provided operating support grants to groups like the **Virginia Symphony** and **Avalon Center**, recognizing that fundraising revenue is down due to COVID.

To view special video messages from grant recipients, please visit our website!

### Leaving a Legacy: Julia Everts & Mark Greenawalt Fund

“The beauty of the scholarship fund is that it can keep going for many years!” says Dottie Haramis. She created a fund at Williamsburg Community Foundation in 2009 to support nursing scholarships. That fund, made in honor of her mother and nephew—both nurses—has already helped nine students get their careers started.

This year, after reading a particularly moving thank you note from the scholarship recipient, Dottie realized that if she made a plan to keep the scholarship going through her will, she could keep making this kind of personal impact on future nurses for years.

“I know that my gift is really going to make a difference in that young person’s life,” says Dottie, who spent her whole life helping kids. She worked with young people as a speech therapist, teacher, principal, and ultimately the Director of Special Education for Fairfax County Public Schools, in Northern Virginia.

The **Julia Everts & Mark Greenawalt Fund** is just one example of how members of WCF’s **Legacy Society** are planning to invest in our community’s future. Want to join the Legacy Society? Contact Nancy to learn more: 259-1660, ncsullivan@williamsburgcommunityfoundation.org.
Our Vision:
A vibrant community with a commitment to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

COVID Relief: Small Business Grants

133 small businesses in greater Williamsburg have received grants of $3,000 to help cover payroll, rent, and other expenses.

This includes restaurants like Spice Palace, as well as retail, fitness, small manufacturing, professional service providers, and more.

These grants are made possible by the Greater Williamsburg Small Business Relief Fund, supported by individual and corporate donors, with major support from James City County.

Funds are still available for James City County businesses!

Learn more and apply for a grant at VA30DayFund.com.

“...This is our bread and butter, and we opened this business with great joy, and we want to keep it going as much as we can.”

- CK Pritchard, Owner of Spice Palace, which received a small business grant from Williamsburg Community Foundation and the VA 30 Day Fund.