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Dear Friends,

In celebrating the success of this year, we are very pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report for the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation (SEVACF). Even during one of the worst pandemics in over a century, the Foundation continued to grow through the generous donations and successful partnerships we share with many donors, nonprofits and the community at large. The giving spirit of our donors and the successes we shared was even more evident this past year, as many organizations and programs were committed to responding to the needs of our communities, especially the most vulnerable who were negatively impacted by Covid-19. SEVACF was proud to be a driving force to connect those willing to serve to the causes that benefited our community. These stories are evident in the pages that follow.

The value of our net assets in 2020 was \$16,879,732 and we experienced an excellent 12.8 percent return on investments in our portfolio. The Match program for participating non-profit organizations continues to perform very well, growing from \$210,523 in 2015 to \$2,202,937 in 2020. Also in 2020, we awarded 101 grants and 50 scholarships totaling \$447,426. This is a clear indication that the community continues to engage with SEVACF programs.

There is still more work to do. 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. In response, we commit to remain ever vigilant in understanding the issues facing our region, and increasing our ability to provide support for worthy causes, including scholarships for students, to help secure a more promising and brighter future.

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 53 years ago. On the pages that follow, we'll tell you more about those accomplishments, welcome our new funds and summarize our financials.

As we move forward into 2021, we will be passing the leadership baton. SEVACF will welcome Richard Wentz as Interim CEO *(right - top)* and Amy Folkes as President Pro Tem *(right - bottom)*. Both Richard and Amy have faithfully served as board members and in leadership roles for many years and will do an excellent job in their new positions.

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

Sincerely yours,

Wm N. Oats

William H. Oast III President, Board of Directors

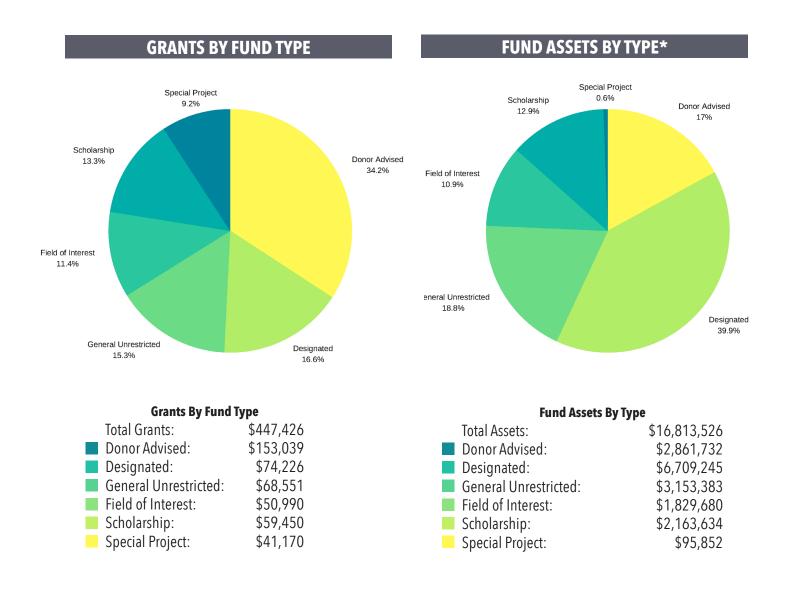
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2020 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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.





total NET ASSETS* \$16,813,527 total grants AWARDED \$447,426



total NUMBER OF FUNDS 113



T. JOHN'S CHURCH in Portsmouth has learned a thing or two about adapting over the years. Founded in 1848, it is one of the oldest, still-in-operation churches in Hampton Roads.

The ability to serve their local community, according to the church's rector Father Derek Harbin, has been their mission from the very beginning. "There's a verse in John - 'the word of God took on flesh and moved into the neighborhood' - and that's what we like to do, to be the hands and feet of God in our neighborhood."

It began with the first rector of St. John's, a man named the Reverend James Chisolm. "He served during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1855, staying behind to minister to the poorest of the poor," says Father Harbin. After taking care of the sick, burying the dead and aiding the elderly, the minister contracted yellow fever and died.

Almost 200 years later, the church dealt with another plague, COVID-19. Their congregation began online services in March 2020, only opening up for in-person services briefly when Portsmouth's positivity rates were low in the fall. "The shift to virtual happened quickly, but there was a steep learning curve. As many people were feeling isolated and trapped in quarantine, we switched to nightly services to help meet that need for connection." In total, St. John's offered 367 online services from March-December.

For those needing financial help, especially with job loss and insecurity, the church paid over \$22,000 to help assist in paying utility bills and rent, as well as medicine and food. The church also opened its parking lot to the local farmer's market, which lost its normal location due to city closures. Many locals depend on that revenue source, and would not have been able to survive without St. John's offering a free location to sell their goods and services.

During the holidays, St. John's was able to donate nearly \$7,000 to Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless. "The pandemic caused immense challenges for this agency which coordinates with local churches to house our homeless neighbors," says Father Harbin. "These funds were used to support an extended homeless ministry in a single location throughout the pandemic."

The church is grateful to SEVACF for its long-term support. According to Father Harbin, St. John's has been able to use grant money through its Chisholm House Fund, London House Fund and donor advised funds to further serve the neighborhood. In addition, SEVACF Board President Bill Oast and his family have been members of the church for the past 45 years.

"Bill Oast has served on our governing board. He's

been the president of the board. He chaired our recent capital campaign - a \$1 million restoration of our historic building - and he has also been on our endowment committee," says Father Harbin. "He's one of those great, faithful Christian individuals who says 'what can I do?' and 'how can I help?""



Like St. John's Church and Bill Oast, SEVACF stands ready to help the local community. For more information, visit our website at www.sevacf.org.

Partmering with FORKIDS

WO WEEKS before the biggest ForKids event of the year, the pandemic set in and changed everything.

The ForKids Art Auction, which raises \$1 million a year, had to switch from an in-person event to an online experience. Thaler



McCormick, the organization's CEO, quickly pivoted and led the team to another successful auction despite the circumstances.

In the months that followed, ForKids, which provides homeless services to an estimated 300 families throughout Southeastern Virginia, had to change its approach in other ways because of COVID-19. The ForKids team delivered thousands of meals to homes (food that children have otherwise received from schools) as well as instructional learning packets and laptops so children could remain connected and keep learning in a virtual way.

All along, ForKids leaned on its network of community organizations like SEVACF. McCormick says half of the ForKids budget comes from community partners, essential funding to help ForKids families with the services they need.

In the past two years, SEVACF has assisted in Portsmouth with permanent supportive housing as well as shelter and rapid re-housing. In 2020, SEVACF enabled ForKids to serve 25 adults and children at the Haven House Emergency Shelter. Among the 25 people is a woman named Candice who came to Virginia from New Orleans with two young children. The Haven House team assisted the family with health insurance, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), childcare and coaching for Candice's resume and job interview skills.

"SEVACF is a consistent financial supporter," said McCormick. "The organization is steadfast in its dedication to the work we do and it makes a big difference every year."

As our region emerges from the pandemic, ForKids continues to press on and make a deeper impact on vulnerable families. McCormick hopes to finish a capital campaign that had to pause during the pandemic and welcome families to a new building, The Landmark Center, in Chesapeake.

Spurred by the need for virtual connectivity in the pandemic, the new facility has enhanced technology features and a layout with social distancing in mind.

McCormick looks to 2021 and beyond and knows that with partners like SEVACF, the ForKids mission will hold strong no matter what challenges lie ahead.

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.

ARTS & CULTURE - \$15,500

- Business Consortium for Arts
- Tidewater Arts Outreach
- Virginia Museum of Contemporary Arts
- Virginia Symphony Orchestra

CAPITAL - \$10,000

Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation

CIVIC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - \$5,000

Chesapeake Humane Society

EDUCATION - \$29,750

- Children's Harbor
- Community Outreach Coalition
- CHIP_Covid-19
- Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads
- Joy Ministries
- Reach Out & Read
- Tidewater Friends of Foster Care

ENVIRONMENTAL - \$3,750

Hoffler Creek Wildlife Foundation

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - \$94,450

- American Red Cross
- Alzheimer's Association
- Norfolk State University
- Ronald McDonald House of Norfolk
- Moms on a Mission
- ForKids
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast Healthy Chesapeake
- Holiday House of Portsmouth
- Honor & Remember
- Meals on Wheels of Chesapeake Inc.
- Montero Medical Missions
- New Vision Youth Services, Inc. (NVYS)
- RX Partnership
- Samaritan House
- St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children
- Virginia Supportive Housing

CApplying 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.

Learn more: sevacf.org/grants

Cfunds BY TYPE

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Apurva and Vandana Patel Family Donor Advised Fun
- Cherry Family Donor Fund
- Creecy Family Advised Fund
- Don, Śusan & Kathleen Comer Donor Advised Fund
- Fleming Family Advised Fund
- Folkes Family Donor Advised Fund
- Paul & Carolyn Gottlieb Advised Fund
- Griffin Family Advised Fund
- Herbert K & Carolyn K Bangel Advised . Fund
- Major M. Hillard Family Advised Fund .
- Maurice Gunter Advised Fund
- Neal & Jean Davis Advised Fund
- Oast Family Donor Advised Fund
- Patterson-Bertrand Family Donor Advised . Fund
- Paul & Carolyn Gottlieb Advised Fund .
- Paul W & Shirley K Robinett Advised Fund
- Sims Donor Advised Fund
- STRIVE The Tapp Family Foundation Fund
- The Child & Family Fund of Patrick & Karen . Callahan
- U. Starr Oliver Donor Advised Fund .
- Viola Family Donor Advised Fund
- Ward and Bruce Robinett Family Advised . Fund
- Willard & Betty Moody Advised Fund
- William Collins Hill Memorial Fund
- Wood Family Advised Fund

COMMITTEE ADVISED FUNDS

Randolph-Macon Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity Corp. Fund

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

- AAPI-HR Foundation Fund ٠
- Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund
- Chesapeake Public Schools Educational • Foundation Fund
- Chesapeake Sports Club Endowment Fund
- Children's Health Investment Program . **Endowment Fund**
- E. Ann Stokes American Heritage Fund
- Elizabeth B. Watson Endowment Fund
- Elizabeth River Project Endowment Fund
- Friends of Chevra T'helim Fund
- Joy Ministries Endowment Fund
- Portsmouth Sports Foundation Fund
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club Endowment Fund

SOUTHFAST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

To learn more about the variety of options and how

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

- USO of Hampton Rds and Central VA Restricted Endowment Fund
- YMCA of Portsmouth Endowment Fund

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

- Arthur & Martha Cherry Fund
- Bernard Griffin, Sr. Memorial Endowment Fund
- Dick & Dona Wood Fund •
- Dr. H. Dale Sponaugle Family Fund •
- Eustis Unrestricted Fund
- . Jacquie B. McCready Deans Fund
- Southeast VA Community Needs Fund •
- Willie G. Wilson Estate Fund •

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

- Children with Special Needs Fund
- Chisholm House Fund
- **Shuler Family Endowment**
- South Norfolk Ruritan Club •
- Robert G "Buddy" Bagley Statue & War • Memorial Fund

DESIGNATED PURPOSE 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
- CPSEF/SEVACF/TBF Designated . Endowment
- EDMARC Hospice for Children Endowment . Fund
- Elizabeth River Project/TBF/SEVACF Designated Endowment Fund
- First Citizen Designated Fund •
- Fort Nelson Chapter Nat'l Society DAR/TBF/ • SEVACF Designated Endowment
- Fort Nelson Chapter of the NSDAR Fund •
- Foskey-VanDyck Memorial Fund
- Heritage Fund
- John & Barbara Hill Designated Fund
- Joy Ministries/SEVACF/TBF Designated • Endowment
- Lee & Helen Gifford Fund •
- . Medical Transport Assistance Endowment Fund

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- Merrimac Kiwanis Legacy Fund •
- Neal & Jean Davis Family Fund •
- **Operating Fund** •
- **Operating Reserves Fund**

- **PIT Foundation Designated Fund** •
- Portsmouth Cedar Grove Cemetery Fund
 - Portsmouth Public Library/TBF/SEVACF • Designated Endowment Fund
 - Portsmouth Service League Endowment • Fund
 - Portsmouth Sports Fdn/SEVACF/TBF Designated Endowment Fund
 - Schwetz Library Fund
 - South Norfolk Ruritan Club/TBF/SEVACF • Designated Endowment
 - . St. John's/ London House Fund
 - Tidewater Youth Golf Association Fund •
 - Trinity/ London House Fund •
 - . YMCA of Portsmouth/SEVACF/TBF Designated Endowment

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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

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

- Al Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- Armed Forces Scholarship •
- Barbara Howard OTR Memorial Scholarship
- Bradley Coles Memorial Scholarship
- C.H. Jordan Scholarship
- C.S. Sherwood Scholarship

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IFPTE Local #1 Ralph McElfresh Scholarship

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Susan Berry Reitelbach Scholarship

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2020 donor contributions

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- John Burns
- Willie G. Wilson Estate

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- A & W Contractors, Inc. **Chesapeake Public Schools**
- **Educational Foundation**

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- Chesapeake 50, Inc.
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- Von L. and Christine Piersall .
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- Association **Champions For Charity**
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- . ESG Enterprises Inc.
- Harvey Lindsay & Company
- Holland Family Fund
- Home Associates of Virginia, Inc.
- Otha & Bertha Wright

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- Sentara Foundation Hampton •
- Roads Venture Realty Group •

GIFTS \$1,000 - \$4,999

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CAbout THE SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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, grantmaking 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.

2020 FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS



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.



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