Dear Friends,

This 2019 Annual Report for the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation paints a glowing picture of a caring community, addressing needs thanks to generous donors and successful partnerships with outstanding non-profits in our region.

The value of our net assets in 2019 was $15,048,033, representing a 17.4% return on investments. The Match program for participating nonprofit organizations continues to perform well, growing from $210,523 in 2015 to $1,882,866 in 2019. Over that year, we awarded 114 grants and 50 scholarships totaling $583,510, an 11% increase over 2018.

This is a clear indication that the community continues to engage with SEVACF programs. But to sustain our quality of life, we must nurture and preserve our region’s strengths while also addressing issues ahead of us. We must remain ever vigilant, by raising funds to support worthy causes, including scholarships for students.

This report reflects all that you have helped us to achieve – not just this past fiscal year, but since we began 53 years ago. On the pages that follow, we’ll document those accomplishments, welcome our new funds and summarize our financials.

Thank you for your dedication to this community and let’s all look forward to the journey ahead.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Oast III
President, Board of Directors

R. Stephen Best, Sr.
Chief Executive Officer

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SEVACF Welcomes Carrie Reid

In November 2019, Carrie Reid joined Southeast Virginia Community Foundation as Administrative Coordinator.

A seasoned administrative professional with over 20 years of experience, Carrie is highly organized, with a successful track record of streamlining daily operations and allocating resources to maximize productivity. Prior to joining SEVACF, Carrie spent nearly a decade in government contracting, coordinating key logistics for multiple departments and hundreds of employees.

She comes from a military family; her father was once stationed at Naval Station Little Creek. Carrie moved to Hampton Roads in 2003 and has been a proud resident of Chesapeake since 2012.

“I’m excited to serve as the point of contact for employees, internal departments, external parties and all stakeholders,” says Carrie. “I oversee our grant and scholarship programs and produce SEVACF’s annual report, newsletter and social media content.”

Welcome to the SEVACF team, Carrie!
The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation holds itself to high standards of financial management and transparency, and operates efficiently in the best interest of our region.

**Grants by Fund Type**
- Total Grants: $522,410
- Donor Advised: $174,937
- Designated: $97,706
- General Unrestricted: $86,647
- Field of Interest: $58,120
- Scholarship: $61,100
- Special Project: $43,900

**Fund Assets by Type**
- Total Assets: $15,048,033
- Donor Advised: $2,672,658
- Designated: $6,038,426
- General Unrestricted: $2,913,778
- Field of Interest: $1,757,326
- Scholarship: $1,600,988
- Special Project: $64,857

**2019 Financial Highlights**

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*pre-audited
The Virginia Symphony Orchestra (VSO) provides transformational musical experiences both on and off the stage. SEVACF was pleased to partner with the VSO to provide funding for its 2019-2020 Chesapeake Young People’s Concerts (YPC).

The VSO actually offers a full 4-month curriculum through Carnegie Hall’s “Link Up” program, which Chesapeake elementary school music teachers received at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. The VSO offered professional development sessions in January to help teachers use the Link Up curriculum to prepare students for an upcoming concert, helping them customize the curriculum to meet classroom needs and sharing what to expect during the concert experience.

On February 11, 2020 more than 3,000 students, teachers and staff attended the VSO’s Chesapeake Young People’s Concert at Great Bridge High School. Students sang songs they had rehearsed along with the VSO in this fully interactive symphony orchestra experience. For many students, a YPC concert is their first live symphony performance and inspires a love and appreciation for orchestral music. The VSO has received many thank you notes from students providing concrete evidence that the goal of this program—to furnish children with educational opportunities that are otherwise inaccessible—was realized. The inspiration sets student up for success in their future musical endeavors and a lifetime of enjoyment in the arts.

SEVACF is proud to support STARBASE Victory, a nonprofit that provides Portsmouth students with unique opportunities to become engaged in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). In partnership with Portsmouth Public Schools (PPS), over 3,600 students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades are transported from their neighborhood schools for a four-day STEM experience at STARBASE Victory in Portsmouth. During their time there, students participate in hands-on projects and learn workplace readiness skills. The STEM program teaches critical thinking by employing an experienced-based curriculum that incorporates the state Standards of Learning (SOLs). Student enthusiasm is always high. And class participation? Perfect.

For the 2019-2020 school year, STARBASE Victory added a new module to their 4th grade program. Partnering with The Port of Virginia, students “visited” the port using 3D goggles and developed their own business model importing raw materials from overseas, transferring those materials to a factory for production and finally distributing them for sale. This new module incorporated SOLs in math, science and social studies while introducing workplace readiness skills.

The new fourth grade module set the stage for STARBASE Victory’s next two years of lessons, when 5th graders will focus on oysters and by 6th grade, they will program drones.

Founded in 1986, the Portsmouth Schools Foundation promotes excellence and builds opportunities and resources within Portsmouth Public Schools. The Foundation serves as a pivotal bridge between the community and schools, strengthening the system and addressing local education challenges in a collaborative effort.

SEVACF was proud to sponsor one of Portsmouth Schools Foundation’s key initiatives, the Forward 2 School event, which set students and parents up for academic success through the donation of backpacks and school supplies.

Forward 2 School was an even bigger success than usual in 2019. The City of Portsmouth decided to hold its first Back-to-School week from August 24-30, choosing Forward 2 School as its premier kick-off event. Held on August 24th at I.C. Norcom High School, in addition to supplies, children and their parents were provided lunch and access to health screenings. Parents without health insurance for their children, but needed the necessary immunizations for them to start school, obtained them free through Forward 2 School.

With SEVACF’s help, 1,200 students left Forward 2 School with backpacks and school supplies, at least 200 more than in previous years. It was truly a community event, with Portsmouth’s Departments of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Health, Social Services, Behavioral Healthcare Services and Friends of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court all providing on-site resources for families.
This year, 50 deserving students are the recipients of $61,100.00 in scholarships thanks to the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation.

Call our office at 757-397-5424 to get information about how to start a scholarship fund. Visit our website at www.sevacf.org/scholarships to apply for a scholarship.

BARBARA HOWARD OTR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Blair Jones

C.H. JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Darryl Creekmur
Lynai Dears
Kayla Epps
Travis Fields, Jr.
Rachel McClain
Imani Norman
Jeshu Odom
Destiny Ricks
LaDera Tabron
Anaia Ward
Breanna Yoakum

C.S. SHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Corina Harris
David Justice
Michaela Lindo
Alysha Pierson

Kasey Rogers
Lauren Sheppard
Hayley French
Chloe Smithey
Nyah Tripplet
Shaye Widlacki
Catherine Williams
Meghan Addison
Haley Lawrence
Makayla Moore
Esperanza Williams
DeShauna Downs
Chloe Hammond
Lonnell Wiggins, Jr.

FREDERICK L. WALKER - I.C. NORCOM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Brandon Harrison

GEORGE F. BOGDAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Anjelaic Patterson
Dominique Tucker

HORACE SAVAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

India Carr
CaSaan Dixon

OSTER AMATEUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Austin Ellis
Bryce Hill

IFPTE LOCAL 1 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Anaya Monroe
Kevin Seimetz

JARROD B. SHIVERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Connor Dabu

JOSEF D. COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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PORTSMOUTH SERVICE LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Erin Childress
Michaela Lindo

RACHEL M. LEISTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

AJ Bartling

TYRONE HINES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Calayja Hamlin

W. CLAYTON ROBERTSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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To get started, contact us at 757-397-5424.

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 at www.sevacf.org/give for detailed information on each of our giving vehicles and how to start a fund.
ARTS & CULTURE - $15,500
- Arts Alive! Chesapeake
- Business Consortium for Arts Support
- Portsmouth Community Concerts, Inc.
- The Governor’s School for the Arts Foundation
- The Virginia Symphony Orchestra
- Virginia Stage Company

CAPITAL - $28,275
- Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation
- Norfolk Botanical Garden
- Portsmouth Museums Foundation Inc.
- St. John’s Episcopal Church
- The USO of Hampton Roads and Central

CIVIC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - $9,100.00
- Go Rescue Pet Adoption Center
- FCNL Education Fund
- National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc.
- PortsEvents, Inc.
- Roger Brown Foundation Inc.

EDUCATION - $79,917.88
- ACCESS College Foundation
- Chesapeake Bay Academy Educational
- Clever Communities in Action
- Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads
- Friends of the Portsmouth Public Library
- Fort Nelson Chapter NSDAR
- Hampton Roads Educational Telecomm
- Joy Ministries Evangelistic Association
- Maison Fortune Orphanage Foundation
- Nansemond River High School
- Nursing CAP, Inc
- Places and Programs for Children, Inc.
- Portsmouth Public Schools
- Seattack Elementary / An Achievable Dream
- Seven Cities Writers Project
- Starbase Victory, Inc.
- St. Matthew’s Catholic School
- University of NC Center for Public Television
- University of Virginia Law School Foundation

ENVIRONMENT - $9,834.66
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Elizabeth River Project
- Nansemond River Preservation Alliance

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - $303,482.78
- Access Partnership
- Alzheimer’s Association
- American Cancer Society
- American National Red Cross
- AmeriCares Foundation, Inc.
- Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads
- Beaumont Health Foundation
- Bon Secours Maryview Foundation
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia
- Catholic Charities
- Chesapeake Care, Inc.
- Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters
- Direct Relief
- Doctors Without Borders USA, Inc.
- Eastern Virginia Medical School Foundation
- Edmarc, Inc.
- Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia
- ForKids, Inc.
- Friends of Barnabas Foundation
- Friends of the Portsmouth Juvenile Court
- Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast
- Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads
- Hampton Roads Workforce Foundation
- Heifer Project International, Inc.
- Help & Emergency Response Inc.
- Holiday House of Portsmouth, Inc.
- Hope House Foundation
- Hopecam, Inc.
- Horizons Hampton Roads, Inc.
- Island Housing Trust
- Jimmyye Laycock Charity Foundation
- Memorial Sloan Kettering
- Montero Medical Missions

RELIGIOUS - $18,200.00
- By His Wounds Ministry
- Centenary United Methodist Church
- Churchland Baptist Church
- Monumental United Methodist Church
- St. John’s Episcopal Church

Grants PAID BY PROGRAM

The majority of our annual grant making 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.

Applying FOR A GRANT

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation improves communities by connecting people who care with causes large and small. Based on this mission, the Foundation’s grant making program builds the capacity of organizations to address important issues and thrive. We welcome applications from nonprofit organizations throughout southeast Virginia.

We invite you to visit our website for detailed information on criteria and guidelines to apply for a grant. To learn more about our grant process, please visit: sevacf.org/grants
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.

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About

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.

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2019 FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

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