

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.

Local Giving. LOCAL IMPACT.

We serve the City of Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.

Joyce and Ben Shrader of Bedford created the **Joyce & Ben Shrader Fund** in 2003 with a gift of \$10,000. Since then, the fund has grown to over \$57,000, thanks to investment returns and the support of the Shraders' friends and neighbors. For many years, Ben plowed local driveways during snow storms, asking only for a gift to the GLCF in return.

The Joyce & Ben Shrader Fund, which is unrestricted, has created almost \$19,000 in grants for local nonprofits through the GLCF's competitive grant cycles. **"This is the most efficient way to make grants to the improvement of our community,"** says Ben. **"A professional staff coupled with a Board of community leaders assures us that our gift will multiply and perpetually be used where there are true needs."**

To learn how you can create your own charitable fund, contact the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation.



Ben & Joyce Shrader stand in front of the GLCF's 30th anniversary commemorative tree, which was planted in front of the Bedford County Courthouse.

Spring Grant Recipients Announced

The 2025 \$100,000 Century Fund Grant recipient is **Altavista Area YMCA's** Child Development Center Expansion Project. The expansion will allow for 80 additional children to receive care.

Through this spring's competitive grant cycle, over \$554,000 was awarded, ranging from \$900 to \$25,000 for wide range of local needs in Lynchburg and the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell. In addition, grants from donor-advised funds totaling over \$36,000 were awarded to local nonprofits.

Examples of some of this spring's funded projects include: construction of affordable housing, training for the prevention of human trafficking, increased access to healthcare, and summer enrichment to combat summer learning loss for disadvantaged youth.

"This grant directly impacts the lives of older adults and individuals with disabilities by enabling us to provide safe, reliable transportation to critical medical appointments," said Linda Brake, Program Manager, **Bedford Ride/Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living**. "The GLCF is helping us remove barriers to care and promote health and independence for some of our most vulnerable neighbors."

A full list of spring grant recipients is at www.lynchburgfoundation.org.

In April, the GLCF's Youth Philanthropy Council awarded its \$10,000 Wells Fargo Youth Philanthropy Award to **Park View Community Mission** for their Food for Thought Program, and the \$5,000 Stuart J. Turille Youth Philanthropy Award to **Johnson Health Center** for their Born to Read Program, which provides books for children.



Donors Make our Impact Possible!

Our endowed funds, each created by a generous donor, are the reason we are able to award grants during our competitive cycles. Each of our funds is administered according to the specific instructions of the donor in perpetuity.

Donors may create a fund that supports our community's greatest needs, a specific field (such as hunger or the arts), or even a specific nonprofit.

Donor-advised funds allow the advisor to recommend a grant each fall and spring to their preferred local nonprofit.

Thank you, donors!

HERE FOR GOOD.

President's MESSAGE



**The GLCF
Board of Directors and
Kathryn Yarzebinski,
President & CEO**

*Not pictured:
Sarah Houck,
Linzie Johnson,
Chad Waterworth*

This spring we welcomed two new members to our GLCF Board of Directors. We strive to have broad representation of our service area amongst our Board members, because they each know their community's unique needs. We also seek to have a diverse Board with a wide array of professional skills and experience in order to complement and support our small staff.

Our Board members serve in a number of important ways, primarily through their service on various committees. Distribution Committee and Century Fund Committee members carefully review all of our grant applications, our Investment Committee proactively oversees our invested assets, the Youth Philanthropy Committee guides area high school seniors as they learn about grantmaking, and our Finance committee oversees our internal operating budget.

I am deeply thankful to current and past members of our Board of Directors, who have thoughtfully and diligently served the GLCF since 1972.

Announcing the Larry F. Smith, M.D., J.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund

A new scholarship fund at the GLCF will support Appomattox County students pursuing careers in healthcare after graduating from high school. The gift of \$225,000 is made possible through the estate of Mrs. Ruth Smith, mother of Dr. Larry Francis Smith. Dr. Smith graduated from Appomattox High School, Hampden-Sydney College, and University of Virginia School of Medicine. Dr. Smith operated a private family medical practice in Appomattox from 1979 - 1995. He went on to Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1995. In 2006, Dr. Smith returned to Appomattox to reopen his private medical practice to serve the community he was raised in until his death in 2020.

"Larry wanted to serve people," says Mr. Winfred Nash, who facilitated the gift as the executor of the estate. "Especially those who were in need. He accepted patients who did not have a way to compensate him, and his office was open seven days per week to care for people." The GLCF is honored to carry on Dr. Smith's legacy of caring for people and investing in our community.



Dr. Larry F. Smith

Through estate planning, you can ensure that your generosity continues to support the causes you care about for generations to come.

If you are planning to include the GLCF in your estate plans, please call 434-845-6500.

Make a gift to the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation:

-  **ONLINE** [LYNCHBURGFOUNDATION.ORG/GIVE](https://lynchburgfoundation.org/give)
-  **MAIL** 1100 COMMERCE STREET, LYNCHBURG VA 24504
-  **STOCK** PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE

Board Member Spotlight

Robert W. Carter, Jr.

Robert W. Carter, Jr. joined the GLCF Board of Directors in 2025. Bob is an Appomattox native who has been practicing law in the Lynchburg area and throughout the Commonwealth since his return to Central Virginia from Houston, Texas in 1997. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (B.A. 1988) and the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D. 1991). His law practice is devoted to protecting patients and their families in cases involving nursing home and assisted living neglect and abuse. Bob is an avid sports fan, coached and officiated youth sports for years, and enjoys serving others. "There is no greater demonstration of your love for others than acts of service," says Bob.



Robert W. Carter, Jr.

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