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The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation

FALL/WINTER 2022



Dreams Really Do Come True!

SEVACF HIGHLIGHTS 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

There are few moms in America, much less Hampton Roads, like Jen Blanco.

From age 19-38, she gave birth to sixteen children. Some have special needs, but 7-year-old Ryan became a very special case.

Within the past two years, doctors diagnosed a rare genetic disorder that is threatening Ryan's life. "It's been very hard," says Jen, who now has grandchildren running around the home where she and husband Richard live in South Norfolk. "Ryan is such a great boy, and we wanted to do something good for him."

Enter **Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia**. Jen says Ryan has always wanted to visit theme parks in Florida, but money is tight, particularly to take the entire extended family. The request from Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia for financial help landed on the desk

at the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation. "Because we like to help children in Chesapeake," says Richard Wentz, SEVACF CEO, "we gave this

application serious consideration and decided to grant it."

So on an October morning in the lobby of the SEVACF offices on Crossways Boulevard, the entire Blanco family arrived for a big surprise. Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia Development Director Paige Bullen broke the good news to Ryan,

and Richard presented an oversized check for \$10,000 for the cost of the trip. Tears flowed. "We have more than 250 applications from families in Virginia who really need this kind of opportunity," says Bullen. "It's so wonderful when we can make one come true, and Ryan is certainly deserving."

Sometime over the next few months, the Blancos will head south for a much-needed vacation. With help from SEVACF.



Dear Friends,

With the fall season here, we would like to share our Foundation's mission to provide grants to well-deserved non-profit organizations in Hampton Roads. SEVACF offers many grants that support causes large and small. Within this fall edition of our newsletter, we will highlight the grants we offered this year.

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 or go online to make a tax-deductible contribution.



*Sincerely yours,
Amy Folkes*

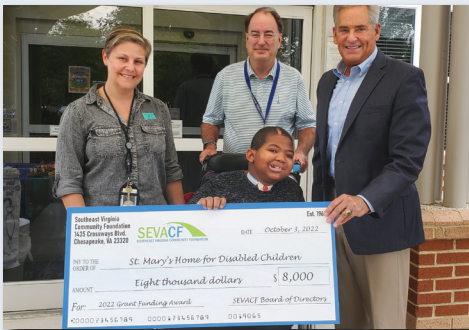
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SEVACF'S GRANT RECIPIENT *HIGHLIGHTS*



St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children

RECEIVED \$8,000

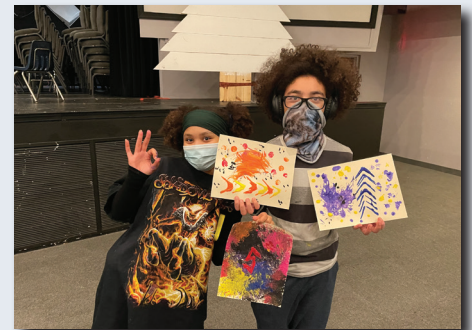
St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children had a great need for a new HVAC system and thanks to an \$8,000 grant from SEVACF, a new system will be installed. St. Mary's is a nationally recognized center for the care of people with severe physical and intellectual disabilities, providing outstanding medical, therapeutic, educational, social and recreational aspects for the lives of the residents.



Therapy on the Move

RECEIVED \$6,100

Therapy on the Move (TOTM) provides quality health and wellness education, screenings and physical therapy services to people of all ages without the barriers of transportation or the ability to pay. With the help of a \$6,100 grant from SEVACF, the Timeless Living Fall Prevention Program will improve the quality of life and reduce fall risk in seniors through education, behavioral change and exercise.



FACT (Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater)

RECEIVED \$6,898

SEVACF is pleased to provide a grant for \$6,898 to support FACT, an organization that provides critical social interaction and experiences for children with autism to develop independent relationships. Jesse, a 14-year-old, had not found success in other programs, but has begun to thrive at FACT, increasing his social skills, becoming more outgoing and improving his self-esteem.

OUR *AMAZING* 2022 GRANTEES

SEVACF awarded \$226,585 in total grant funding to 38 organizations during the 2022 spring and fall grant cycles. These grants supported vital services in education, health and human services and, arts and culture. 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 <https://sevacf.org/give/donate/> and select "The Community Needs Fund". You may call our office directly at 757-397-5424. Congratulations to our amazing 2022 grantees!

ARTS & CULTURE – \$20,000

- **Mosaic Steel Orchestra, Inc.;** Mosaic Jr. Chesapeake Pilot Expansion Program
- **Portsmouth Community Concerts;** Star Education/Arts Education Student Outreach Programs
- **Virginia Symphony Orchestra;** Active Minds Make Music Initiative
- **Young Audiences of VA Inc. dba Arts for Learning VA;** Project Support - Arts + Learning Snacks: Tessellations

CAPITAL – \$18,000

- **Partnership Development Foundation;** Renovate Montgomery Square Building
- **St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children;** Purchase & installation of a new HVAC System

EDUCATION – \$46,375

- **Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Fdn;** Back to BASICS Program
- **Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads;** Funding of full-time Site Coordinator in Portsmouth's School
- **Eastern VA Medical School;** The Health Sciences Academy
- **Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast;** To Support STEM Programming for Community Troops
- **Portsmouth Reads;** Child Care Provider Training Series via Zoom
- **Starbase Victory;** Victory "CORE" Program
- **Tidewater Friends of Foster Care;** Tutoring Program for Chesapeake and Portsmouth Students
- **Virginia Air & Space Science Center;** Program Support - Our Water World Program
- **Wesley Community Service Center;** Tutoring Program

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – \$142,210

- **Ability Center of Virginia;** Program Support for the Ability Day Program
- **American Red Cross of Coastal Virginia;** Support the Disaster Services Program
- **Benjamin Goldberg Foundation;** Peace Out Portal Virtual Playroom Computer Application
- **Complete the Puzzle;** Soul Bowlers Program
- **FACT;** Rhythm & Me and Arts Adventures
- **Fear 2 Freedom;** Support the AfterCare Kit Distribution
- **Foodbank of Southeastern VA & the Eastern Shore;** 757 Mobile Markets
- **ForKids, Inc.;** Emergency Shelter & Support Services
- **Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Road;** Support Construction of Single Family Home
- **Holiday House of Portsmouth, Inc.;** Upgrade & Purchase New Gym Equipment
- **Horizons Hampton Roads, Inc.;** Support Swimming Costs at YMCA of Portsmouth
- **Joy Ministries;** Feeding Programs, Lighthouse Learning Ctrs., & Reading Camps
- **Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia;** Ryan's Wish: Seven year old Chesapeake Boy's wish
- **Neighborhood;** Career & Community Development Program
- **New Vision Youth Services, Inc.;** Youth Uplift Project Expansion II - Missing Students
- **PIN Ministry;** Food Stability: Helping the Homeless
- **Portsmouth Christian Outreach Ministries;** Transitional Housing Program, Chronically Homeless Program
- **Roc Solid Foundation;** Program Support - Roc Solid Ready Bags
- **Rx Partnership;** Operational Support - Low Cost Medication Access
- **Samaritan House;** Anti-Trafficking Emergency Housing Program
- **Seton Youth Shelters;** General Operating Support - Residential Shelter Programs
- **Therapy on the Move;** Timeless Living Fall Prevention Program
- **Young Life Chesapeake;** Program Support: Mentoring & Outreach for Students of Chesapeake



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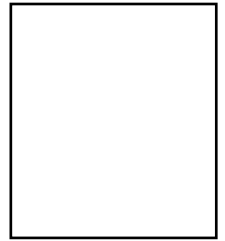
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SEVACF's new Heritage Fund was opened in 2017 to help sustain the Foundation into the future. The Heritage Fund provides a means for friends of the Foundation to support its long-term mission by making tax-deductible contributions on an annual basis, 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 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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