Message from our CEO

One of the highlights of our year is sharing the results of the Community Foundation’s annual Community Impact grants program. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of donors like you, this year we awarded over $5 million to 130 local organizations, helping individuals and families build a path to economic mobility. Our budget included $343,000 in new donor gifts to the Community Impact Fund, which offers donors the efficiency of investing in a portfolio of organizations driving our region forward, while also providing the Foundation increased capacity to address current community needs with larger grants. We are so grateful for your support.

While our focused approach is a complement to donor-directed grants that support a wide range of needs and interests, we continue to seek increased donor partnership where our combined investments in key initiatives can accelerate or scale long-term, positive change. We are especially excited that our newest donors are increasingly diverse in age, race and gender, which offers insight into emerging issues and engagement preferences that will help shape and expand philanthropy going forward.

It’s this spirit of partnership that gets me out of bed each day. People – and their trust in us – remain the heart of our work, and so we continue to listen, learn, reflect and adapt to ensure that the future of philanthropy is more inclusive in its outreach and equitable in its outcomes.

We are bringing people and organizations together to learn about the issues facing our region and understand how we can remove historic barriers that have left so many behind. We are celebrating the rich and diverse giving traditions of individuals, families and cultures by uplifting voices and sharing stories. And we have expanded our giving options to create more opportunities for participation.

We are on a journey, and we thank you for coming along with us. We endeavor to build on this momentum, so please reach out to me anytime if you have ideas or input that can further enhance our collective efforts to strengthen our region.

Sherrie Armstrong
President & CEO
Educational Success Made possible by many generous donors, the Community Foundation's Community Impact grants are awarded through an application process and support local nonprofits whose strategies and outcomes align with our four focus areas: Community Vibrancy, Economic Prosperity, Educational Success and Health & Wellness.

Community Impact Grant Strategy

As we consider grant opportunities, we focus on what is critical for our low-income residents, creating opportunities for equitable access to services and programs that create economic stability. Within these areas, the Community Foundation has committed to making its deepest investments in Early Childhood & Education, Workforce & Career Development, and Affordable Housing. To complement these efforts, funding is also directed to other social supports such as access to primary and mental health care, food, visual and cultural arts and our local natural resources.

Community Impact Fund

Donors can partner with the Community Foundation by contributing to our new Community Impact Fund that supplements our strategic grantmaking. Together, we can make an even greater impact addressing the most pressing needs and promising opportunities facing our region each year.

Learn more at cfrichmond.org/GivingTogether.

Community Impact Grant Totals (in millions)

- 2020: $3.5
- 2021: $4.4
- 2022: $5.0

2022 Grants by Purpose

- Direct Services: 67%
- Systems: 21%
- Advocacy: 12%

2022 Grants by Focus Area

- Economic Prosperity: 37%
- Educational Success: 18%
- Community Vibrancy: 33%
- Health & Wellness*: 12%

*We partner with the Jenkins Foundation to provide additional funding in this area.
2022 Impact Grants

Community Vibrancy
African American Nonprofit Leaders
ART 180
Beyond Boundaries
Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia
Blue Sky Fund
CultureWorks
GreenSpring Foundation (HARPS)

Economic Prosperity
ACTS
Atlantic Outreach Group
Better Housing Coalition
Brightpoint Community College Foundation
CARATAS
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society
Circles RVA
The Commonwealth Institute
GoochlandCares
Groundwork RVA
Habitat for Humanity Powhatan
Harbor Center for Change
Help Me Help You Foundation
HomeAgain
Homeward
Housing Families First
Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia
HumanKind
IT4Causes
Jackson Ward Collective
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Maggie Walker Community Land Trust
MBL (Metropolitan Business League) Foundation, Inc.
Mechanics of FAITH
Neighborhood Resource Center
The Next Move Program
Partnership for Housing Affordability projectHOMES
The READ Center
REAL LIFE
Rebuilding Together of Richmond
Re-Establish Richmond
ReWork Richmond
Reynolds Community College
Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity
RVA Rapid Transit
Sacred Heart Center
The Salvation Army
Southside Community Development and Housing
St. Joseph’s Villa
Startup Virginia
Virginia Community Foundation
Virginia Community Voice
Virginia Early Childhood Foundation
Virginia Excels
Virginia Learns
Virginia Literacy Foundation
Voices for Virginia’s Children

Eduational Success
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Richmond
Chesterfield Education Foundation
Children’s Home Society of Virginia
Church Hill Activities & Tutoring
CodeVA
Communities in Schools of Chesterfield
Communities in Schools of Petersburg
Communities in Schools of Richmond
Family LifeLine
FRIENDS Association for Children
Girls for a Change
Governor’s Highway Safety Foundation
GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc.)
Heritage Education Foundation
Higher Achievement
Legal Aid Justice Center
The Literacy Lab
Mentor Virginia
Newport News
Partnership for the Future
Peter Paul Development Center
Podium RVA
Richmond Public Charter Schools Education Foundation
Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation
Smart Beginnings Southeast
SOAR365
St. James’ Children’s Center
Thrive Birth to Five
Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc
Virginia Commonwealth University Foundation

Health & Wellness
Assisting Families of Inmates
Better RICHmonday Health Services
Chesterfield Food Bank
Circliahub RVA
RVA Rapid Transit
Sacred Heart Center
The Salvation Army

Ways to Engage
Here are ways we can continue to leverage our combined strengths for greater impact:

1. Make a gift to the Community Impact Fund and help boost our Community Impact grants next year. Make a grant recommendation through the Fund Advisor Portal or send a check to the Community Foundation.

2. Meet with our staff to learn more about our region’s current needs and the organizations working to address them. Contact your Philanthropic Advisor to set up a meeting today.

3. Volunteer your time and help local organizations achieve their missions. Search for opportunities and sign up on handsonrva.org.
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