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Our Mission
The Mission of the Mathews Community Foundation is to Improve the Quality of Life for those Living and Working in Mathews.
Several years ago, a movie, *The Bucket List*, starred Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. Both men are cancer patients sharing a hospital room. One is an auto mechanic, the other a CEO. They posed the questions that everyone should ask themselves before they die: *Have you known joy? Have you given joy to others?*

Whether you are a donor, a recipient of one of our grants, a citizen of Mathews, a student or teacher at any school in Mathews who enjoys the benefits of our grants, a member of the Board of Directors of the Mathews Community Foundation, or a member of the Mathews Women’s Giving Circle, you can answer YES to both questions. As a donor to the Mathews Community Foundation, you know the joy of giving and you have given joy to others. You make your donations year after year. Ever since 1999, when the Foundation was established, through the generosity of our loyal donors, we have continued to serve this beloved community. In 2019, your donations enabled us to give $458,817 in total grants. We cannot THANK YOU enough. Without you, there would be no Foundation. Thank you for the joy you know and the joy you give to others.

In 2019, 38 non-profits benefited from our grants and also can answer YES to both questions. For example, ask Pam Doss of the Bay School about the joy she gives and sees in the Children’s Outreach program or the Mommy and Me classes that are conducted at the Bay School. Ask Mike Carone of Hands Across Mathews about the joy he gives and sees as economically disadvantaged school children, accompanied by community volunteers, take a bus to get school supplies and clothing in the Fresh Start program. Ask Buzz Lambert and the staff of the Mathews YMCA about the joy they see in children’s faces as they learn to swim or enjoy a healthy snack in summer camp.

Ask Nancy Welch, Superintendent of the Mathews County Public Schools, about the difference and the joy grants from the Mathews Community Foundation have made for both teachers and students. Also, you could ask Tiffany Gordon of Mathews Social Services about the difference and joy she sees as she is able to provide in-home mental health services for seniors and disabled adults. Ms. Gordon also can tell you about the joy generated from the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Grant provided by the Mathews Women’s Giving Circle.

Ask the Technology Department at Mathews High School about the joy students know when they use the software purchased through a grant also provided by the Mathews Women’s Giving Circle.

These are just a few of the many examples of how the Mathews Community Foundation, through the approval processes with our Board of Directors, knows joy and gives joy to others. Our Board consists of a diverse group of Mathews citizens who oversee the grants process, our finances, governance, donor services, publicity and business partners. My thanks to all of them for continuing to keep us on the right course. They are a great team of people who understand and appreciate the joy we all know and the joy we give to others.

**Have you known joy?**

**Have you given joy to others?**

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**2020 ADVISORY BOARD**

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Thanks to Paul Vanden Bout, Reed Lawson and Jaik Henderson for their valuable service and leadership on the board as their terms ended in 2019.
“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”
Helen Keller

**Community Vibrancy**
Provide enrichment and education through a diverse offering of arts and cultural activities, and preserving historic and cultural assets.

**Bay School Community Arts Center**
The Children's Art Outreach Grant provided funding for art materials for ten programs which provided learning and arts and crafts experiences. The Family Art Program Grant supported programs for families, including Mommy & Me classes and two new family art sessions. These classes were offered at no-charge to participants.

**Mathews County Public Schools (MCPS)**
A grant provided 6th grade Thomas Hunter Middle School students exposure to live theater, classic tales, and history through a field trip to a theater and a historical production brought to the school.

**The Court House Players**
A grant supported the 2019 Missoula Summer Camp for children ages 6-18, including a week-long residency camp for instructors and culminating in a musical performance open to the public.

**Mathews County Historical Society**
A grant underwrote the publication of Historic Homes and Properties of Mathews County, Virginia Pre-Civil War, the fourth in a series of five books.

**Virginia Symphony Orchestra**
A grant funded the presentation of “Meet the Families,” an interactive children’s library event focused on instrument families followed by a string quartet recital.

**Economic Prosperity**
Promote workforce development by building resources for residents to gain financial independence and to pursue career opportunities.

**Mathews Department of Social Services**
A grant assisted citizens in Mathews with transportation needs. Funds were used to purchase gas vouchers and Bay Transit bus tickets and to pay for minor car repairs to allow residents to get to work and to medical appointments.

**Mathews County Visitor & Information Center**
A grant supported the second phase of the Strategic Development and Marketing Plan for Mathews by funding costs of e-consulting and website improvement.

**VersAbility Resources**
A grant supported employment, skill building and day support services for Mathews County residents with disabilities served by the Puller Center.

A grant supported the publication of Historic Homes and Properties of Mathews County, Virginia Pre-Civil War.

Grants to the Bay School included children outreach and family art sessions.
Educational Success

Assure young people achieve in school, engage in their community, and are prepared for the workforce. Children begin school ready to learn and are supported academically and socially throughout their educational experience.

Jacob’s Ladder
This grant enabled three intellectually gifted, at-risk Mathews County middle school students to attend the Jacob’s Ladder summer residential enrichment camp and to receive advocacy through high school for college and career preparation.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Virginia Peninsula
This grant supported Project Learn, a program that transforms the entire Club into a learning environment for youth ages 6-18.

Hands Across Mathews
A Fresh Start grant helped 25 economically disadvantaged Mathews children obtain clothing for the new school year.

Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory
The Mary Watt Pulley Fund supported the Hawkwatch Program at Kiptopeke State Park by helping pay for seasonal staff.

Mathews County 4-H
This grant funded the 4-H day camps which teach life skills to youth ages 5-13 through various topics, such as, animal science, food and nutrition, and science and technology.

The Fairfield Foundation
A grant supported archaeology-based education and outreach programs, including development and implementation of engaging history/preservation programs in schools and for the public at Fairfield Plantation.

Concerts by the Bay, Inc.
This grant supported the continuation of the Concerts by the Bay youth historical education program and the development of a youth musical education program that enhances and encourages the performing arts in county schools.

A grant to MCPS allowed cultural programs to be delivered to the schools and available to students (Page 6).

Mathews County Public Schools
Six grants were awarded:

Gifted Field Trips  Grant funding enabled gifted learners in grades 3-8 to participate in enrichment field trips.

Lee-Jackson Elementary Marquee  The grant supported the construction of a brick marquee to improve communication about the school events and activities.

Positive Incentive Program  A grant supported positive incentives for targeted populations in the PK-4 public education setting.

Mathews High School Science Department  A grant funded Virginia Association of Science Teacher 2019 Membership and Conference for continuing professional development.

Freshman Transition Fair  A grant supported the annual event at Mathews High School for rising freshmen to help their transition into high school.

Mathews High School Counseling Staff  This grant supported professional development for the school counseling staff.

Gifted Learners field trip to the Air & Space Museum.

Grant was given for software programs used by MHS Technology Department.
Bay Aging
The New Freedom Mobility Management grant supported seniors and people with disabilities gain access to health care services outside Mathews County.

Mathews Department of Social Services
Two grants were given. In Home Mental Health Treatment grant enabled seniors and disabled persons to obtain mental health treatment in their homes. A second grant, General Aid for Poverty Stricken Individuals, supported citizens 18 to 64 who have basic needs but do not meet criteria to received assistance through Social Services programs. These funds help close the gap.

Alzheimer’s Association Greater Richmond Chapter
A grant funded four caregiver education programs during the year and one early-stage social engagement program in Mathews County.

Mathews County TRIAD
A grant supported the annual Senior Safety Fair which was attended by nearly 150 senior citizens of Mathews.

Hands Across Mathews
A grant supported programs to aid local families who have suffered some crisis that puts them in need of the basic amenities of food, clothing, shelter, prescription medications and fuel.

Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad
Funding was provided by a grant to maintain five LifePaks which are devices used in assessing and treating critical patients.

Gloucester Mathews Core Clinic
A grant supported a weekly health clinic and purchased medications for uninsured Mathews residents, especially those with chronic conditions.

Mathews Family YMCA
A grant funded Summer Camp where children have a safe space to learn, have fun, stay healthy and build friendships. The campers received breakfast, snacks and lunch. A second grant supported the YMCA Learn to Swim/Water Safety Program which helps to build confidence in/around the water for youth, regardless of income.

Partners for Mathews Students
A grant provided funding for weekend support for nutritionally compromised students of Head Start and Thomas Hunter Middle School.

Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (GUEST)
A grant defrayed expenses for providing shelter and advocacy for the homeless population of the Middle Peninsula.

Mathews County Public Schools
A grant funded the replacement of a swing set on the Lee-Jackson playground which is available to all Mathews children ages 5 to 12 years.

Avalon Center
A grant provided counseling, legal advocacy, hospital accompaniment, shelter and youth programs for those affected by domestic and sexual abuse.

Gloucester Baystars
A grant provided scholarship support for young women residing in Mathews who participated in the travel soccer program.

Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society
The Free Rabies and Low-Cost Microchip Clinic grant lessens the financial burden of owning a pet while performing a public health service.

Competitive Grant Recipients

“The Mathews Community Foundation’s generous gift to Hands Across Mathews during these tumultuous times is making a difference in the community.”

Mike Carone
Hands Across Mathews

Helping kids achieve more at YMCA Summer Camp.
Virtually every dollar you give to the Mathews Community Foundation is invested to help others. Our operating costs are mostly offset by contributions from our Business Partners, local businesses that invest in Mathews by donating to fund our efforts. When you patronize the businesses listed below, please thank them for their support of the Mathews Community Foundation.

Our board members and Business Partners contributed $16,650 and other in-kind services to offset our 2019 operating expenses.

Ambrose Disposal Service, Inc.
Beach Bum B-B-Q
Burton’s Waterfront/Bernadette M. La Casse
Chesapeake Associates
Chesapeake Bank and Chesapeake Wealth Management
Chesapeake Counseling Associates, PC
Cindy & Bill Barnett
Dehnert, Clarke & Co., PC
Foster-Faulkner Funeral Home
Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal
Inn at Tabbs Creek, LLC
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Tri-River Investment Group of Davenport & Company, LLC/Jay Black
Vashti’s Jewelers, Inc.
Zimmerman Marine, Inc.

INVESTMENTS:

The Mathews Community Foundation is structured to provide charitable assets in perpetuity. The Foundation’s partnership with the University of Richmond’s Spider Management Company (SMC) allows for a disciplined and diversified investment strategy to support that goal. 2019 investment returns, net of fees, were +13.25%, compared to gross returns for a 70% stock/30% bond portfolio of 21.21%. The Foundation’s five and ten year net returns were 6.16% and 7.89%, respectively.

SMC’s returns have been 35% less volatile than the 70/30 benchmark over the last 10 years. This disciplined approach helps to preserve our donors’ gifts to make a lasting impact for Mathews County.

For donors who are willing to consider greater volatility in market returns, several index pool investment options are also offered.

ASSETS:

The Foundation’s assets are comprised of charitable funds and trusts established by individuals and organizations. Each fund is unique to that donor, and the donor has the assurance that the charitable purpose of the fund will be carried out by the Mathews Community Foundation.

MCF’s Advisory Board oversees grantmaking from numerous funds, including the Mathews Endowment Fund and the Fund for Mathews. Unrestricted gifts to the Foundation are invested and used to provide grant funding to local nonprofits. These gifts also allow the Board to respond to unexpected and pressing needs that can put a severe strain on our vital non-profit organizations.

2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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Through careful management of investments, diligent oversight of operating expenses and consistent support from a loyal and enthusiastic community, we have been able to increase our community grant funding while continuing to grow total assets. We awarded more than $123,000 in competitive grants in 2019, all of which supported local non-profit organizations and agencies providing programs and services directly impacting the community.

Donor advised, agency and designated grants, and scholarships totaled $335,400 in 2019, with the vast majority supporting local organizations serving Mathews residents. A listing of component funds is found beginning on the next page (14) of this report.
COMPONENT FUNDS

Mary Gay Lierette Music Fund (2010) contributes to the quality of life in Mathews County by funding musical performances for residents.
Low Life Fund (2017) Established by Keith W. Lowe to give a better life to his fellow citizens in need.
Richard and Janice Phillips Fund for the Mathews Family YMCA (2018) Established to support the general operating and programmatic needs of the Mathews Family YMCA.
Fanchetta and Alan Middleton Fund (2008) Established to support the needy elderly and infirm in Mathews County.
Mary Watt Pulley Wildlife Preservation Fund (2007) Supports habitats for birds of the Chesapeake Bay and promotes the preservation of wildlife habitats.

Donor Advised Funds
Cricket Call Fund (2000) Supports general charitable purposes including the humane treatment of animals.
Abigale Lee Casper Children’s Fund (2008) Supports organizations that provide arts/educational programs to elementary school-age and younger children in Mathews.
Jack Clement Memorial Fund (2005) Supports general charitable purposes in Mathews, with preference to serve the Bohannon/Mobjack area.
Steven M. Griswold, MD Family Charitable Fund (2007) Established by two grateful patients in honor of Dr. Griswold.
Everett and Barbara Diggins Harris Memorial Fund (2011) Supports general charitable purposes with consideration given to the needs of children.
Hubbard-LaFinriere Fund (2007) Supports general charitable purposes which may include organizations that support the arts in Mathews County.
Mabel Davis Isles Charitable Fund (2008) Supports general charitable purposes with emphasis on environmental concerns in the Chesapeake Bay region.
Pamela Bond Machen Memorial Fund (2008) Supports causes that enhance the beautification of Mathews.
Susan Murdoch and Jack White True Love Fund (2014) Supports the care of animals with preference for rescue and non-traditional support services.
Ransome Family Fund (For Education) (2014) Supports scholarships for post secondary education, teacher professional development and extra-curricular activities for youth.
Josephine B. Thorpe Fund (2013) Supports general charitable purposes and is the recipient of Ms. Thorpe’s estate plan.

Specific Non Profits Funds
Bay School Community Arts Center Endowment Fund (2011) Supports general operating needs of the Bay School Community Arts Center in Mathews.
The Elzy Burroughs Fund for the Preservation of New Point Comfort Lighthouse (2019), Established by Wilbur C. Burroughs/Wilbur C. Burroughs, II to honor the builder/first keeper of New Point Comfort Lighthouse.
Concerts by the Bay Endowment Fund (2013) Established by Susan and Robert McCreary to support general purposes of Concerts by the Bay, Inc.
Friends of the Mobjack Rowing Association Fund (2013) Supports the general operating needs of the Mobjack Rowing Association and serves as a lasting tribute to Tim Ulsaker for his time, talent and expertise in rowing.
Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic Endowment Fund, a part of the Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic (GMCC) Endowment Fund (2013) Supports general purposes of the GMCC.
Gloria M. and Paul D. Hare Early Intervention Fund (2011) Supports the Rural Infant Services Program (RISP) of the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board.
Mathews Community Foundation Operating Endowment Fund (2014) Supports the operating needs of the Mathews Community Foundation, with priority given to expenses for the lease and operation of an office.
Mathews County 4-H Fund (2006) Supports 4-H Clubs and their activities in Mathews County, as requested by the Mathews County Extension Director of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.
Mathews County Schools’ Professional Training for Teachers and Student Endowment Fund (2018) Supports the professional development and training needs of teachers and staff.

COMPONENT FUNDS

Mathews Public Schools Endowment Fund (2010) Supports programs and may be used to acquire instructional materials, to increase technical capabilities, to provide learning experiences and to promote student intellectual, physical and emotional well-being.
Oak Grove Christian Church Fund (2003) Established by the parishioners of the Oak Grove Christian Church upon its closing and supports specific charities in Mathews County.
Owens Foundation Endowments (2016) Established by the trustees of the William F. and Catharine K. Owens Foundation for the following endowments that support Mathews Hands Across Mathews Fund to support the programs provided by Hands Across Mathews Interfaith Service Council, Inc. Mathews’ Churches Fund to support programs of specific churches. Mathews County Social Services Programs Fund to support programs that provide stable home environments and assistance to families in need, in particular the Foster Care, Christmas Store and Kids Help Center programs. Mobjack Rowers Fund to support the general operating needs of the Mobjack Rowing Association and the teams it supports. The Bay School Community Arts Center Fund to support The Bay School Community Arts Center’s art programs for children, Mathews Boys & Girls Club Fund to support summer and after school youth programming in Mathews, Mathews Family YMCA Fund to support after school programs and summer specialty camps for youth sponsored by the Mathews Family YMCA, Mathews Land Conservancy Fund to support the Mathews Land Conservancy’s general operating needs.
COMPONENT FUNDS


$10,000 +

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William P. Cumberland
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THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Leaving a legacy that will live on for future generations is important for many people. The Legacy Society was established in 2005 to recognize donors who have included the Mathews Community Foundation in their estate plans, either through a planned gift or by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills.

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Jeff V. * & Rosalyn H. White

*Deceased
Special Thanks

We sincerely thank our partners who show commitment to Mathews every year by offsetting our operating costs. We thank our donors for improving the lives of their neighbors in Mathews. Thank you to all who volunteer time and materials to benefit the Mathews Community Foundation, especially:

Rob Quartel and Michela English
Jay Black
Steve Casper
Joe Diggs
Brendan O’Brien
Judy Rowe
Cherry Point Property Owners Association (CPPOA)
Paige and Pete Ashby

Left to right: Gaylia Kline Hudgins, Jay Black, and Peggy Hudgins, three of the original founders of the Mathews Community Foundation, celebrate 20 years of giving to improve the quality of life for those living and working in Mathews.

The Mathews Community Foundation gratefully acknowledges Ray Stubblebine for his photography, Lois Biddison for the design and Taylored Printing for continuing to contribute to the printing of our Annual Report.
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