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The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation

FALL/WINTER 2021



IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR! SEVACF HIGHLIGHTS 2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS



Chesapeake Humane Society **RECEIVED \$5,000**

Founded in 1972, Chesapeake Humane Society supports the homeless and underserved animals in Hampton Roads and Northeastern North Carolina. In 2021, the nonprofit received a SEVACF grant of \$5,000 to cover expenses for animals in their crisis boarding program. In addition, the money will also pay for costs associated with general care, such as food and supplies, as well as veterinary treatment like vaccines, spay and neuter surgeries, preventative medicine and treatment for fatal illnesses like heartworm disease. The funding will also cover x-rays of animals with abuse injuries in domestic violence cases. SEVACF is proud to support the health and safety of our furry friends!



Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore **RECEIVED \$10,000**

Since 1981, the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore has distributed over 360 million pounds of food equating to over 300 million meals. In July 2021, thanks to a SEVACF grant of \$10,000, the Foodbank introduced a fleet of Mobile Markets to provide healthy, nutritious foods directly to individuals and families with limited resources and low food access. Like a farmer's market, the 757 Mobile Market program allows individuals to peruse an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy items, proteins and pantry staples. Kudos to the Foodbank on providing access to seasonal products in such a personalized, innovative format.

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Dear Friends,

As the holiday season approaches, we reflect on the Foundation's success throughout the year. Members of our board and staff worked diligently to accomplish our mission to connect people who care with causes large and small. This year has been particularly challenging due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects on the economy, our citizens and, non-profits. Throughout this time, we have endeavored to provide much needed support to those directly impacted by the pandemic. As a result, we are pleased to report that many heartfelt donations were successfully directed to the non-profits that have worked diligently to address the most pressing needs in our community.

Since 1965, SEVACF has helped people who share a common goal of improving life for all in our community and building a legacy through philanthropic giving. Our Board of Directors consists of leading citizens and professionals who know our community's needs. We go beyond simply making grants that advance charitable activities; we also identify current and emerging issues, stimulate resources to address those needs, and help Southeast Virginia prepare for the future. The types of nonprofit organizations we support vary in size, mission, and vision; however, they all are working toward a common goal of creating a better, livable Southeast Virginia.

A gift to SEVACF is an investment in the future of our region. The funds go to work immediately supporting vital services, while also providing sustained support for years to come. Rather than looking towards the next election or business cycle, community foundations always focus on the next generation.

Please join us in recognizing the collective impact and difference we can make together. Call the Foundation to make a tax-deductible contribution by year's end.

Best wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season!



Sincerely yours,

Amy Folkes

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President Pro Tem, Board of Directors



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Chief Executive Officer

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SEVACF'S GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHTS



Hoffler Creek RECEIVED \$2,500

SEVACF is pleased to support the hiring of a goat-scaping specialist (yes, that's a thing!) to complete phase one of Hoffler Creek's reforestation plan. Goats will be used to remove invasive plant species, in particular Japanese Wisteria, and restore beneficial plants in the forest. Three bleats for this unique plan!



Meals on Wheels RECEIVED \$6,100

Meals on Wheels provides balanced meals for low-income homebound elderly, disabled, and/or convalescing participants in Chesapeake. With the help of a \$6,100 grant from SEVACF,

Meals on Wheels volunteers will deliver the meals, smiles and safety checks - free of charge - throughout 2021 and 2022.



Port Norfolk Church and Ministries RECEIVED \$2,500

Located in Portsmouth, Port Norfolk Church and Ministries serves their local community as a meal distribution center twice a month. At 100 years old, the church's outreach center needed a new HVAC system in 2021. Thanks to a SEVACF grant, the unit is replaced and the church is back to its mission.

OUR *AMAZING* 2021 GRANTEES

SEVACF awarded \$176,611 in total grant funding to 32 organizations during the 2021 spring and fall grant cycles. These grants supported vital services in education, health and human services, the environment, arts and culture, and civic and economic development. We would like to thank the donors who made this possible. To give to the non-profits that participate in our bi-annual grants program, go to sevacf.org/give/donate and select "The Community Needs Fund". You may call our office directly at 757-397-5424. Congratulations to our amazing 2021 grantees!

ARTS & CULTURE: \$13,000

- **Chesapeake Forum** - promoting education and learning.
- **Portsmouth Community Concerts** - supporting Star Education/Arts Education Student Outreach Programs.
- **Virginia Symphony Orchestra** - supporting the Active Minds Make Music Program.

CAPITAL: \$45,000

- **Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterway History Foundation** - aiding the completion of the Great Bridge Battlefield Historic Park & Visitor Center.
- **Holiday House of Portsmouth** - aiding the completion of the new fencing around the facility.
- **Partnership Development Foundation** - assisting the renovation of the Montgomery Square Building.
- **Port Norfolk Church & Ministries** - aiding the purchase of a new HVAC System.
- **Portsmouth Catholic Regional School** - aiding the purchase of a new water fountain.

CIVIC & ECONOMIC: \$ 5,000

- **Chesapeake Humane Society** - supporting the Crisis Boarding Program.

EDUCATION: \$40,972

- **Envision Lead Grow, Inc.** - supporting the Entrepreneurial Program for middle school-aged youth.
- **Families of Autistic Children of Tidewater (FACT)** - supporting the Pilot Program in Chesapeake called Camp GonnawannaEXPRESSagin.
- **Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast (GSCCC)** - supporting the Science of Happiness and STEM Program.
- **Hampton Roads Workforce Foundation** - supporting the NextGen Internship Program.
- **STARBASE Victory, Inc.**; supporting STEM education.
- **Virginia Air & Space Science Center** - supporting the 5th & 8th Grade Science Reimagined Initiative.

- **Wesley Community Service Center (WCSC)** - supporting their Tutoring Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL: \$2,500

- **Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation** - supporting the Goat-Scaping Project.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: \$70,139

- **American Red Cross of Coastal Virginia** - aiding the Smoke Alarm Installation Program.
- **Children's Assistive Technology Service (CATS)** - supporting their program expansion.
- **Foodbank of Southeastern VA & Eastern Shore** - supporting the 757 Healthy Mobile Market Program.
- **ForKids, Inc.** - funding support services for Portsmouth Families.
- **Ground Zero Development** - supporting young males, providing operational support.
- **Hampton Roads Workforce Foundation** - supporting NextGen Programming.
- **Help & Emergency Response, Inc. (H.E.R.)** - supporting the Crisis Service Program.
- **Hope House Foundation** - providing operational PPE support.
- **Meals on Wheels - Chesapeake** - providing program support.
- **Neighborhood;** supporting their Career & Community Development Program.
- **Operation First Response, Inc.** - supporting the Military Family Assistance Program.
- **Phoenix Evolution Foundation** - supporting the Phoenix Sankofa Mentoring Program.
- **Portsmouth Christian Outreach Ministries (PCOM)** - supporting the HUD renewal projects.
- **RX Partnership** - aiding in the medication access for the uninsured in Southeast Virginia.
- **William Lee & Patrick Maurice Independent Living, LLC.** - providing program support.

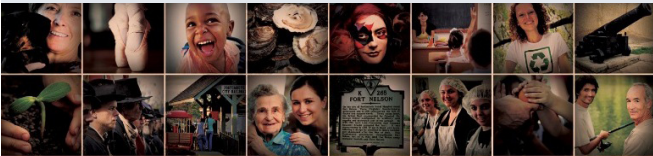
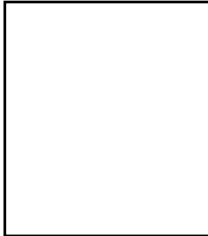
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SEVACF's Heritage Fund was opened in 2017 to help sustain the Foundation into the future. The Heritage Fund provides a means for friends of the Foundation to support its long-term mission by making tax-deductible contributions on an annual basis, or remembering the Foundation in their wills by way of a bequest. Gifts to the Heritage Fund will provide much needed annual operating revenue to help sustain the Foundation's continuing work of promoting philanthropy in Southeast Virginia. We invite you to join our efforts! Contact INFO@SEVACF.ORG or call **757-397-5424** to discuss this exciting new giving opportunity or to make your gift to the Heritage Fund today!



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