

\$100,000 Century Fund Awarded to Appomattox County FFA

The 2026 Century Fund award recipient is the Appomattox Future Farmers of America Alumni Association's Agricultural Complex, a 12,500-square-foot multipurpose agricultural facility.

After several years of fundraising efforts, the GLCF grant will allow the start of an expansion of the existing facility.

The result will be a multi-purpose space supporting youth and workforce development in agriculture.

It will provide space for hands-on livestock experience, events, and modern agricultural equipment for the 400+ agricultural education students in Appomattox and community groups in Central Virginia. GLCF funding will support construction and the purchase of equipment.

"How exciting it is to be able to help the Appomattox FFA complete their fundraising and soon their building," says Susan Ackley, chair of the GLCF's Century Fund committee. "This complex is expected to have a significant and lasting impact in Central Virginia."

The complex is projected to serve thousands of youth in the coming years, ensuring continued agricultural vitality in the region by creating an informed agribusiness sector and increasing the number of agribusiness enterprises in our region.



Appomattox County FFA Agricultural Center

Spring Competitive Grants Awarded

Through the recent competitive grant cycle, the GLCF awarded over **\$589,000** in grants for a variety of projects supporting local needs. Over **\$69,000** was awarded in grants from donor advised funds.

The wide range of organizations receiving grants include: Children's Assistive Technology Services, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Neighbors Helping Neighbors of Amherst County, YWCA of Central Virginia, Jubilee Family Development Center, Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc., and many more. **A full list of grant recipients can be found at www.lynchburgfoundation.org.** We are deeply thankful for the donors who make our grants possible.



**Coming Soon: Our 2025-2026 Annual Report and Honor Roll of Donors!
Make your gift prior to June 30, 2026 to be included in this year's Honor Roll.**

The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation works to solve our community's greatest challenges by providing grants and scholarships, and by helping individuals, families, and organizations create their charitable legacy. We serve Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.

Local Giving.

LOCAL IMPACT.

In 2024, the recipient of the GLCF's \$100,000 Century Fund award was Roads to Recovery's Withdrawal Management Program. After extensive renovations of the Johnson Building, former office of Dr. Robert "Whirlwind" Johnson on Fifth Street in Lynchburg, Roads to Recovery recently hosted a ribbon cutting to mark the opening of the facility.

According to Sandy Kanehl, Founder & CEO, the program is for adults experiencing withdrawal related to substance use who may benefit from short-term stabilization and structured support. The program emphasizes lived experience, connection, dignity, and hope.

"We are deeply grateful to the many people, organizations, and community partners who helped make this vision a reality," says Kanehl. "We offer a special thank you to the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation for its support and partnership as we work to expand recovery resources in our community."



Roads to Recovery recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony at its Withdrawal Management Program

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President's MESSAGE

We believe that stronger nonprofits create a stronger community.

SHARE Greater Lynchburg, a program of the GLCF, works to strengthen the effectiveness of our local nonprofits. We help nonprofits connect and collaborate with each other, with supporters, and with the community.

Recognizing a need to develop qualified board leadership for local nonprofits, our Director of SHARE, Megan Huffman, launched a board mentorship program this year, training 20 young professionals. SHARE helps provide targeted, high quality training through an active partnership with Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance's annual Nonprofit Summit.

The GLCF provides grant funding to the Central Virginia Academy for Nonprofit Excellence in support of low-cost trainings for nonprofit staff. "GLCF support has empowered hundreds of local nonprofit professionals and volunteers to grow in areas ranging from board governance and fundraising to strategic planning and beyond," says Shannon L. Watts, President of the CVANE Board of Directors.

Nonprofit organizations not only enrich our lives, they are saving lives, and we are proud to support their work.



Kathryn Crowder
President & CEO



Learn more about
**SHARE Greater
Lynchburg here!**

If you work for or serve on a board for a local nonprofit, please join us at the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance Nonprofit Summit on July 29. Register today!

Legacy SOCIETY

Plant Seeds for the Future This Summer

Summer is a time of growth. It's also a season that invites us to slow down and think about the future we're helping to create.

At the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, we're inspired by the idea of planting seeds today that will grow into something beautiful tomorrow. That's why we want to encourage you to consider planned giving this summer.

Planned giving—whether it's through a gift in your will, a trust, or another legacy option—ensures your passion for our community continues to make a difference long after your lifetime. It's a way to turn today's reflection into tomorrow's transformation.

As you relax and enjoy the season, take a moment to think about the legacy you want to leave behind. If you're gathering with family, that's a great time to think and talk about your vision. Your thoughtful planning could shape a brighter future for generations to come.

To learn about planned giving, and how you can support your favorite nonprofits in perpetuity, visit www.lynchburgfoundation.org/donors/planned-giving.



Create your personalized will, at no cost to you, in just a few minutes with the online will maker software in the Planned Giving section of our website.

**Have you included the GLCF in your estate plan?
Please let us know by calling our office. Making your estate plans known
now will help the GLCF to fully understand and carry out your wishes.**

Board Member Spotlight

The Honorable J. Michael Gamble joined the GLCF Board of Directors in 2026. After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1974, he practiced for 17 years and became a circuit court judge in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Lynchburg and the surrounding counties in 1991. He served as the presiding judge in Amherst County and Nelson County for 24 years until his retirement in 2015. He is currently a mediator and arbitrator with the McCammon Group.

"I am proud to be a part of the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation because it is a reflection of the generosity of the citizens of our region," he says. "This organization is a conduit for that generosity to the organizations that serve the culture and needs of the Lynchburg area."



Hon. J. Michael Gamble

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GREATER LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026 Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship Golf Tournament



The GLCF was the beneficiary of proceeds from the second annual Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship Golf Tournament, held on May 14 at London Downs Golf Club. Over 60 golfers played in support of the **Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship Fund**, which is administered by the GLCF and annually grants scholarships to two local student athletes who have demonstrated leadership in the classroom, on the field, and in the community.

Thanks to many generous sponsors, donors, and players, this year's tournament raised over **\$25,000** to support the Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship Fund, increasing the amount available for future scholarships.



Kayla Hudgens

Kayla Hudgens, a recipient of the 2025 Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship, recently completed her first year studying aerospace engineering at the University of Virginia. She has already worked on multiple engineering projects with real-world applications, joined several clubs, and was recently accepted into Phi Sigma Pi, a national honor fraternity.

"I want future recipients and aspiring engineers to know that support like this can open doors and encourage you to reach further than you imagined," Kayla says. **"The Dennis Carter Student Athlete Scholarship has not only supported my education, but it has also reminded me how meaningful it is to give back, stay curious, and keep striving for excellence."**

To learn more about creating or applying for a GLCF scholarship, visit www.lynchburgfoundation.org.

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What type of donor are you?

Do you give to an endless variety of local charitable organizations each year? Regularly support a few cherished projects? Do you tend to support a particular type of need? Is your family involved in this decision making?

There's no single "right" way to approach making a difference.

We can help match your giving style to a solution at the GLCF. Which of these best fits you?

Here, there, and everywhere

A donor-advised fund at the GLCF can organize your giving in one place. By creating a "DAF," supporting it regularly with charitable gifts, and then making semi-annual grant recommendations, your giving is streamlined *and* flexible. Some "DAF" donors invite their adult children to share in the grant advising role, creating a meaningful family tradition.

Steady and reliable

A designated fund at the GLCF allows you to specify one or more local nonprofits to receive a grant annually, in perpetuity. Even after you are no longer able to write an annual check or go online to make a gift, your favorite organization(s) will receive your support.

Committed to a cause

A field of interest fund allows you to support a particular area of need (the arts, animal welfare, education, etc.), with the added benefit of the GLCF vetting and approving the organization and project prior to awarding a grant.

Legacy is a priority

Perhaps cash flow is limited now, but you have assets that you would like to share after your lifetime. Incorporating a legacy gift into a will, trust, or beneficiary designation creates a lasting impact without affecting current finances. Naming a fund at the GLCF in your estate plans will ensure what matters to you in our community is supported for generations to come.

No matter your style, the GLCF can serve as a trusted partner, helping you evaluate opportunities, understand community needs, and connect with organizations that are delivering meaningful results. This added layer of insight turns hesitation into confidence and leads to deeper engagement over time.

We're here to help! Call us today at 434-845-6500 to discover how the GLCF can bring impactful simplicity to your charitable giving.

