



In 2024, the Suffolk Foundation doubled our scholarship dollars! Jacy Keith, pictured here, was a recipient of the Obici Healthcare Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship, which started in 2024. Read more about Jacy and our 2024 scholars on page 6.

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President's Message

It was a privilege to serve as board president for the Suffolk Foundation in 2024. Because of the combined efforts of our board and staff, it was a remarkable year! We are excited to share our news with you in this annual report, featuring gifts and grants from 2024, and showcase some of the wonderful students and nonprofits we supported last year, thanks to your support.

In 2024 the Suffolk Foundation reached an awesome new milestone: Last year, for the first time, we exceeded \$1 million in grants and scholarships in a single year. In particular, our scholarship dollars doubled last year, thanks to several new scholarship funds, including a new partnership with the Obici Healthcare Foundation.

What's even more exciting is that our grants and scholarships will continue to grow. Thanks to several generous community members, last year we established nine new charitable funds! This includes new donor-advised funds, new scholarships in memory of Oliver K. Hobbs, Sr., Kay Gillette, and Greg Gillette, and a new grant-making fund bequeathed by the late Robert Brinkley.

That's not all. Last year, in drafting our new strategic plan, our board decided to add all Friends of the Foundation donations directly to our grant-making endowment. That means we're expanding our grants to give out more money to Suffolk and Western Tidewater for generations to come.

There are a lot of lists on the following pages—grants, donors, scholarship recipients. These are not just names and numbers. Every gift has a story of people who help their neighbors, who give selflessly, who make our community better. We have shared a few stories on the following pages, but we know you have a story, too. When you give, please share your story with us, and know how grateful we are for you.

Please, peruse the pages that follow to see all the ways you are helping to make Suffolk and Western Tidewater an even better place to live, work, and play. Thank you so very much for your wonderful contributions to our community foundation!





Harry Lee Cross, III
2024 Board President

Suffolk Foundation Charitable Funds
As of February 11, 2025

- Allfirst Memorial Scholarship Fund
AMADAS Industries Stanley A. Brantley Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Amy Phelps Art Scholarship Fund
Ann Godwin Moore Fund
Audrey B. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund
Charity for Needy Fund
Charles B. III and Juanita Pond Fund
Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship Fund
Coach Ron Killmon PRLPT Fund*
Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship Fund
Community Action Coalition of Virginia Fund*
Community Impact Fund
Cross Family Access Fund*
Cross Family Fund
David and Debbie Russell Family Fund
Disaster Relief Fund
DiStasio Family Fund
DiStasio Health Professions Scholarship Fund
Dottie Scott Elizabeth River Artists Fund
Dwight and Jane Schaubach Fund
Ella Freeman Rawls Endowment Fund
George and Sue Birdsong Endowment Fund
- George T. Everett Memorial Fund
Hall Family Fund
Hampton Roads Partnership Fund
Harrell Fund
Harry and Lisa Cross Administrative Fund
Harry and Lisa Cross Grandchildren Fund*
Heirs of Angus Henderson Hines Fund
Host Family Fund
Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship Fund
James M. Blair Memorial Scholarship Fund
Judith Whitney Godwin Fund for Animals*
Katherine S. Harrison Fund
Kay Gillette and Greg Gillette Scholarship Fund*
K&L Cross Fund
Lewis F. Morris and William L. Whitley Scholarship Fund
Louis and Mary Haddad Foundation
Scholarship Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Wendel AVW Technologies Fund
Next Step Operating Endowment Fund
Obici Healthcare Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship Fund*
Oliver K. Hobbs, Sr. STEM Scholarship Fund*
- Ossie S. and Thomas F. Blair Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Otha S. Rountree Scholarship Fund
R. Curtis and Martha Godwin Saunders Memorial Fund
Reynoldson Baptist Church Fund
Richard F. III and Carolyn Barry Fund
Robert F. Brinkley III Fund*
Samaritan Internship Fund
Scott and Heather Carr Charitable Fund
Suffolk Business Women Scholarship Fund
Suffolk Education Foundation Family of Funds
Suffolk Humane Society Fund
Suffolk Recreational and Charitable Association Fund
Suffolk Youth Athletic Association Fund
Thomas H. III and Constance P. Birdsong Endowment Fund
Tom and Jane Birdsong Endowment Fund
Tri-County Longbeards Fund
White Family Fund
William N. (Billy) Hill Scholarship Fund
Women's Impact Fund
* New Fund in 2024

Photos courtesy of Diamonds in the Rough, the Salvation Army, and the Friends of Ron Killmon.

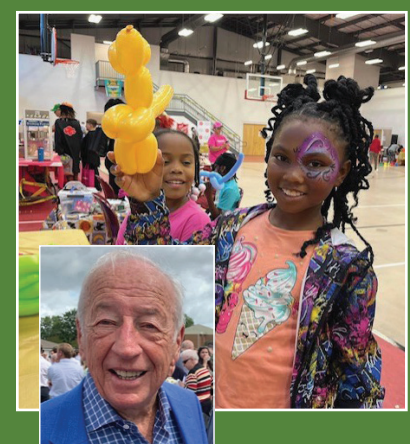


NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT

Judith Whitney Godwin Fund for Animals

Did you know that one of America's most important abstract expressionists was born and raised in Suffolk, Virginia? You can find Judith Whitney Godwin's paintings in the most storied museum collections in our country—and now, here in Suffolk, she'll also be remembered for her compassion for animals.

After Judith left a gift in her will to benefit animals, her family chose to partner with the Suffolk Foundation to administer her gift and award grants in her name. So far, Judith's gift has helped with renovations at the Suffolk Humane Society, and has helped horses in the care of Diamonds in the Rough Rescue in Windsor.



Coach Ron Killmon PRLPT Fund

PRLPT. Anyone who played for Coach Ron Killmon knows what that means: pride, respect, love, protect, togetherness. Coach Killmon didn't just teach football and baseball: he taught values, like character, work ethic, and discipline. He was a champion for the young people he coached and mentored.

So it seems only right that after he passed, friends of Coach Killmon wanted to honor his legacy with an endowment that would serve disadvantaged children and youth, emphasizing those same values. The Coach Ron Killmon PRLPT Fund was started in 2024 with dozens of gifts in his memory. The first grant was awarded last year to the Salvation Army for its after-school youth programs.

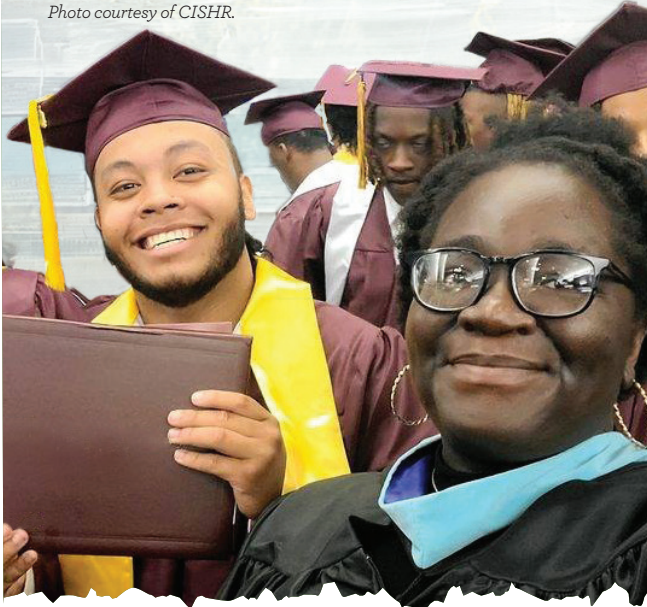
Community Impact Grants

\$153,000 Awarded in 2024 to 44 Nonprofits

ACCESS College Foundation.....	\$6,500
American Red Cross of Coastal Virginia.....	\$4,500
Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads.....	\$1,000
Blakey Weaver Counseling Center.....	\$2,000
Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Virginia.....	\$2,000
Camp25.....	\$2,500
Children's Center.....	\$1,500
Children's Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads.....	\$2,500
Children's Harbor.....	\$2,000
Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk.....	\$6,500
Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads.....	\$2,500
Cornerstone Ballet Company.....	\$1,000
Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore.....	\$6,500
ForKids.....	\$6,500
Franklin Cooperative Ministry.....	\$1,000
Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast.....	\$2,500
Girls on the Run Hampton Roads.....	\$3,000
Hope for Suffolk.....	\$2,000
Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program.....	\$4,000
Links Foundation.....	\$2,000
Meals on Wheels of Suffolk and Isle of Wight.....	\$6,500
Nansemond River Preservation Alliance.....	\$6,500
Riddick's Folly.....	\$1,500
Salvation Army of Suffolk.....	\$6,500
Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia.....	\$2,500
St. Luke's Historic Church & Museum.....	\$1,000
Straighten Up and Fly Right.....	\$1,000
Suffolk Art League.....	\$4,000
Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.....	\$6,500
Suffolk Cheer Fund.....	\$2,500
Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center.....	\$5,000
Suffolk Education Foundation.....	\$4,000

A grant in 2024 to Communities in Schools will help support students in five Suffolk Public Schools. With these supports, students remain engaged in school, succeed in school, and graduate on time.

Photo courtesy of CISHR.



Suffolk Family YMCA.....	\$5,000
Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society.....	\$2,500
Suffolk Sheriff's Office Charities.....	\$3,500
Suffolk Youth Athletic Association.....	\$6,500
Tidewater Arts Outreach.....	\$1,000
Tidewater Friends of Foster Care.....	\$2,500
Tidewater Winds.....	\$2,500
Up Center.....	\$4,000
Virginia Legal Aid Society.....	\$5,000
Walk In It.....	\$2,000
Western Tidewater Free Clinic.....	\$6,500
WHRO Public Media.....	\$2,500



In 2024 the Suffolk Foundation supported the Nansemond River Preservation Alliance's environmental education programs with Suffolk Public Schools. Here, youth in Suffolk help clean and count local oyster gardens and oyster reefs.

Photo courtesy of NRPA.

How to Apply

Our Community Impact Grants Program supports nonprofits across Suffolk and Western Tidewater, focusing on arts and culture, education, the environment, health, and other community needs. These competitive grants are supported by our Community Impact Fund, as well as ten other undesignated and field-of-interest funds.

Applications for Community Impact Grants open online on September 1 each year, and are due October 15. Any nonprofit in Suffolk and/or Western Tidewater is eligible to apply. To learn more, visit SuffolkFoundation.org/Grants, or call our staff at 757-923-9090.

How to Help

We are grateful to our Friends of the Foundation, who contributed generously to our Community Impact Fund in 2024, helping grow our community's endowment to support local charitable good for generations to come.

Anyone can contribute to our grants program, either with a Friends contribution, or by starting and naming a new fund. Some donors choose to start their fund during their lifetime, while others opt to give through a bequest, trust, or other planned gift. Donors can establish a fund for a favorite good cause (like children or the environment), or make a donation for general grant-making. To learn more, call us at 757-923-9090, or read more at SuffolkFoundation.org/Funds.



A grant in 2024 to the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts will help support the Artists in Schools program.

Photo courtesy of SCCA.

Community Action Coalition Joins Suffolk Foundation

When the volunteers with the Community Action Coalition meet each year, they have a couple traditions. First, they always meet for breakfast at Harry Cross’s house in December when they review grant applications. Second, Lisa Cross always makes a scrumptious coffee cake.

Founded in 1991, the Community Action Coalition was started by Allen Perrel and Perrel Management Company as a Suffolk-based grant-making fund. Over the three decades that followed, Community Action awarded over \$2.5 million in grants to more than 60 local organizations. Community Action helped with affordable housing, literacy, health initiatives, and many other local causes.

But as the years went by, this all-volunteer group wanted assistance with the administrative burden—and the cost—of running itself as a separate foundation. There was the record-keeping. The annual tax returns. Insurance. Due diligence and compliance. Investment oversight. Accounting fees. Excise taxes. Check-writing. Budgeting. It’s expensive and time-consuming to run a foundation.

So when the group met in 2023 to discuss their next evolution, a partnership with the Suffolk Foundation was an easy decision. By becoming a donor-advised fund, the volunteers could continue to do all the fun stuff—awarding money to charity—and leave all the paperwork to the Suffolk Foundation.

“I was thrilled to have someone help,” said Dana Cutler, bookkeeper of Perrel Management, and director of Community Action for over 30 years. It was a big day when Dana brought a closetful of file boxes to the Suffolk Foundation to take over.

But the benefits went beyond storage space and cost-cutting. Harry Cross, the chairman of Community Action, said, “Running on our own, we weren’t getting many grant applications. We didn’t have a good perspective on all the local needs,” he explained.



Grant support from Community Action to Girls on the Run has funded summer camp scholarships for girls from Suffolk.

Photo courtesy of GOTR.



Representatives from Virginia Legal Aid Society and Safe House Project attended the Suffolk Foundation’s Nonprofit Expo and Fall Forum in 2024. Both organizations were 2024 grantees of Community Action.

“After we partnered with the Suffolk Foundation,” Harry continued, “we had the opportunity to look at dozens of new organizations, all vetted by the Foundation. They made it easy to identify the community needs we wanted to support.”

The goal was to make it easier for nonprofits, as well. Now, every nonprofit that applies to the Suffolk Foundation is reviewed by both groups, which means nonprofits are getting more exposure, and spending less time writing multiple grant applications.

Meanwhile, the volunteers with Community Action still meet each December at Harry’s house. They get grant applications before the meeting, review them together, and help support many local causes.

And they really appreciate Lisa’s scrumptious coffee cake.

Community Action Grants

\$189,644 Awarded in 2024 to 43 Nonprofits

ACCESS College Foundation.....	\$8,500
American Diabetes Association.....	\$1,000
American Red Cross of Coastal Virginia.....	\$500
Armed Services YMCA of Hampton Roads.....	\$1,000
Blakey Weaver Counseling Center	\$2,000
Camp25	\$2,000
Children’s Health Investment Program of South Hampton Roads.....	\$684
Children’s Harbor.....	\$1,000
Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk.....	\$5,500
Communities in Schools of Hampton Roads.....	\$2,500
Cornerstone Ballet Company.....	\$4,000
Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore	\$6,000
ForKids.....	\$13,500
Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast.....	\$1,000
Girls on the Run Hampton Roads.....	\$2,000
Hope for Suffolk.....	\$2,000
Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program.....	\$2,000
Links Foundation	\$1,260
Meals on Wheels of Suffolk and Isle of Wight.....	\$5,000
Nansemond River Preservation Alliance.....	\$10,000
Nansemond Suffolk Academy	\$5,000
Riddick’s Folly	\$1,000
Safe House Project.....	\$3,500
Salvation Army of Suffolk.....	\$15,500
Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia	\$2,000
Solomon’s Porch at East End Baptist Church.....	\$1,000
St. Luke’s Historic Church & Museum.....	\$1,000
Star Haven.....	\$2,000
Straighten Up and Fly Right.....	\$1,000
Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.....	\$12,000
Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center.....	\$12,000
Suffolk Family YMCA	\$12,000
Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society.....	\$3,000
Suffolk Public Schools.....	\$2,700
Suffolk Sheriff’s Office Charities	\$3,000
Suffolk Youth Athletic Association.....	\$3,500
Tidewater Friends of Foster Care.....	\$3,000
Tidewater Winds.....	\$1,000
Up Center	\$1,000
Virginia Legal Aid Society.....	\$10,000
Walk In It	\$2,000
Western Tidewater Free Clinic.....	\$18,500
WHRO Public Media.....	\$2,500

If your family, business, civic group, or foundation is looking for administrative assistance with your charitable giving, the Suffolk Foundation is ready to be your partner. Call us at **757-923-9090** to learn more about the benefits of donor-advised funds.

2024 Scholarship Recipients

- Allfirst Memorial Scholarship**
Kaylee Roggie: \$1,000 (Peninsula Catholic High School)
- Amy Phelps Art Scholarship**
Lailah Collins: \$2,000 (Smithfield High School)
- Audrey B. Butler Memorial Scholarship**
Natalie Gonzalez-Espinal: \$1,250 (King's Fork High School)
- Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship**
Teniya Jordan: \$4,000 (King's Fork High School)
- Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship**
Noah McGirt: \$2,500 (Nansemond River High School)
- DiStasio Health Professions Scholarship**
Jackson Ray: \$2,000 (Isle of Wight Academy)
- Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship**
Nicholas Conboy: \$5,000 (Nansemond River High School)
Noah Wells: \$5,000 (Nansemond River High School)
- James M. Blair Memorial Scholarship**
Destiny Caravello: \$5,500 (Nansemond River High School)
- Just Because Scholarship**
Braedon Dennis: \$1,000 (Nansemond River High School)
- Louis and Mary Haddad Foundation Scholarship**
Ramirsjae Young: \$1,700 (Lakeland High School)
- Obici Healthcare Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship**
 - > **High School Recipients**
Kate Holland: \$10,000 (Isle of Wight Academy)
Jacy Keith: \$10,000 (Gates County Senior High School)
Taylor Legg: \$10,000 (Gates County Senior High School)
 - > **Paul D. Camp Community College Recipients**
Tatyana Beale: \$2,000 (Newsoms)
Tamia Blakely: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
Asia Daren: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
Chafia Dixon: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
Mary Eesuola: \$2,000 (Suffolk)



The Obici Scholarship includes a partnership with Paul D. Camp Community College for students in their Nursing and Fast-Track Healthcare Programs.

- Naomi Gardier-Brewster: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
- Jacquelin Harden: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
- Jordan Taylor: \$2,000 (Smithfield)
- Ilary Tiendrebeogo: \$2,000 (Suffolk)
- Tanisha Thompson: \$2,000 (Franklin)
- Oliver K. Hobbs, Sr. STEM Scholarship**
Mason Ternes: \$1,500 (Nansemond River High School)
- Ossie S. and Thomas F. Blair Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
Lauren Vann: \$5,000 (Lakeland High School)
- Otha S. Rountree Scholarship**
Peyton Chinn: \$1,500 (Lakeland High School)
- Suffolk Business Women Scholarship**
Destiny Caravello: \$2,000 (Nansemond River High School)
- William N. (Billy) Hill Scholarship**
Brenda Holloman: \$2,000 (Lakeland High School)

The Obici Scholarship—
Providing a Sense of Purpose

When Grace Legg of Gates County received the news of her grandfather’s passing, she was overwhelmed with grief. But there was more than that. Eventually, in reflecting on the compassionate care that he received from nurses and doctors at the end of his life, Grace found comfort—and a newfound sense of purpose.

Five years later, when Grace applied for the Obici Healthcare Foundation Career Pathways Scholarship, she told us: “I want to be like the nurses who took care of my grandfather. I want a career where I can alleviate the pain of others, offer a comforting presence in times of distress, and provide hope when it seems most elusive. My decision to pursue nursing is not about seeking a profession—it is about embracing a calling. It is about transforming my grief into a source of inspiration.”

The Obici Scholarship was created for local students like Grace, who have a passion for serving through healthcare, and who want to serve their home community in Suffolk or Western Tidewater. The goal of the scholarship is not only to help students afford college, but to inspire them to come home (or stay home) after college to do so, thereby addressing the healthcare workforce shortage in our area.

The Obici Scholarship is now one of the most competitive—and generous—scholarships in our area: \$10,000 a year, up to \$40,000 for undergraduate study. Recipients can also reapply for another \$40,000 in scholarships for post-graduate study, such as medical school. There’s also a partnership with Paul D. Camp Community College to award scholarships to students in the Nursing and Fast-Track Healthcare Programs.

Along with Grace and Jacy Keith (whose photo is on the cover), Kate Holland of Isle of Wight County was another 2024 recipient of the Obici Scholarship. Kate’s commitment to her community earned her the prestigious award: “I was born and raised in southeastern Virginia, and it is my home. The people in Tidewater have played a tremendous part in shaping the person I am today, and I would love nothing more than to come back and help the people who once helped me.”

We can’t wait to see what these young people will do!



Photo courtesy of Obici Healthcare Foundation.



From left to right: Kaylee Roggie, Teniya Jordan, Noah McGirt, Ramirsjae Young, Mason Ternes, Brenda Holloman, Natalie Gonzalez-Espinal.



From left to right: Destiny Caravello, Braedon Dennis, Nicholas Conboy, Taylor “Grace” Legg, Lauren Vann, Noah Wells, Peyton Chinn.

Other Grants and Distributions

Awarded in 2024 / From Donor-Advised, Designated, Agency, and Other Funds

Alzheimer's Association.....	\$1,000	Portsmouth Catholic Regional.....	\$5,000
Bennett's Creek Sertoma.....	\$1,500	Rawls Museum Arts.....	\$21,017
Birdsong Health Literacy Center of Excellence.....	\$11,000	Riddick's Folly.....	\$1,000
CHAS Foundation.....	\$5,000	Roc Solid Foundation.....	\$40,000
Chesapeake Bay Wine Classic Foundation.....	\$10,000	Rotary Club of Suffolk.....	\$3,000
Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter.....	\$5,000	Salvation Army.....	\$26,000
Children's Museum of Virginia.....	\$5,000	Smithfield Youth Wrestling.....	\$3,500
Deep Creek High School.....	\$8,000	Special Olympics of Virginia.....	\$5,000
Diamonds in the Rough Rescue.....	\$2,500	St. Luke's Historic Church & Museum.....	\$6,000
Ebenezer United Methodist Church.....	\$3,000	St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance.....	\$10,000
Eggleston.....	\$5,000	St. Paul's Episcopal Church.....	\$9,000
EVMS Foundation.....	\$4,500	Suffolk Art League.....	\$5,000
First Tee of Hampton Roads.....	\$1,000	Suffolk Business Women.....	\$1,500
ForKids.....	\$25,500	Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts.....	\$41,205
Guns & Hoses Hockey Association.....	\$2,500	Suffolk Christian Academy.....	\$2,000
Hampton Roads Classical.....	\$9,628	Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center.....	\$6,700
Hero Kids Foundation.....	\$6,000	Suffolk Education Foundation.....	\$48,000
Hope for Suffolk.....	\$150	Suffolk Humane Society.....	\$12,895
Isle of Wight Academy.....	\$1,500	Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society.....	\$1,000
King's Fork High School.....	\$2,000	TowneBank Foundation.....	\$28,000
Lakeland High School.....	\$2,000	Tri-County Longbeards Chapter.....	\$5,000
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.....	\$1,500	United Way of South Hampton Roads.....	\$500
Lynell O. Baker Scholarship Fund.....	\$1,000	Virginia All-Female Ride.....	\$500
Montero Medical Missions.....	\$1,500	Virginia Beach CASA.....	\$1,000
Nansemond River High School.....	\$4,000	Western Tidewater Free Clinic.....	\$20,000
Nansemond River Preservation Alliance.....	\$10,000	Williamsburg Christian Academy.....	\$10,000
Nansemond Suffolk Academy.....	\$7,600	Wor-Wic Community College Foundation.....	\$5,000
Norfolk Festevents.....	\$10,000	YMCA Taylor Bend.....	\$6,500
Old Dominion University Athletic Foundation.....	\$13,000	Youth Readiness.....	\$6,000
Paul D. Camp Community College Foundation.....	\$2,000		



What is a Donor-Advised Fund?

A donor-advised fund is a giving fund established by a family, business, or individual, who has ongoing involvement in how the fund is used. You recommend grants to nonprofits, and our staff handles all the paperwork, investment, accounting, and due diligence. We offer many flexible options, including timing/amount of grants, various investment and spending choices, and the ability to involve future generations of your family. Donor-advised funds are an easy, tax-advantaged, and inexpensive way to take your philanthropy to the next level.

What is a Designated Fund?

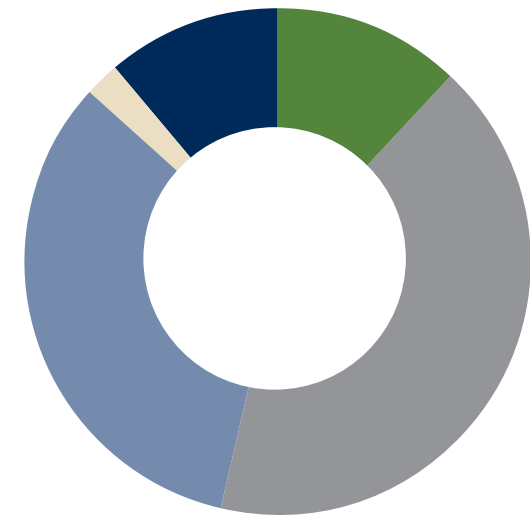
With a designated fund, you create an endowment to support your favorite nonprofit organization. It can be a service group, church, food pantry, park, school, or any other type of charity. The Suffolk Foundation handles the investment, and your chosen charity receives steady and reliable income each year.

What is an Agency Fund?

An agency fund is established by a nonprofit for its own organization. This is a great tool for nonprofits that don't have the investment capacity or expertise to manage their own endowment. Your organization can also use your fund at the Suffolk Foundation to enhance your capability to accept large, complex, and/or planned gifts.

To learn more about establishing a charitable fund, contact our staff at 757-923-9090, or go to SuffolkFoundation.org/Funds.

Grants Awarded in 2024



- **Agency Fund and Designated Grants:**
\$125,304 to 10 Nonprofits
- **Donor-Advised and Similar Grants:**
\$428,848 to 57 Nonprofits
- **Community Impact and Community Action Grants:**
\$342,644 to 50 Nonprofits
- **Other Grants:**
\$23,000 to 5 Nonprofits
- **Scholarships:**
\$112,950 to 44 Students

TOTAL Grants Paid in 2024: \$1,032,746

Donations to Funds

Gifts Received from
January 1 to December 31, 2024

Amy Phelps Art Scholarship Fund

Daryl and Carolyn Bickham*
Debra Bowden*
Timothy L. and Judith D. Spear*
David P. and Patricia L. Watkins*
** in memory of Rodman Phelps*

Chuckatuck Volunteer Fire
Department Scholarship Fund

Trudy Norfleet
Russell B. Rose
William G. and Chelsea M. Saunders*
** in memory of William Rapier*

Coach Ron Killmon PRLPT Fund

Anonymous (4)
Anabel Beatty
David J. Birdsong
George Y. Birdsong
Felix Collazo
Alexis Daniels
Gerald T. Davis and Melinda D. Ashley
Norma Dorey
Derrick Downes
John T. and Suzanne Dukes
Carmen Gonzalez
Charles Garcia
Katherine H. Gorden
Maize Gray
Jean A. Hazelwood
Thomas and Karen Hazelwood
Jamar Hicks
Tonya Hurst
Donna G. Killmon
Kimberly Killmon
David Lawrence
Ayana Mabry
Rjay Manuel
Krystal Mathieu
Joanne S. Maynard
Cameron Midgett
Dale and Bonnie Midkiff
Brandon Oliphant
Edward and Faye Pahl
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Community Action Coalition of Virginia
Fund

BREI Westover LLC
Community Action Coalition of Virginia

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Chris Jones with
Aubrey Layne, Jr.,
who was the keynote
speaker for our Fall
Forum in 2024



Cross Family Access Fund

Harry and Lisa Cross

Cross Family Fund

Harry and Lisa Cross

David and Debbie Russell Family Fund

Tile & Terrazzo LLC

DiStasio Health Professions Scholarship
Fund

DiStasio Family Fund

George and Sue Birdsong Endowment
Fund

Raymond and Sheri Anderson*
George Y. Birdsong
Jay and Kim Butler*
Cross Family Fund*
Carl and Denise Farris*
Hall Family Fund*
Kermit Hobbs*
Host Family Fund*
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Debbie and David Russell*
Vernon and Susan Towler*
Mark and Margie Wiley*
** in honor of George Birdsong*

Hall Family Fund

Allfirst, LLC

Harry and Lisa Cross Grandchildren
Fund

Harry and Lisa Cross

Howard D. Mast Memorial Scholarship
Fund

Leland and Gloria Barrett*
Marilyn Bray*
John H. Dalton*
Philip and Judith Midkiff*
Cheryl U. O'Connor*
Jacqueline Reed*
Mr. and Mrs. Sandy T. Tucker*
Brenda D. Winstead*
** in memory of Robert Blair*

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K&L Cross Fund

Lee and Kate Cross

Katherine S. Harrison Fund

Whitney and Ellen Saunders

Kay Gillette and Greg Gillette
Scholarship Fund

Robert Gillette

Lewis F. Morris and William L. Whitley
Scholarship Fund

Robert Gillette
Frank and Anne Kress
Mary Ainslie & Art Latimer*
Trudy Norfleet
** in memory of Willard S. Moger, Jr.*

Next Step Operating Endowment Fund

Birdsong Peanuts
Kermit Hobbs
Wayne and Julie Scott

Obici Healthcare Foundation Career
Pathways Scholarship Fund

Obici Healthcare Foundation

Oliver K. Hobbs, Sr. STEM Scholarship
Fund

Kermit Hobbs

Operating Fund

Birdsong Corporation
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In the fall of 2024, we re-created our Friends of the Foundation program to direct all Friends gifts (as well as any undesignated donations) to our Community Impact Fund. As our largest grant-making endowment, the Community Impact Fund supports dozens of local nonprofits each year with their important programs.

Thanks to your Friend contributions, we'll be able to give out more grants to our community, and keep growing the endowment for Suffolk and Western Tidewater for generations to come.

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Please let us know if you have corrections or a preference for how your gift is listed in our reports.

Ways To Contribute

The Suffolk Foundation welcomes contributions of all sizes and types:

- Make a tribute gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. This can be earmarked to any fund of your choosing.
- Become a “Friend of the Foundation” so we can give out more grants to our community!
- Join the Women’s Impact Fund—membership starts at \$500. Your gift to this endowment will be earmarked for local charities serving women and children.
- Start a fund of your own with a name and charitable purpose of your choosing. Most funds start at \$10,000, which can be contributed over multiple years.

Donations can be made:

- By check, mailed to Suffolk Foundation, 110 West Finney Avenue, Suite 100, Suffolk, VA, 23434.
- Securely online at suffolkfoundation.org/donate.
- Through your individual retirement account (IRA) as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), helping to fulfill your required minimum distribution.
- As a gift of stock, real estate, or other property.
- By naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement fund or life insurance plan. You can also gift a fully-paid life insurance policy to the Foundation.
- Through a will, trust, or other estate gift. A charitable remainder trust, for example, can provide you with income for life—and an immediate tax benefit—with the remainder benefiting your community through the Foundation.



Scan here or go to SuffolkFoundation.org/Donate to donate securely online.



Juan Lascano (pictured here with his family) was our first-ever scholarship recipient—the Howard Mast Scholarship in 2008—and was our inspiring guest speaker at our 2024 Fall Forum.



In 2024 the Women’s Impact Fund more than doubled its grant-making and grew to over 50 members.

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The Women’s Impact Fund was formed in 2018 to facilitate and develop philanthropy amongst local women, and to address the needs of women and children in Suffolk and Western Tidewater. In 2024 the Women’s Impact Fund awarded grants to Tidewater Friends of Foster Care (\$3,500), Western Tidewater Free Clinic (\$3,700), Blakey Weaver Counseling Center (\$4,000), Girls on the Run (\$2,100), and the Up Center (\$3,296).

To learn more about the Women’s Impact Fund or to join this group of women, visit SuffolkFoundation.org.

Our Mission

The mission of the Suffolk Foundation is to facilitate and develop local philanthropy to benefit Suffolk and Western Tidewater. Partnering with numerous individuals, families, businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations, we manage a host of charitable funds that award grants and scholarships each year to better our community.

We are a 501(c)3 public charity, and we are growing each year with new funds, new grants, and new scholarships. We want to work with you to facilitate your philanthropy. ***Join us!***

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