River Counties Community Foundation

Serving donors and nonprofits in Lancaster, Middlesex and Northumberland counties of Virginia since 1996

River Counties COVID-19 Response Fund Launched

River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) long ago learned the need to be flexible with its support of local nonprofits. But that need took on new meaning when COVID-19 hit the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On March 19, more than a week before Gov. Ralph Northam issued the stay-at-home orders, RCCF reorganized to respond to nonprofits in Lancaster, Middlesex and Northumberland that would be under intense pressure to provide needed services, as some community members lost their jobs, faced concerns about rent and food, worried about childcare, and struggled to find critical personal protective equipment (PPE).

RCCF pivoted from its annual community impact grants program and turned to funding nonprofits in the struggle against COVID-19. It created a fund from its unrestricted monies, largely from its Together.Stronger. yearly fundraising campaign and sought additional donations from existing fund donors and the larger community. Donors responded generously.

RCCF reached out to The Jessie Ball duPont Fund to partner on this project. Together, they worked with Bay Aging and the Department of Social Services to help vulnerable seniors with rent; the Northern Neck YMCA to support childcare for emergency workers; the Healthy Harvest Food Bank to help with providing food; and the Northern Neck-Middlesex Free Health Clinic to provide healthcare. And that is just a sampling.

“Almost overnight, the breadth of need became apparent,” said Margaret Nost, RCCF regional director. “We jumped into action to focus on how to meet that need nimbly and immediately.”
Each Tuesday morning during the summer, Joyce Ramos of Lancaster took four of her grandchildren, ages 9 to 2, to the Kilmarnock Town Centre Park for “Reading in the Park,” part of the Lancaster Community Library’s summer reading program for children.

The 9-year-old and the 7-year-old can read. The 4-year-old is learning to read, and the 2-year-old just liked to listen to the stories, which were read aloud by library staff, with songs in between.

Ashley Rowe MacFarlane of Topping also took her toddler twins, Donny and Elizabeth, to “Reading in the Park.” And the twins listened to “Babygarten” on Monday mornings where library staff read stories and sang songs via Facebook Live.

These programs were part of the Lancaster Community Library’s summer reading program, funded by a grant from the River Counties COVID-19 Response Fund. The grant also included funds for sanitation supplies for the reopening of the library and the purchase of extra copies of e-books to support the adult reading program.

“I’ve been so grateful this existed this summer,” said MacFarlane. “There are just so many things we couldn’t do.” There were other virtual programs daily via Facebook Live or YouTube. Each week, parents or grandparents picked up activity bags at the library for their young ones to do a craft, usually based on a theme for the week.

Tonya Carter, Youth Services Director for the library, who runs the children’s programming and does many of the readings, says the reading program is critical because most children lose reading skills over the summer. “Many can regain the gap, but the gap gets bigger if we don’t target the needs over the summer,” she said.

Since the StoryMobile was not running this summer, the library delivered crates of books and activity kits to local daycare centers, many of which are run out of homes, as well as Little Spats and the YMCA daycare program. The library also supported the Boys & Girls Club with activity bags and books.

“We used books and activities as a way of communication and connecting,” said Carter, a service of critical importance during this time of quarantine and social distancing.

“I love my bird…”
REPORT FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR
AND REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Who could have foreseen the challenges our world, country, and community would face during this past year? COVID-19 brought about unprecedented strains in our community, challenging health and economic stability for all, but particularly our most vulnerable. The Governor’s stay-at-home order in late March brought us face-to-face with the reality of the impact of the virus. Fearing a health crisis, families were forced to make impossible choices between work, childcare, and eldercare. Facing severe economic instability, some of our most vulnerable families grappled with shortages of food and perhaps even homelessness.

Fortunately, River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) was uniquely positioned with the flexibility to rapidly deploy resources. Our Advisory Board swiftly created the RCCF COVID-19 Response Fund and invited our donors and other local funders, including The Jessie Ball duPont Fund, to join with us and our nonprofit partners in meeting the needs of our neighbors.

The grant approval process was streamlined to lessen the burdens on key agencies. Committee members of the RCCF COVID-19 Response Fund addressed weekly the immediate needs in areas served by RCCF and surrounding counties to support long-term economic recovery efforts, thereby helping the impacted region become more resilient. We focused our funding on access to food, stable housing, protective supplies for essential workers, technology for school children, and childcare for working families.

RCCF’s ability to respond in this time of need is due to many factors:

- Knowledge of the area we serve
- Sound leadership of our Advisory Board
- Collaboration with local nonprofit organizations
- Generous donors who believe in the importance of helping neighbors thrive
- Support from the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, which has confidence in our work to build philanthropic capital in the rural counties of Lancaster, Middlesex, and Northumberland

In the presence of pandemic obstacles, the day-to-day work of the Foundation was undeterred in assisting organizations needing crisis support.

RCCF has an all-volunteer Advisory Board, and we are filled with gratitude for each member’s service and leadership. We thank our retiring board members Bill Vose, Sissy Crowther, and Stu Kramer for their leadership over the years. And we enthusiastically welcome Lincoln Boykin, Affiliates Grants Officer, and Ashleigh Elliott, Affiliate Administrative Associate, who joined the Foundation staff in early 2020.

We thank our donors for entrusting us with the stewardship of their gifts, especially in times of increased market volatility as we have experienced over the last three quarters. In a year like the one we are continuing to experience, RCCF is steadfast in inspiring local philanthropy by “connecting people who care with causes that matter.”

Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger
Board Chairman

Margaret M. Nost
Regional Director
You will recognize this meeting format! With the pandemic, we’ve all had to adapt to gather in a different way – via Zoom. While we can’t meet in person, we can conduct business or visit with friends over the internet.

The mission of River Counties Community Foundation is to inspire local philanthropy by:

• Connecting people who care with causes that matter
• Providing superior stewardship for our donors
• Creating a better quality of life … forever.
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS
These funds support unrestricted needs as advised by the RCCF Advisory Board. Unrestricted funds give RCCF the flexibility to address unexpected and unforeseen needs in the community.
Fuzz and Peggie James Charitable Fund (2007)
Donald W. and Doris B. Lynch Fund (1999)
Pim Montgomery Charitable Fund (2014)
Moran Charitable Fund (2019)
Fund for River Counties (2014)
Dewey and Vivian Stallard Charitable Fund (1997)

DESIGNATED FUNDS
Designated Funds specify one or more charitable organizations to receive ongoing support. Should the designated charity cease to operate or change its charitable focus, RCCF will ensure the fund continues to support the donor’s original charitable intent.
Beverly Forrester Beane Fund (2019)
Supports designated charities.
Fr. John D. Boddie Memorial Scholarship Fund (2009)
Established by the Church of the Visitation in Middlesex County to support educational programs of the church, including scholarships.
Church Resource Services Community Fund (2009)
Supports designated charities and unrestricted needs in the area served by RCCF.
Catherine B. Chilton Endowment Fund (2000)
Supports designated charities and unrestricted needs in the area served by RCCF.
Nettie Mooring Gordon Fund (2009)
Supports designated charities and unrestricted needs in the area served by RCCF.
Beverly and John-Michael King Charitable Fund (2008)
Supports designated charities.
Donald W. and Doris B. Lynch Endowment Fund (2007)
Supports designated charities.
Supports the Northern Neck-Middlesex Free Health Clinic.
River Counties COVID-19 Response Fund (2020)
Supports immediate needs and long-term recovery efforts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Mary Catherine Rotert Endowment Fund (2017)
Supports the education of nursing students and medical care for the underserved.

RCCF COMPONENT FUNDS

Don and Suzanne Scheu Fund (2016)
Supports summer programs at the Northern Neck Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck.
Supports designated charities.
William and Sally Spotswood Fund (2001)
Supports designated charities and unrestricted needs in the area served by RCCF.
Supports the operating needs of RCCF and designated charities in Northumberland County.
Straughan Family Charitable Fund (2002)
Supports Rice’s Hotel/Hughlett’s Tavern Endowment Fund.
Weaver Family Charitable Fund (2006)
Supports designated charities and unrestricted needs in the area served by RCCF.
Peter G. and Tillie M. Weil Charitable Fund (2011)
Supports designated charities.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
Donor Advised Funds allow individuals and families to actively participate in grantmaking. RCCF provides the administrative support. Donors can remain anonymous, if they choose.
Adler Family Fund (2019)
Blue Water Fund (2020)
Daniel F. and Sally Clark Fund (2018)
Hug Family Fund (2012)
Marion and Leland James Fund (2002)
Kiser Family Charitable Fund (2007)
Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula Equity and Placemaking Fund (2018)
Ken and Linda Owens Fund (2015)
Pollard Family Fund (2019)
Ratcliffe Family Charitable Fund (2006)
Lloyd and Margie Redlin Fund (2017)
Suyes Family Endowment Fund (2018)
UUFR Servitus Endowment Fund (2018)
Watkins Family Advised Fund (2011)
BEQUEST FUNDS

Bequest Funds are established to receive a portion or all of a donor’s estate. The Fund agreement can be easily revised during the donor’s lifetime to reflect changes in charitable priorities without having to change estate documents.

Anonymous (13)
Hank and Seale George Fund (2007)
Jean and Garland Hagen Charitable Fund (2010)
Barbara and Vernon Haynes Scholarship Fund (2019)
Lawrence H. and Jane C. Higgins Charitable Fund (2007)
Jean and Jack Hogan Foundation Fund (2014)
Hoinkes Charitable Endowment Fund (2011)
Joy and Stuart Kramer Endowment Fund (2017)
Dr. Russell O. and Antoinette M. Lewis Scholarship Fund (2017)
Mama Kat Fund (2017)
Mason Fund (2006)
H. Dickson and Susan T. McKenna Fund (2013)
Page and Rebekah Melton Charitable Fund (2016)
Pim Montgomery Fund for the Northern Neck Family YMCA (2014)
Darlene Krevonick-Pearson Fund (2016)
Mary Catherine Rotert Fund (2017)
Kathryn and Jeffrey Wainscott Charitable Fund (2020)
Wendell and Gloria Wallace Fund (2008)
Watkins Family Endowment (2011)
Harry W. Wells, Jr Charitable Fund (2007)

AGENCY FUNDS

Agency Funds are established by nonprofit organizations as endowments to generate income to support their programs. These funds increase the stability and self-sufficiency of the agency. Should the agency close, the endowment remains with RCCF to support similar needs in the community.

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck Endowment Fund (2015)
Dream Fields Endowment Fund (2014)
RHHT Endowment Fund II (2010)

Peter Weil

The River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) Legacy Society was created to recognize donors who have made a planned gift or included RCCF in their wills, trusts or estates. Legacy Society donors may gift a portion or all of their estate and can easily revise the fund agreement during their lifetimes to reflect changes in their charitable priorities. Through the power of endowment, these gifts assure the Foundation’s ability to fulfill its mission of making our community a better place for current and future generations.

Peter Weil, whose parents perished at the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz, and his wife, Tillie, established a fund to help several local nonprofits as well as the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, a scholarship fund to help children of CIA employees, and a memorial in DC that honors women who fought in the armed services. Childless after their son died many years ago, they wanted their estate to go to charities that had touched their lives.

To learn how to become a Legacy Society member, please contact Margaret Nost, Regional Director, at (804) 436-1600 or mnost@cfrichmond.org.

Current members of the River Counties Legacy Society include:

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Mr. Stuart W. Kramer
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Mr. and Mrs.* Donald W. Lynch
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Mrs. Rebekah P. Melton
Mrs.* Pauline B. Montgomery
Mr. William C. Pearson
Mrs. Mary Catherine Rotert
Mr.* Rodney W. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wainscott
Mrs. Gloria S. Wallace
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Watkins, Ill
Mr.* Peter G. Weil
Mr. Harry W. Wells, Jr.
*Deceased

Together, we do more good.
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for a greater RICHMOND COMPONENT FUNDS
These Funds support RCCF’s Competitive Grants Program.

Martha Henna Harris Endowment Fund
Supports unrestricted needs with preference for programs creating economic security and independence in the greater Richmond area and Middlesex County.

Frances R. Parker Fund
Supports designated charities and organizations that provide emergency services, meet basic human needs, or interpret history and local culture in Middlesex County.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
These funds support one or more charitable areas or issues affecting the community, such as arts and culture, education, poverty and environmental issues. RCCF will identify organizations working in those areas to receive funding.

Pirko Luaslahti Graves Fund (2015)
To support programs for children from difficult socio-economic conditions in the areas of health and development from prenatal through pre-kindergarten, post-secondary education, and local creative arts.

River Counties Youth Fund (2008)
To bolster morality, good citizenship, strength of character, family values, work ethic, entrepreneurship and educational achievement in the under-19 youth of Lancaster and Northumberland counties, especially, but not exclusively, those youth who can be considered “at risk”.

Northern Neck Wild Turkey Association (2017)
To support wildlife management, conservation, environmental education and/or related activities in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
Scholarship Funds support educational expenses for students. RCCF works with the donor to establish guidelines, administers the application process, and makes awards to academic institutions on behalf of the recipients.

In 2020, $32,000 was awarded in scholarships to students in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Alice Haynie Dameron Scholarship Fund (2004)
Established by Alice Dameron to support post-secondary scholarships for qualifying high school graduates residing in Northumberland County.
Tesauna Johnson, Northumberland
Jalen Dobyns, Northumberland

Doris Estreet Scholarship Fund (2001)
Established by Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church’s Community Mission Program to honor Doris Estreet. Provides post-secondary scholarships for graduates of Lancaster High School.
John-Liam McClain, Lancaster

Maria Laqueur and Jerry Hamm Scholarship Fund (2008)
Established by Maria Laqueur to support post-secondary educational scholarships for qualifying high school graduates of Lancaster High School.
Rachel Woolard, Lancaster
Oliva Rich, Lancaster

Grace Lowery Memorial Scholarship Fund (1999)
Established by the Northumberland Elementary School Reading Partners to provide need-based scholarships for qualifying seniors at Northumberland High School.
Rebecca Baker, Northumberland

Ross Fortune Mainor, Jr. Fund (2011)
Established by Ross Mainor to support scholarships for qualifying graduate or undergraduate students who are pursuing health-related, education or social services degrees.
Josefina Marie Jones, University of Virginia

Northern Neck Rotary Scholarship Fund (2002)
Established by the Rotary Club of the Northern Neck to support post-secondary educational scholarships for qualifying graduates of Lancaster and Northumberland High Schools.
Carlos Norris, Lancaster
McKensey Smithart, Northumberland

Northumberland Civic Center, Inc. Fund (1999)
Established with a gift of the remaining assets of the former Northumberland Civic Center, Inc. primarily to support post-secondary educational scholarships for qualifying graduates of Northumberland High School.
Anna Jett, Northumberland
Kelsey Moss, Northumberland

Casey Neal Rogers Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund (2006)
Established by the family and friends of Casey Neal Rogers to endow post-secondary scholarships for qualifying high school graduates who are residents of Northumberland County.
Harry Lee, Northumberland
Taylor Basye, Northumberland

Rebecca Reid Smiley Scholarship Fund (2014)
Established by Rebecca Smiley to support post-secondary scholarships for qualifying graduates of Lancaster and/or Northumberland High Schools.
McKensey Smithart, Northumberland
Jayson G. Gill (Renewal)
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam in late March closed non-essential businesses and ordered most residents to stay at home. But many workers still had to report to work. What would they do for childcare?

Gov. Northam asked the YMCAs around the Commonwealth to provide childcare for emergency and essential workers. And the Northern Neck YMCA (NNYMCA) sprang into action.

“While others were told to stay away, our staff was told to rush in and help. Most of America got to shelter in place or was laid off, but we asked our team to step in and go to work,” said Mark Favazza, Regional Development Director of the YMCA of the Virginia Peninsulas.

Jennifer Markulin, an ultrasound tech at Rappahannock General Hospital (RGH), is an emergency worker during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each morning as she goes to work, she drops off her son, Boeing, at the NNYMCA’s Wiley Child Development Center.

Boeing takes his tablet to do his online classes and homework and his bike to ride during outside activities. He did this in the spring and is doing it this fall as his elementary school in Gloucester is virtual for at least the first nine weeks of the school year.

“It’s hard to enforce social distancing with children. Sometimes their little minds just don’t comprehend. So, it presented a new challenge,” Favazza said.

The NNYMCA’s childcare program is funded by River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF), in partnership with The Jessie Ball duPont Fund and the Wiley Foundation. RCCF and duPont also provided funding to the Middlesex YMCA for childcare.

Within days of Northam issuing his executive orders, the new NNYMCA childcare program was up and running. While the Y has provided childcare through the Wiley Center for years, many changes were needed during the time of COVID-19, such as smaller classrooms, more cleaning, temperature checks, and social distancing. Staff time was limited to five hours per day because of the stress, not just of taking care of the children amid so many new restrictions, but also knowing that COVID-19 is a threat.

“The Y’s childcare has been a real blessing,” Markulin said. “I do not know what I would have done without it.”
RCCF COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND GRANTS

Total Organizations Granted to Date: 35
Total Amount Granted to Date: $431,509
* denotes grants made in partnership with the Jessie Ball duPont Fund outside of RCCF’s service area

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – $220,279
The Bay School – to support the purchase of art supplies and planning for Art-To-Go kits for Middlesex County students.

Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck – for a feeding program and Club on the Go packs including activities for kids and resources for parents and families; and for increased staffing, COVID-related cleaning supplies, increased internet service, and funding for laptops for members who do not have their own.

Dream Fields – for maintenance and lawn care costs of the complex and utilities expenses incurred while allowing use of kitchen facilities by community nonprofit partners to provide meals for children during the summer.

Kingdom Kids Preschool – to complete structural changes to classrooms and for one Airscrubber unit to address social distancing and sanitation needs due to COVID-19.

Lancaster Community Library – for the purchase of PPE and sanitization supplies for the library’s reopening in June, as well as additional e-books and program support for the children’s and adult’s summer reading programs.

Rappahannock Art League – to support the purchase of art supplies for Art-on-the-Go kits for Lancaster County students.

YMCA of the Virginia Peninsulas – to support childcare programs and to support general operating expenses for YMCA locations in Middlesex, Lancaster, Northumberland.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – $96,050
Kilmarnock Volunteer Fire Department – for a firefighting suit drying rack to aid firefighters to respond to emergencies with fully decontaminated equipment in short turnaround times.

Lancaster County Department of Emergency Services – for the purchase of PPE and sanitization supplies for increased COVID-19 social distancing requirements, meal kits, and other supplies for pre-emergency preparedness in the event of a hurricane.

Lancaster County Department of Social Services – for emergency financial assistance with rent/mortgage payments and utilities costs for low-income families and those suffering job-loss due to COVID-19.

Legal Aid Works – for mileage reimbursements for increased staff travel to and from court appointments in Lancaster for clients facing life-altering civil legal needs, such as eviction, loss of unemployment benefits, and domestic violence protective orders, and to conduct Know Your Rights webinars.

Linking Help and Hope – for an emergency financial assistance program for seniors in Lancaster and Northumberland.

Middlesex Department of Social Services – for emergency financial assistance for families facing unemployment in the food services and hospitality sectors and older adults who have exhausted their financial resources preparing for COVID-19.

King & Queen Community Ministries*
King & Queen Department of Social Services*
Montross Ministerial Association*
Richmond Ministerial Association*
Salvation Army, Essex Chapter*
Salvation Army, Richmond Chapter*
Westmoreland Department of Social Services*

FOOD SECURITY – $27,400
Callao Rescue Squad – for food for residents in need and to help combat medical emergencies arising from malnutrition, lack of food, or lack of proper foods.

Hands Across Middlesex Interfaith Council – for part-time employees to respond to increased needs for food packaging and distribution at the community food pantry.

Healthy Harvest Food Bank – for general operating expenses, including additional food purchase for people in need and the expected increase in demand, labor, and delivery charges.
Together.Stronger.

Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation – for supplies for food pantries for low-income students during the COVID-19 crisis.

Tappahannock Seventh-day Adventist Community Service Center*

HEALTH CARE – $60,780
Bay Aging – for PPE for in-home care aides, coaches, and outreach personnel to continue providing care to elderly and indigent clients.

Ledwith-Lewis Free Health Clinic – funding for medical supplies, cleaning supplies and additional telehealth account registrations for eligible clients in Middlesex.

Northern Neck-Middlesex Free Health Clinic – funding for increased health care needs of residents in Lancaster, Northumberland, and Middlesex.

Three Rivers Health District – for care packages with medical supplies and food sources, allowing Three Rivers to assist the community when Department of Social Services is unable to offer support; and to hire a Community Testing Team to conduct drive-thru COVID-19 testing throughout the District’s 10-county service area.

Guadalupe Free Health Clinic*

HOUSING – $27,000
Avalon Center – funding the Center’s work ensuring safety and securing basic needs (housing, food) of women and children experiencing domestic violence in Lancaster, Northumberland, and Middlesex.

Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (GUEST) – for motel vouchers for homeless residents in Middlesex to self-isolate and/or self-quarantine, and for families losing homes due to loss of employment.

The Haven Shelter and Services – for purchasing pantry and personal care items that would ordinarily be in-kind donations that are not currently being donated due to COVID-19.

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

The annual RCCF Community Impact grants process was paused on March 20 when the River Counties COVID-19 Response Fund was announced. Grant applications from the following organizations had been received and awards were based on COVID-19 needs.

Total Grants Awarded: 22
Total Amount Awarded: $173,268

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS – $99,920
Boy Scouts of America, Heart of Virginia Council
GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program, Inc.)
Jacob’s Ladder
Lancaster County Public Schools
Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation
Middlesex County Public Schools
Northumberland County Public Schools
Rappahannock Community College Educational Foundation

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – $54,109
Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck, Inc
Hartfield Volunteer Fire Department
Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department
Middlesex, VA, Office of Emergency Services
Northern Neck - Middlesex Free Health Clinic
Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department
Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad
Upper Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department

EMERGENCY RELIEF – $7,973
Partners for Lancaster County Schools – Mercer Place

CULTURAL VIBRANCY – $6,266
Deltaville Maritime Museum & Holly Point Nature Park
Northern Neck Land Conservancy
Rice’s Hotel/Hughlett’s Tavern

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY – $5,000
Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity
Two years ago, The Jessie Ball duPont Fund partnered with River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF), establishing a donor-advised fund designed to build the financial, educational, health and cultural assets for those in need in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

Therefore, when RCCF created the COVID-19 Response Fund in March, leaders of the duPont Fund were ready to be a part of the effort, including directing a portion of the duPont funding to counties in the upper Northern Neck that are not served by a community foundation. Essentially, RCCF and duPont stepped in to help neighboring communities when there was no one else.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund contributed $200,000 to the COVID-19 Response Fund while also funding some projects directly. For example, they helped the Lancaster Community Library buy extra e-books to provide to the community while the library was closed, among others.

“The duPont Fund’s existing relationship with RCCF gives our trustees confidence that we can work with RCCF for our COVID-19 funding in the region. RCCF’s deep, long-term relationships with local nonprofits and community leaders is an important factor in this partnership. The duPont Fund and RCCF share a goal of maximizing impact in the community,” said Mark Walker, Senior Program Officer with The Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

RCCF is proud to partner with the duPont Fund to create opportunity for all people to thrive in the local community.

Love heals us

LOVE – As the River Counties Community Foundation (RCCF) Advisory Board gathered for a recent meeting at the Deltaville Maritime Museum, the LOVE sign took on new meaning. With the country and our community enveloped in a 100-year pandemic, with rising COVID-19 cases and deaths in our community, state, and nation, with high unemployment and worries about food insecurity, with unrest in some cities and worry by many about what the future holds for their children and grandchildren, RCCF has focused on LOVE to heal us and brighten our futures.

LOVE is the umbrella under which we can weather this storm - together. It symbolizes RCCF’s commitment to the community and a willingness to confront those challenges head on. RCCF has done this in many ways over the years, particularly through its grants program. This year, RCCF created a special COVID-19 Response Fund to help local nonprofits address the many urgent needs in our community, including childcare for first responders, food for those who have lost their jobs, access to healthcare for those who need it, and reading at the library for children at home.

Like all community foundations, RCCF represents a love of people and a love of place – this year and every year.

Together.Stronger. This is our signature community fundraising campaign. Many of the funds received from Together.Stronger. were invested in the COVID-19 Response Fund to help local nonprofits. Please consider supporting Together.Stronger. It helps so many in our community.

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Responsive and Impact-Driven Grantmaking

River Counties Community Foundation invested a total of $604,777 in the first nine months of 2020 in successful nonprofit organizations to sustain and expand their valued work in the community. At the onset of the COVID outbreak, RCCF adjusted its grantmaking process and priorities, responding to new challenges and increased needs to keep our community strong and safe.

**RCCF COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND GRANTS**

$431,509

Through September 30, 2020

Additional grant funding focused on key agencies that provide important community services and initiatives, adversely impacted by the economic downturn and on-going effects of the shut-down.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS**

$173,268

Through September 30, 2020

RCCF continually strives to balance its long-term goal of building permanent charitable assets with a need to be responsive and flexible to the community it serves. Maintaining a disciplined investment strategy in the face of changing market conditions requires patience and perseverance. This enables RCCF to support our non-profit partners, even when facing the most uncertain of times. In the past 20 years, RCCF has funded over $10,000,000 in grants, while accumulating $18,000,000 in assets. While we might not know what tomorrow will bring, RCCF will be here to carry out our donors’ legacies and build philanthropic capital for future generations. **That’s the power of endowment!**
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