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Gloucester Community Foundation
The Gloucester Community Foundation exists to inspire, connect, impact and strengthen Gloucester County through the power of philanthropy.

We are grateful for the confidence our community has shown in our organization to steward in excess of $6 million in charitable assets, providing financial support for current needs and for the dream of a better tomorrow. Distributions from the Foundation affect the well-being of all citizens in Gloucester by funding nonprofit programs in the areas of economic prosperity, educational success, health and wellness, and the arts.

We will continue to stay the course, engaging with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations in our county. As they get to know us, we believe they are realizing that the Gloucester Community Foundation is a smart and powerful tool with a broad and deep knowledge of our community and expertise to assist them achieve their philanthropic goals.

We hope as you read through this report, you will be inspired to be among the good people coming together to make our community better for all.

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We are grateful for the service of the following members who are rolling off the board: Roberta Ray, Makalia Records, Kevin Sweeney
“Start Small and Dream Big!” could have been the motto of art teacher Ellen Walter and sponsor Kay Van Dyke when they launched the pilot version of the After School Art Enrichment Program in 2011 at Gloucester Arts on Main.

The program began with 20 children who paid a fee to participate in the six-week program.

Today, the After School Art Enrichment Program has become Arts on Main’s signature educational program and is offered at no charge to all students across five elementary schools in Gloucester. Over 2,000 children have experienced the two-day-a-week after school program led by professional artists.

In the words of Marie, a student at Bethel Elementary, “Art is exquisite and beautiful, you can just express your feelings.”

And while expressing her feelings, Marie has also been learning math and science through an art curriculum based on Virginia’s Standards of Learning.

Notes received from parents expressed appreciation for the opportunity the children have to “explore their creative side” through a “multifaceted curriculum” which “gave the children even more to think about and learn.”

Since its inception, Arts on Main has touched over 10,000 adults and children through its programs and events. The arts enrich the community by fostering collective values of diversity, inclusion and collaboration and contribute to the enrichment, development and preservation of our local culture.
We envision our community as an area that offers a path to economic prosperity, a place where young people experience educational success; a community that prioritizes health and wellness; and a region that is renowned for its cultural vibrancy.

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY ($8,500)**
The region’s resources are sustainable and its residents are economically stable and secure
- Residents access and maintain safe and affordable housing in thriving, sustainable communities.
- Residents have the financial knowledge, skills and resources to support themselves and to access career and economic opportunities.

Gloucester Housing Partnership—Home repair case support for low-income Gloucester residents, including roof repair, electrical/plumbing upgrades, or ramp construction.

The Salvation Army—Support for the Social Services Program, providing utility, emergency food, and rental/mortgage assistance to low-income Gloucester families and individuals, in addition to case management.

The Samaritan Group—Provide funding for temporary financial emergencies, including electricity, rent, car repairs, essential appliances, and day care to Gloucester residents.

Literacy Volunteers of Gloucester—Provide funding for individualized tutoring and progress testing for learners striving to enhance their employment, marketability and quality of lives by improving their educational skills.

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**GRANT IMPACTS**

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The Gloucester Community Foundation Endowment Fund was established in 2001. Its first grant awarded was in 2003 for $4,100 to Bay Aging. Since that time the fund has awarded nearly 100 grants totaling more than $150,000.

In 2017, 15 organizations received grants as part of GCF’s spring competitive grants process totaling $30,285.
EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS ($9,000)
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.
• Youth become skilled, self-sufficient, and contributing members of the community.

Gloucester Boys & Girls Club—Support for Project Learn for youth (ages 6-18) who participate in the after-school program. Programming includes Power Hour to complete homework, field trips, and scheduled learning activities.

Gloucester Family YMCA—Provide school age youth and teens increased programming centered around a place to grow in spirit, mind and body.

HEALTH & WELLNESS ($8,315)
Community members are safe and healthy
• Residents access comprehensive and coordinated preventative services and quality health care.
• Residents are connected to resources that meet their health, nutritional, and safety needs.

Gloucester United for Emergency Shelter Team (GUEST)—Support for the winter shelter and day shelter, providing year-round case management and resources to those experiencing homelessness.

The Laurel Shelter—Expansion of the programs and activities for children who are temporarily living at the shelter.

Bay Aging—Increase the access to personalized transportation for health service appointments through partnerships with local carriers.

Latisha’s House Foundation—Provide physical and mental health services to female victims of human trafficking.

Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic—Increase the oral health of clinic patients by supplementing the cost of dental crowns when necessary.

Virginia Cooperative Extension—Gloucester—Support for low-income households to participate in the well water clinic, including water testing, well water management, and well water safety education.

CULTURAL VIBRANCY ($4,470)
Community members have access to and an appreciation for arts and cultural opportunities
• Residents are enriched and educated through a diverse offering of arts and cultural activities in their communities and schools.
• The region’s historic and cultural assets are supported to enrich current and future generations.

Gloucester Arts on Main—Expansion of the After School Arts Enrichment Program for elementary students.

Bay School Community Arts Center—Provide art outreach programs to specialized groups in the community, most of whom are unable to attend traditional arts classes for reasons of health or circumstance.

Concerts by the Bay—Support for a historical, theatrical performance for elementary and/or middle school students in Gloucester County.
Eldridge Cook knew something about overcoming odds. The grandson of former slaves, he grew up in the segregated South. At the age of 9, following his mother’s death, his father sent him to Gloucester where he was raised by his paternal grandparents. Despite a lack of opportunity for minority youth, Eldridge was greatly influenced by his grandfather, a local merchant, and Thomas Walker, the first African American attorney in the county. They taught him that with hard work and dedication, his dreams were possible.

Just out of high school, Eldridge purchased his first freight truck and began transporting fresh seafood from local markets to cities along the East Coast. Through his determination to overcome the obstacles for minorities and his growing business acumen, he acquired a fleet of trucks. In 1950, Eldridge officially started Cook’s Oyster Company, Inc. and Cook’s Seafood Company, eventually employing over 250 people in Gloucester County. At the age of 95, he closed his seafood company in 2010.

Following a lifetime of contributing to his community and church, Eldridge established the “Eldridge N. Cook Charitable Fund” with the Gloucester Community Foundation. His dream was of giving a “hand up” to young people who are at-risk of falling through the cracks, helping them to build character and a brighter future through education and enrichment opportunities. He trusted the Gloucester Community Foundation to help him accomplish his vision.

The Gloucester community lost this leading citizen when Eldridge passed away on February 8, 2014 at the age of 98. Eldridge left a sizeable bequest to his fund at the Gloucester Community Foundation. His legacy will live on in the lives of the young people of Gloucester who forever will be impacted by his charitable legacy. His life story models the way for Gloucester’s youth, inspiring them to achieve their own dreams, just as he did.

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