

Did you know?
**We support nonprofits serving Lynchburg
and Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell counties.**



The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation
is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit, EIN 54-6112680.

The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation meets National Standards
for operational quality, donor service and accountability in the
community foundation sector.

Randall and John Watts Family Fund

The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation is
proud to announce its newest fund, the
Randall and John Watts Family Fund.

Established in December 2023 with a gift of
\$500,000 by Lynchburg residents **John A. Watts, Jr.
and Randall J. Watts**, the new fund will help our
community by making substantial grants to local
nonprofit organizations.

The Randall and John Watts Family Fund is donor advised,
which means that the advisors to the fund may recommend
organizations of their choice to receive grants twice annually.

“We have always supported numerous community organizations with donations because we
know the positive impacts they have and we want this to continue,” said Randall. John noted
that “as a former GLCF Board member, I learned so much about the work of the GLCF and the
organizations it supports, and this is one way for us to continue giving back and embrace
community needs. We are both delighted to be able to create this new fund.”

The Watts are the former owners and operators of Watts Petroleum Corporation in Lynchburg,
founded by John A. Watts in 1936.



Randall and John Watts



Donors make grants possible!

Each grant made by
the GLCF this fall is
made possible by
one of our 319 funds.

These funds were
established by
visionary donors who
wanted to make a
lasting impact on our
community.

Donor Advised Funds
allow the fund's
advisor to
make grant
recommendations
to their preferred
local nonprofits.

Learn more about
how you can support
or start a fund today!

Call our office or visit
our website
for more information.

Fall 2023 Grants Total Over \$684,000

This fall, the GLCF received a record 95 applications for grant funding.
The GLCF Distribution Committee carefully reviewed each application,
resulting in over \$492,000 awarded in competitive grants, plus another
\$189,790 in recommendations from our donor advised funds.

Competitive grants ranged from \$24,000 to \$1,000, with an average grant
of \$6,300. The GLCF provides grants for a wide range of needs, including
food/hunger, housing, education, individuals with disabilities, animal
welfare, historic preservation, our environment, and the arts.

“This was a tough year for making grant decisions,” said **Carl Boggess**,
GLCF’s Distribution Committee chair. “There are so many worthy
organizations asking for support, and the amounts requested have
increased.”

Donor advised funds allow the fund’s advisor to make recommendations
for grants. “My siblings and I have been honored to serve as advisors to a
donor advised fund that was created through the generosity of our
grandparents,” says **Charlie White** of Lynchburg, who advises the
Kenneth L. & Bertha S. White Fund.

“This experience has reinforced a commitment to our community across
generations in our family, which was important to Pete and Bertha Mae
White. We are very proud to play a small role in furthering their legacy of
support for the disadvantaged in Lynchburg, and we hope that they would
be proud of the decisions that we have made in distributing funds to so
many important causes over the years.”

Make a 2023 gift to the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation:

-  **ONLINE** [LYNCHBURGFOUNDATION.ORG](https://lynchburgfoundation.org) PRIOR TO 11:59 PM ON 12/31/23
-  **MAIL** PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK ON OR BEFORE 12/31/23
-  **STOCK** PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE PRIOR TO 12/28/23

HERE FOR GOOD.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kathryn Yarzebinski
President & CEO

Our staff and Board of Directors have recently developed a new GLCF strategic plan, which will guide our work in the coming years.

As a part of this process, we formalized our vision for the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation: **we make lasting and impactful change possible by funding the work of nonprofit organizations that are focused on improving the lives of those in our community.**

I invite you to support and invest in this vision. Whether you give to an existing fund, create a new fund, or make an unrestricted gift, your support shows your commitment to our community.

I wish for you and your family peace and joy this holiday season.

Tribute Gifts

Making a gift to the GLCF in honor or memory of someone special is a meaningful tribute and helps our community. We will notify the tributee of your gift.

YOUR GIFT YOUR IMPACT

Virginia Amateur Sports received a grant of \$2,500 from the GLCF in 2023 for their Inclusive Sports Movement Program, which provided an opportunity for individuals with a physical and/or intellectual disability to participate in a division of the Virginia Commonwealth Games called the "Able Games."

As a result of the grant, 161 individuals participated at no charge, and received medals honoring their efforts.

"Our son Zach got to participate in Able baseball," said Cindy Shelor. "He had such a great time and we hope to participate again."

"Our new Able events would not have been possible without the grant from the GLCF, and we are just so excited about the impact it had on not only the participants but their families and caregivers," said Diane Williams, marketing director for Virginia Amateur Sports.

The grant was made possible by the **G.R. Wiley Fund** and the **Rob and Judy Finch Fund**.



With just a few simple steps, we can help you to create a new fund with the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation. Please contact our office for more information.

FUND SPOTLIGHT

The **Jim Bibby Memorial Fund** was established in 2021 in honor of local baseball legend **Jim Bibby**. Mr. Bibby was a Major League Baseball pitcher from 1972 to 1984 with the St. Louis Cardinals, Texas Rangers, Cleveland Indians, and Pittsburgh Pirates.

After Mr. Bibby died in 2010, his family hosted golf tournaments to raise funds for various causes that honored his legacy. When those became too much to manage, an endowed fund at the GLCF was created as a simpler option with a long-term impact. The fund provides grants for local nonprofits in the field of health and wellness. "I continue to support the GLCF," says **Jackie Bibby**, Mr. Bibby's widow. "It's a good way of giving back to our community."

If you'd like to support the Jim Bibby Memorial Fund, please visit www.lynchburgfoundation.org.



Jim Bibby

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