FROM THE Board and CEO

DEAR FRIENDS,

2017 was a promising year for the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation. It was a time of growth, strategy and commitment.

With your help, we successfully reached the $14 million asset mark for the first time in our Foundation’s history due in part to exceeding our goal of $1 million for our Match program. In 2017 alone, we awarded 94 grants and 36 scholarships totaling $435,704. We also positioned ourselves for the future by expanding our offices into Chesapeake and downtown Portsmouth. We now boast flags in the two cities that came together in 2010 to form the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation.

However, there is more work to be done.

In order to sustain the quality of life that draws so many of us here in the first place, we must nurture and preserve our region’s greatest strengths while also addressing issues not yet imagined.

We are very proud of our past and are using the lessons learned from those who worked so tirelessly to build the Foundation to help chart our pathway to the future. Many of you have been friends of SEVACF for years – some since our inception in 1965 – and have stood with us during our evolution through time. Our commitment to partnering with donors, investing in local nonprofits and serving as a resource for the community is stronger than ever.

Over the last two years, the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation has made some important strides to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of our organization. With renewed focus, we’ve embarked on a strategic planning effort to reflect on the role we play in our community and the lasting impact we want to leave on our region.

The Foundation will continue to grow and evolve by giving our donors and partners even more ways to be a part of our giving community. We will offer more opportunities to learn and align ourselves around the areas where we and our donors focus our discretionary giving – educating our children, feeding and housing families, protecting our environment, creating a thriving arts region and building strong, sustainable nonprofits.

This report is a brief reflection of all that you have helped us to achieve – not just this past fiscal year, but since we began 52 years ago. On the pages that follow, we’ll tell you more about those accomplishments, welcome our new funds, introduce you to two of our board members and summarize our financials.

We thank you all for your dedication to this community and look forward to the journey ahead.

Sincerely yours,

TIMOTHY S. CULPEPPER
President, Board of Directors

R. STEPHEN BEST, SR.
Chief Executive Officer
The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation holds itself to high standards of financial management and transparency, and operates efficiently for the interest of our community.

**2017 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

**Grants By Fund Type**

- Total Grants: $435,704
- Donor Advised: $128,229
- Designated: $87,813
- General Unrestricted: $67,435
- Field of Interest: $34,718
- Scholarship: $52,885
- Special Project: $64,624

**Fund Assets By Type**

- Total Assets: $13,687,900
- Donor Advised: $2,601,953
- Designated: $5,508,349
- General Unrestricted: $2,274,571
- Field of Interest: $1,871,437
- Scholarship: $1,376,405
- Special Project: $55,185

**Financial Highlights**

- Total Net Assets: $13,687,900
- Total Grants Awarded*: $435,704
- Total Of All Contributions: $1,237,352
- Total Number Of Funds: 91

*pre-audited
Lin Olsen looks at the busy construction site along the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake and smiles.

At long last, she knows the dream is almost a reality.

In spring 2019, the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Park & Museum/Visitor Center will officially open to the public. The project began as an idea back in December 1999 after the Army Corps of Engineers replaced the old bridge and made adjacent land available for use.

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By 2002, the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation began to raise money and community support for a museum that would commemorate The Battle of Great Bridge, the first major Revolutionary War armed conflict in Virginia.

Over the next 16 years, Lin Olsen and a group of committed volunteers worked tirelessly to rally donors and locate 18th century artifacts for display. At the time, Lin was a project coordinator. Today, she’s the executive director.

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation (SEVACF) recognized the importance of the project and pledged $50,000 over a five-year period to help with phase 1 of construction. In return, the Foundation became a key partner and the center’s administrative office will bear its name.

“We are so grateful for the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation,” said Olsen. “The Foundation team saw the need for education and preservation of such a pivotal moment in American history. Without a victory at Great Bridge, we might still be flying the British flag today.”

When guests walk through the center, they will find an assortment of artifacts from the Revolutionary War era. They include artwork, newspapers, military objects and everyday items like a spinning wheel. Local families with deep histories in Hampton Roads donated many of the artifacts from personal collections.

The building will also be available for special event rentals.

“The Park and Visitor Center is a project whose time has come,” said Olsen. “We can’t wait to bring children and adults alike through our doors and help them understand the significance of the ground they stand on.”

Olsen expects the administrative office to be finished in December 2018. At that time, guests can come by for a visit. The Research Room will be accessible, docents will guide people around the park and the gift shop will be open.

The museum itself will be completed and opened in spring 2019.

Then, almost 20 years since the project first began, the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways Park & Visitor Center will become a fixture in Chesapeake – and earn its place in our nation’s triumphant battle for independence. ✯
When Dr. H. Dale Sponaugle retired in 1998, he left a building at 3603 County Street in Portsmouth that once housed his private ophthalmology practice, Tidewater Eye Surgeons and Associates. He would gift the property, valued at $1.1 million, to the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation in 2012 and to date, it is the largest gift in the Foundation’s history.

For many years, the office served the residents of Portsmouth and surrounding communities. Portsmouth, however, wasn’t always home to Dr. Sponaugle and his wife, Orva. As many do, the Sponaugles adopted Portsmouth as their home after he served a tour of duty here with the Navy. “It was a great place to raise a family and be part of a caring community,” Dr. Sponaugle said. They, and other individuals and families like them, wanted to give back to the community that had treated them well, so the Sponaugles found a way to ensure their heartfelt giving would have the most impact.

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation has a legacy of service by improving the quality of life in the communities we serve. We achieve our mission by connecting donors to the causes they care most about and enable them to give back to our community through many philanthropic charitable financial tools.

We believe that wisely invested charitable gifts from a donor will grow to have a remarkable impact on the community. We invite you to make a gift to the Heritage Fund or leave a legacy gift. 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!
In 2014, we unveiled our new endowment program, The Match, with the goal of creating a million dollars’ worth of endowed funds over a five-year period. At the end of 2017 with one year left under our current program, we are pleased to report that we have exceed our goal. We now have over 1.1 million dollars’ worth of endowed funds!

The program was initially created as a partnership between our foundation and the TowneBank Foundation. The program was designed to have two participating non-profit organizations join per year with a total of 10 participating organizations at the conclusion of the five-year program. To participate, a nonprofit would pledge to raise between $20,000 and $50,000 over an 18-month period. Once their fundraising pledge was met, we and the TowneBank Foundation would – together – match their money raised, instantly doubling their endowment.

In 2015, the Elizabeth River Project became our first Match participant when they pledged $50,000 to help fund their education programs at Paradise Creek Nature Park, which they opened in 2013. “SEVACF’s endowment with matching funds has provided a stable source of funds for education at Paradise Creek Nature Park, making the park viable as a way to reach new generations for many years into the future. We are very grateful,” said Marjorie Mayfield Jackson, Executive Director, Elizabeth River Project.

Since then, the program has quickly grown in popularity and now has eight organizations participating. Participants include, the Elizabeth River Project, Portsmouth Public Library Foundation, Association of American Physicians of Indian Origin, Chesapeake Sports Club, Christopher Academy, Fort Nelson Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, South Norfolk Ruritan Club, and the YMCA of Portsmouth.

All endowment funds generated through The Match are managed by us and placed into a permanent, named fund for the organization. The program has provided these organizations with financial stability allowing them to be less dependent on personal donations or government grants, which can often be inconsistent and unpredictable.

For many, the goal is to grow their fund enough to support future projects, needs and operations. The Association of American Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) Hampton Roads created an endowment through our Match program with $50,000 in assets. Through an annual fundraiser, For the Love of Giving gala, AAPI continues to add to their fund. Their goal is to raise a minimum of $500,000 to further their mission of improving healthcare for the underserved.

We look forward to bringing you more news about the Match program as we move into 2018. In the meantime, we have two spots remaining in our current program. If your non-profit organization is interested in becoming our next Match participant and would like more information, please give our office a call at 757-397-5424 or email us at info@sevacf.org.
The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation found a new home in 2017. After 52 years of maintaining one office in Portsmouth, the Foundation expanded their operations into Chesapeake while maintaining a smaller office in downtown Portsmouth.

The move echoes the tale of our roots when, in 2010, foundations representing these very two cities came together to form the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation – previously known as the Heron Foundation (Chesapeake) and the Portsmouth Community Foundation.

The move to Chesapeake has brought us closer to the center of our region, making us more visible and accessible than ever before. It has also allowed us to keep the activity and life of our community front and center every day. “We are very excited about the expansion of our services into Chesapeake and are very thankful to TowneBank for providing us the opportunity to acquire this first class office space in their building,” says Steve Best, Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation.

The office space itself, which is much larger than what the Foundation occupied before, positions the Foundation for growth for years to come. There is a large conference room and separate multi-purpose space that will also greatly expand the Foundation’s ability to offer services and information to clients and non-profits. We welcome the community to stop by for a visit.

In light of our expansion, the Foundation held an open house in July of last year where we invited our board members, donors, nonprofits, professional advisors, and other community stakeholders to attend. Over 200 people who walked through our doors to see our new office space and connect with each other. Rocketbike, a Portsmouth-based, self-described “boutique” digital agency started by Max Greenhood, was on hand to give demos of our new website, which underwent a major overhaul in 2017. Max’s father, Charles, who owns Brutti’s Catering and is also Portsmouth-based, provided the catering for the event.
Bradford Ross Cherry

Bradford “Ross” Cherry is a Portsmouth native where he attended Portsmouth Public Schools, graduating from Churchland High School in 1991. He then received a BS in Business Management from Clemson University before returning home to work in his family business, Cherry Carpet & Flooring in 1997. In 2007, he became COO and in 2009 was named President of the Portsmouth-based company established in 1947. Ross has served on many boards for his industry to include the JJ Haines Dealer Council, Ardex Fuse Dealer Council and currently sits on the board of Fuse Alliance.

Besides having a passion for his industry, he also has one for his community. As a LeFoe Leadership Graduate, Ross has been active in various community organizations. He also served on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Committee for the City of Portsmouth. In addition to serving on our board here at the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation (SEVACF), he is also a Director of the Portsmouth Partnership where he sits on the Executive Committee.

When Ross is not at work, he is an outdoor enthusiast. He can be found anywhere that has mountains, valleys and a river view. He spends most of his free time whitewater kayaking, whitewater rafting, hiking, and snowboarding. His greatest accomplishments are his two daughters, Savannah and Hayley and his wife of 18 years, Tara.

Kelli Ragland

Kelli Ragland is a native of Virginia having grown up in Red Oak, VA about 3.5 hours west of Hampton Roads. After graduating from Randolph Henry High School, she went on to receive her Bachelors of Science degree in Communications with a minor in Marketing from Old Dominion University, and later her Masters of Business Administration degree from Regent University.

Kelli is the VP of Marketing at ABNB Federal Credit Union, a position she has served since August 2012. Within her role, she helps establish the organization’s brand and competitive position, consistent with its mission within the markets served. She also develops objectives, policies and programs for marketing and public relations activities of the organization while coordinating the efforts of marketing and sales toward the accomplishment of the overall objectives.

As a SEVACF board member, Kelli chairs our Marketing Committee and serves on our Grants Committee. She is also a member of Calvary Revival Church.

In addition to her professional life, Kelli is the wife of Gerald Ragland and a mother of two; Jordan (13) and Taylor (10). When Kelli is not at work, she can be found spending time with her family and their many sport demands on the weekend!
**DONOR/COMMITTEE ADVISED FUNDS**
- Apurva & Vandana Patel Family Advised Fund
- Bradley Coles Memorial Fund
- Cherry Family Donor Fund
- Child & Family Fund of Patrick & Karen Callahan
- Creecy Family Advised Fund
- Don, Susan, and Kathleen Comer Advised Fund
- Earl Industries Charitable Fund
- Fleming Family Advised Fund
- Griffin Family Advised Fund
- Herbert K. & Carolyn K. Bangel Advised Fund
- Major Hillard Family Advised Fund
- Neal & Jean Davis Advised Fund
- Oast Family Donor Advised Fund
- Patterson-Bertrand Family Advised Fund
- Paul & Carolyn Gottlieb Advised Fund
- Paul W & Shirley K Robinett Advised Fund
- Randolph Macon Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Fund
- Sims Donor Advised Fund
- STRIVE – The Tapp Family Foundation Fund
- Ward & Bruce Robinett Family Advised Fund
- Willard & Betty Moody Advised Fund
- William Collins Hill Memorial Fund
- Wood Family Advised Fund
- Viola Family Donor Advised Fund

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**
- AAPI-HR/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- Chesapeake Sports Club/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- Christopher Academy/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- Collins Project Fund
- EDMARC Hospice for Children Endowment Fund
- Elizabeth River Project/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- First Citizen Designated Fund
- Fort Nelson Chapter of the Nat’l Society DAR Fund
- Fort Nelson Chapter of the NSDAR/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- Foskey-VanDyk Memorial Fund
- Heritage Fund
- John & Barbara Hill Fund
- Lee & Helen Gifford Fund
- Lynn B. Dutton Designated Fund
- Medical Transport Assistance Fund
- Neal & Jean Davis Family Fund
- Operating Fund
- PIT Foundation Designated Fund
- Portsmouth Cedar Grove Cemetery Fund
- Portsmouth Public Library/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- Portsmouth Service League Fund
- Schwetz Library Fund
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- St. John’s/London House Fund
- Tidewater Youth Golf Association Fund
- TowneBank/SEVACF Challenge Fund
- Trinity/London House Fund
- United Way Campaign Fund

**SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS**
- Chesapeake 50, Inc. T/A Chesapeake Charities
- Cycle for Survival VB
- Loxley Place Civic League Fund

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**
- Arthur & Martha Cherry Fund
- Bernard Griffin, Sr. Memorial Endowment Fund
- Community Needs Fund
- Dick & Dona Wood Fund
- Dr. H. Dale Sponaugle Family Fund
- Eustis Family Fund
- Jacque B. McCready Deans Fund

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**
- Armed Forces Scholarship Fund
- Barbara Howard OTR Memorial Scholarship Fund
- C.H. Jordan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- C.S. Sherwood Scholarship Fund
- Eastern Amateur Golf Scholarship Fund
- Foskey-VanDyk Scholarship Fund
- George F. Bogdan Scholarship Fund
- Horace Savage Scholarship Fund
- IFPTE Local #1 McElfresh Scholarship Fund
- Jarrod B. Shivers Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Josef D. Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Mike Moreland Humanitarian Rotary Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Portsmouth Service League Scholarship Fund
- Tyrone Hines Scholarship Fund
- W. Clayton Robertson Memorial Scholarship Fund

**FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS**
- Children with Special Needs Fund
- Chisholm Fund
- Merrimac Kiwanis Legacy Fund
- Shuler Family Fund
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club Robert G “Buddy” Bagley Statue & War Memorial Fund

**AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS**
- AAPI-HR Foundation Fund
- Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund
- Chesapeake Sports Club Endowment Fund
- E. Ann Stokes American Heritage Fund
- Elizabeth River Project Endowment Fund
- Elizabeth B. Watson Endowment Fund
- Friends of Chevra T’Helim Fund
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club Endowment Fund
- USO of Hampton Roads and Central VA Restricted Endowment Fund

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation exists to serve our donors and make your charitable giving more meaningful. When you choose to work with us for your philanthropy, you join a group of dedicated, like-minded individuals, families and businesses united by a passion for making a difference in their community.

Every gift, regardless of the amount, is an investment to build stronger healthier communities. We invite you to visit our website for detailed information on each of our giving vehicles and how to start a fund.
This year, 35 deserving students are the recipients of $52,885 in scholarships, thanks to the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation.

**ARMED FORCES SCHOLARSHIP**
- administered by FundVirginia

**ARMED FORCES SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Teagan Rogers

**GEORGE F. BOGDAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Adelaide Hinde
- Timothy Reibel Jr.

**JOSE D. COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Markell Blow

**EASTERN AMATEUR GOLF SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Matthew Keene
- Christa Ventura

**TYRONE HINES SCHOLARSHIP**
- Ashley Caffee

**HORACE SAVAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Willie Cordy, III

**BARBARA HOWARD OTR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Laurie Seril

**C.H. JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Stephanie Ashby
- Xiariah Estes
- Marcus Hudson
- Keyon Jones
- Lashonna Odom
- Antonio Pass
- Anaia Ward
- Bria Williams

**MIKE MORELAND ROTARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Ammon Ward

**C.S. SHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Meghan Addison
- De’Shauna Downs

**PORTSMOUTH SERVICE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
- Teagan Rogers

**GIFTS $100,000 +**
- AAPI of Hampton Roads, Inc.
- Apurva and Vandana Patel
- Elizabeth Patterson
- Jacquie B. McCready

**GIFTS $50,000 - $99,999**
- Chesapeake Sports Club
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club
- The St. Christopher School, Inc.
- Townebank Foundation

**GIFTS $25,000 - $49,999**
- Chesapeake 50, Inc.
- Estate of Paul Ward Robinett, Sr.
- Fort Nelson Chapter DAR
- Mary L. Ziv Revocable Trust
- TowneBank Mortgage
- William H. Oast, III

**GIFTS $10,000 - $24,999**
- Charles Barker Champions For Charity, Inc.
- Herbert K. and Carolyn Bangel
- Paul and Carolyn Gottlieb
- PHR/GKR Holding Co.
- Sentara Foundation Hampton Roads

**GIFTS $5,000 - $9,999**
- AHP Development, LLC
- Anonymous
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads Foundation
- CO TUA Benjamin H West-Family Trust
- East Coast Marketing Inc.
- Georgia T. Flournoy Unitrust #3
- Harvey Lindsay, Jr.
- McLeskey & Associates, LLC
- Portsmouth Service League Inc.
- Timothy S. Culpepper
- Venture Realty Group
- W. F. Magann Corporation

**GIFTS $1,000 - $4,999**
- Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, LLC
- Carl L. Hardee
- Cavalier Ford Lincoln
- Don & Susan Comer
- Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club
- First Team Honda
- First Team Toyota
- Harrison’s Moving & Storage Co., Inc.
- Loxley Place Civic League
- Lynnhaven Middle School
- Otha & Bertha Wright

**GIFTS UNDER $100**
- Amazon Smile
- Auto Club Enterprises
- Barbara Person
- David R. Mitchell
- Ethel Brown
- Haywood Robinson
- Kempis & Pam Brown
- Marion Smith
- Mary Hollowell
- Robin Boyd
- Ruby Phillips
- Steve Best

**2017 DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**
The majority of our annual grantmaking is directed by donors to the causes they care about. Additional grants are made possible through our Community Needs Fund, which was established by philanthropists who have entrusted the Foundation to identify and address critical issues and community needs.

**ARTS & CULTURE - $11,750**
- Portsmouth Community Concerts, Inc.
- Public Art Virginia Beach Foundation
- The Community Outreach Coalition
- The Governor’s School for the Arts Foundation
- Trinity Episcopal Church

**CAPITAL - $13,000**
- Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation
- The USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia

**CIVIC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - $20,290**
- Cedar Grove Cemetery Foundation
- Fraternal Order of Police Gosport Lodge No. 20
- Friends of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court Inc.
- Horizons Hampton Roads, Inc.
- National Center for Prevention of Community Violence
- Railroad Museum of Virginia, Inc.
- Victory Boulevard Baptist Church
- Wesley Community Service Center, Inc.
- YMCA of Portsmouth VA

**EDUCATION - $72,721**
- ACCESS College Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Academy
- Chesapeake Bay Academy Educational Foundation
- Chesapeake Public Schools Educational Foundation
- Children’s Harbor
- Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads
- Geneva College
- Maison Fortune Orphanage Foundation, Inc.
- Military Child Education Coalition
- Portsmouth Catholic Regional School
- Portsmouth Council of PTAs
- Portsmouth Public Schools
- Portsmouth Schools Foundation
- Starbase Victory, Inc.
- The Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art
- University of Virginia Law School Foundation
- Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc.
- Washington & Lee University
- Williams School

**ENVIRONMENT - $8,375**
- Elizabeth River Project
- Nansemond River Preservation Alliance

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - $248,401**
- Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association
- American National Red Cross
- Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia
- Chesapeake Care, Inc.
- Churchland Little League
- City Kids Care, Inc.
- Combat Wounded Coalition
- Cradock Little League Inc.
- Crush Cancer
- Eastern Virginia Medical School Foundation Edmarc, Inc.
- Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia
- ForKids, Inc.
- Friends of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court Inc.
- Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast
- Girls on the Run of South Hampton Roads
- Healthy Chesapeake, Inc.
- Help & Emergency Response Inc.
- Holiday House of Portsmouth, Inc.
- Memorial Sloan Kettering
- Oasis Commission on Social Ministry of Portsmouth
- Police Benevolent Foundation, Inc.
- Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition Inc.
- Portsmouth Intercity Pop Warner Football & Cheer
- Portsmouth Self Sufficiency Project
- Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless
- Roc Solid Foundation Inc
- Schellhammer Urological Research Foundation
- Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia
- Southeastern Council on Foundations
- Teammates For Kids Foundation
- The USO of Hampton Roads and Central Virginia
- The V Foundation
- Together We Can Foundation
- True Freedom, Inc.

**RELIGIOUS - $8,282**
- Green Acres Presbyterian Church
- St. John’s Church

**CREATING A FUND**

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation improves communities by connecting people who care with causes large and small. Based on this mission, the Foundation’s grantmaking program builds the capacity of organizations to address important issues and thrive.

We welcome applications and proposals from nonprofit organizations and students throughout southeast Virginia.

We invite you to visit our website for detailed information on criteria, guidelines and how to apply for a grant or scholarship.

To learn more about our grant process, please visit: [www.sevacf.org](http://www.sevacf.org).
THE SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION is a nonprofit community corporation that connects people who care with causes large and small to benefit the communities we serve. Founded in 1965, SEVACF helps donors meet local charitable needs in Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and the greater southeast Virginia region by targeting grants and scholarships toward our community’s most pressing needs and promising opportunities.

SEVACF manages a collection of undesignated charitable funds, grant-making funds, nonprofit endowments, and scholarship funds, created by different donors at different times for varying purposes. Donors may create funds during their lifetime or by bequest, for general charitable purposes or for a particular cause or organization that they specify. SEVACF provides tailored services to help individuals, families, businesses, and other groups pursue their charitable goals easily, effectively, and with maximum tax benefit.

Through our two competitive grant cycles each year, SEVACF supports southeast Virginia’s most exciting and urgent charitable projects. We serve as a catalyst, leading collaborative solutions to key community issues as they arise.

SEVACF also manages designated endowments on behalf of nonprofits through The Match program, providing these groups with sustainable, easy funds for whatever their needs may be while promoting financial stability.

Through our scholarship program, SEVACF has helped many local students pursue their dream of a college education. We have awarded both need-based and merit-based scholarships to the future leaders of our country.

SEVACF’s perpetual endowments are a resource for today and tomorrow. With the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation, people who love southeast Virginia can give back to the community to meet today’s pressing needs, while building a source of support for future generations.

Believing that community is more than about geographic locale each of SEVACF’s programs share, by design, common values. Our overriding goal is to develop a vision, shared by all, of building a sense of community for today, tomorrow and forever.

THE SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION meets National Standards for operational quality, donor service and accountability in our sector. This certification assures the utmost transparency, donor accountability, fundraising, grantmaking and financial practices.

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation is an active member of the Council on Foundations, an association of more than 2,100 grantmaking organizations and corporations.

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation is an active member of the Southeastern Council of Foundations, one of the nation’s largest regional associations of grantmakers, serving more than 330 grantmaking foundations and corporations in the South.