Together, we do more good.
When our community thrives, we all thrive.

Whether there are community challenges to be solved or opportunities to be discovered, we bring people together to learn, take action and create lasting impact in the Richmond region.

With more and more ways to give back, the act of giving is often the easy part. “Doing good” can be more challenging. It requires knowledge and awareness about issues and the organizations that are effectively addressing them. It also takes coordination and collaboration to leverage strengths and maximize impact.

Embedded in the Richmond community for 50 years, the Community Foundation has become a philanthropic leader by bringing donors, nonprofits and community members together to do more good with, and for, our region. When people unite around a common purpose, it creates a powerful ripple effect.
What is a community foundation?

Community foundations guide philanthropy and improve the quality of life in a specific geographic area. Established in 1968, the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond is among 750 community foundations nationwide.

We serve and champion our community by:

- Investing and managing charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations;
- Helping donors bring their philanthropic vision to life;
- Connecting our community with learning opportunities and ways to create positive change;
- Strengthening nonprofits through charitable grants, training and online resources;
- Providing leadership and insight to important issues in our region.
We make giving easy for donors.

Donors have a passion for the causes and communities they love.

At the Community Foundation, we enable donors to focus on the most rewarding parts of philanthropy. We handle the research, grant processing, tax filings and other charitable gift paperwork, clearing the path for them to pursue the passions closest to their heart.

Think of our team as personal philanthropic advisors, working with donors to make giving go further. We start by listening so we can identify the best giving options. We can put a donor’s charitable vision to action today or make a plan for the future. With our finger on the pulse of our community, we can share knowledge, ideas and tailored recommendations to help address what matters most to them. We also measure and track outcomes to show impact in the community. By offering high-quality investment solutions, we can grow charitable funds to maximize impact today, as well as create a lasting legacy of philanthropy to benefit future generations.

By working with the Community Foundation, donors not only achieve their personal giving goals, but also become part of something larger by joining a community that nurtures and grows generosity to do more good.

“I see the Community Foundation as a leader in addressing critical needs in our community. I appreciate being affiliated with such a high-quality foundation.”

– Donor
We connect nonprofits to resources.

We work together to create real, lasting change.

Local organizations play an important role in maintaining the health and vibrancy of our region, whether meeting short-term needs like food and shelter or helping individuals develop skills that will empower them for the rest of their lives. We work in partnership with nonprofits to multiply these efforts, in part through funding made possible by the region’s largest network of donors.

Every year, we offer grant programs designed to create meaningful impact in the following categories:

- Community Vibrancy
- Economic Prosperity
- Educational Success
- Health & Wellness

Our commitment to nonprofit excellence runs deep. To effectively deliver and sustain programs and services, community organizations rely on skilled leadership, strong infrastructure and long-term planning. That’s why we are proactive in providing additional resources such as education and training, capacity building grants and a variety of networking opportunities. We also host an online hub where nonprofits can find donated items, industry news, job listings and more.

Often, nonprofits are better positioned to pursue their mission through the power of volunteers. We help match organizations to motivated individuals and we provide training and resources that equip organizations to engage their volunteers more effectively.
We champion our community.

Partnerships are the key to helping Richmond prosper.

We’re all members of an extraordinary community—one that depends on our engagement to address critical challenges, make transformative changes and rise to greater heights. As a local philanthropic leader, the Community Foundation is dedicated to finding new and innovative ways to support our remarkable donors, nonprofits and community members and to leverage collective impact.

The Foundation actively collaborates with leaders across all communities and all sectors, as we align our work to regional priorities. We facilitate education and dialogue around pressing issues and open our office space for passionate people to gather, connect and make a difference.

By empowering and mobilizing an inclusive network of changemakers, we can solve our community’s challenges and make the Richmond region a place where everyone can thrive.

Let’s build a stronger community, together.

Our success depends on your involvement. If you would like to donate, partner, volunteer or apply for funding, we would love to hear from you.

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