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Make a gift to the GLCF in honor of someone special this holiday season.
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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 the City of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.

Local Giving. LOCAL IMPACT.

The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation recently became home to the **C. Lynch Christian, Jr., and Joy R. Christian Permanent Endowment Fund**.

Mrs. Christian's vision lives on through the bequest of over \$540,000, which now benefits our entire community by providing generous support for the Academy Center of the Arts. Mrs. Christian was an ardent supporter of the Academy's restoration and campaign in its earliest stages, and her family is pleased to be able to support it in perpetuity.

"We are deeply grateful to the Christian family for ensuring that Joy Christian's legacy of generosity continues to strengthen the Academy Center of the Arts," said Geoff Kershner, Executive Director of the Academy Center of the Arts. "This new endowment at the GLCF represents a lasting investment in cultural enrichment for our community."

To make a gift to one of our existing funds or learn how to create a new endowed fund, please visit www.lynchburgfoundation.org.



GREATER LYNCHBURG
**COMMUNITY
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December 2025



Pictured: Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc. staff and volunteers give thanks for support.

Donors Make our Grants Possible!

The GLCF is home to 336 endowed funds.

These funds create grants and scholarships that benefit our community annually.

We offer several options for funds that support donors' interests while creating a lasting legacy.

Most new funds can be started with a minimum commitment of \$10,000.

Fall 2025 Grants Awarded

This fall the GLCF received 103 applications from local nonprofits requesting grant funding for a variety of charitable programs and projects.

Of the applications received, 60 local nonprofits reported new funding challenges faced by their organizations this year. Through our competitive grants process, the GLCF remains committed to supporting the vital work of our community's nonprofits as they navigate an evolving landscape.

Our Distribution Committee, which is comprised of nine members of our Board of Directors, reviewed and evaluated applications. This fall cycle, a total of \$610,157 was awarded in competitive grants, and an additional \$245,399 was awarded in grants from donor advised funds.

To view the full list of grants awarded this cycle, please visit our website at www.lynchburgfoundation.org.

"The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation provides cornerstone support to ensure Daily Bread can rise to meet our community's growing hunger needs," says Tracey Dixon, the executive director of Lynchburg Daily Bread, Inc., a grant recipient. "It's been a difficult few years for families since the pandemic, and because of the wonderful leadership of the GLCF we are able to provide a hot meal, every day of the year. On Thanksgiving Day we provided 689 overflowing turkey plates because of the GLCF and its generous donors. Thank you for ensuring no one goes hungry in Lynchburg."

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President's MESSAGE



**Kathryn Crowder
Yarzebinski**
President & CEO

Season's greetings from the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation! We are deeply grateful for the generosity, trust, and partnership of our donors. Your commitment strengthens the fabric of our region and fuels the work that happens here every day.

We recently completed our fall competitive grant cycle, awarding grants made possible by the enduring strength of our endowed funds. The initiatives supported this season highlight the remarkable creativity and dedication of nonprofits across our community—organizations addressing urgent needs, expanding opportunities, and creating spaces where people can thrive. It is a privilege to help amplify their work.

In this newsletter, you'll learn about a newly established fund and hear from donors who are thoughtfully shaping their legacy for the benefit of future generations. These remind us that long-term philanthropy is one of our community's greatest assets.

As we close out the year, we are honored to serve a region filled with people who care so deeply about making an impact. From all of us at GLCF, we send our warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a bright, hope-filled start to the new year.

Our 2025 Annual Report & Honor Roll of Donors is now online!
Visit www.lynchburgfoundation.org to view this year's edition.

Legacy SOCIETY



Lea and Andy Larsen
founders of
The Larsen Family Fund
members of
The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes donors who have notified us that the GLCF is included in their estate plans.

Lea and Andy Larsen, longtime Lynchburg residents now living in Tennessee, were active volunteers and community leaders while in Central Virginia. As volunteers with Lake Christian Ministries in Moneta, they came to understand that there are many people who are "living on the margin; truly good people, who were simply dealt a tough hand in life." Lake Christian Ministries (LCM) serves as a critical resource for meeting their needs for food, clothing, furniture, and emergency financial assistance.

"We decided to endow a fund at the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation to support the great work of LCM (and several other nonprofits) in perpetuity. This provides a safety net for times when annual fundraising does not meet needed goals.

"We are grateful to the GLCF for the management of our fund. We feel so strongly about the importance of the work of these organizations that we have also provided for this fund in our estate plans."

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

Board Member Spotlight

SUSAN ACKLEY

joined the GLCF Board of Directors in 2018. She is a director of tax services in the Lynchburg office of BrownEdwards. With over 30 years of experience in public accounting, Susan has shared her expertise with the boards of several local nonprofits and was recently inducted into the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance Hall of Fame. She holds an M.S. in Accounting from the University of Virginia and a B.A. in Mathematics from the College of William & Mary. "The GLCF is making the Lynchburg area a better place to live," says Ackley. "It is my honor to be a part of the work it is doing— building and stewarding funds for perpetuity, as well as contributing to the work that so many organizations are performing for the good of our community."



Susan Ackley

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