The dog days of summer are here, and we hope you are finding ways to recharge, reconnect with friends and family, and stay cool. One of the ways our team is beating the heat is by staying busy and focused on ways to further improve the quality of life and cultivate the spirit of giving among all people in the Richmond region. We do this in partnership with you.

In this newsletter, you will see highlights of our work in numbers. The benefit of a strong financial position is what it means for our community. Recently, the Community Foundation awarded $4.6 million through the 2022 Community Impact Grants program, benefiting 125 local organizations helping individuals and families build a path to economic mobility.

While our focused grantmaking approach is a complement to donor-directed grants that supports a wide range of needs and interests, we are experiencing 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 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 new voices and sharing stories. And we have expanded our giving options, including collective giving and tools for civic action, to create more opportunities for participation.

We are on a journey and we thank you for coming along with us. As we move into the fall and a new season of activity, we endeavor to build on this momentum. 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

Community Foundation invests over $4.6 million to strengthen local community

“At a time when local residents are dealing with the challenges of increased housing costs, limited childcare availability, higher grocery bills and much more, we are enormously grateful for our nonprofit partners that provide critical programs and services to support economic mobility.”

— Scott Blackwell, Chief Community Impact Officer.
Following the completion of our latest audit, the Community Foundation is pleased to share our 2021 financial highlights.

- **Foundation Gifts**: $102 MILLION
  - 2,841 Total Gifts
- **Nonprofit Grants**: $50 MILLION
  - 6,336 Total Grants

See strategic trends & list of grants

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Donor Spotlight: Elizabeth Dolan Wright

Donors of all ages, backgrounds and interests are behind the Community Foundation’s ability to make an impact in our community. Here’s one donor’s story:

Born and raised in Richmond, Elizabeth Dolan Wright first learned about the importance of generosity by observing her mom and dad as they made charitable giving a household priority. “Seeing them give so much of their time and resources over the years has been inspiring, and I’ve always wanted to follow in their footsteps,” she said.

News & Updates

Jenkins Foundation announces $940K in community investments
Through strategic grantmaking, Jenkins invests in three key focus areas: access to primary care, access to mental health care, and prevention and treatment of substance use disorders.

Funding Focus: Early Childhood Education Development & Education
In this series, we will highlight the high impact areas where the Foundation seeks to advance and scale pace-setting work.

Youth-focused entrepreneurship programs find common ground
Earlier this spring, the Foundation brought together five providers of youth-focused entrepreneurship programs who all received grants from the Fund for Entrepreneurial Growth.

Upcoming Events
The Fierce Urgency of Now: From Dream to Action
Black Philanthropy Month 2022
Tuesday, August 16th | 3-5 p.m.
Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen
Only a few seats left!

Join us for Greater Richmond's 4th annual celebration where we will honor several Black philanthropic leaders in the region, be inspired by local philanthropists, and learn about the impact of collective giving. All who attend will learn ways they too can advance ongoing funding and racial equity in Black communities worldwide.

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Celebrating the Sector

In this section, we share local news stories about recent developments, opportunities and celebrations tied to the important work of area nonprofits.

'Take what you need, leave what you can,' local nonprofit opens Hygiene Pantry in Richmond (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

Jackson Ward Collective founders launch new business accelerator (Richmond BizSense)

Virginia Capital Trail offering $20K in
grants to nonprofits (CBS 6)

"Momma, I won an Emmy!" (Style Weekly)

As Richmond-area homeless numbers increase, nonprofit Homeward hopes to help (CBS 6)

THRIVE Cohort 4 accelerator program applications open for nonprofits (NBC12)

Students at non-profit learning entrepreneurship skills using indoor farm units (NBC12)

Personality: Dr. Monroe E. Harris Jr. (Richmond Free Press)

BeWellVA: Helping people in Central Virginia find their path to emotional well-being (ThePhilVA)

Virginia’s first 3D-printed home unveiled in Richmond’s southside (NBC12)