

**Did you know? You can give to the GLCF in honor or memory of someone special. It's a meaningful tribute that makes an impact here in our community.**

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.

## Announcing our Newest Fund

**The Park View Community Mission Fund** was established in June 2024 to exclusively support the mission of Park View Community Mission in Lynchburg. The organization provides food, nutrition, career and personal skills, and clothing to locals in need. Many who turn to Park View Community Mission for help have experienced a crisis causing financial insecurity. Others live in chronic or generational poverty. Through a holistic approach, the organization empowers people to recognize their potential and live full lives.

"We trust the GLCF because they know us and they know our mission," says Dr. R. Todd Blake, Executive Director. "This fund offers our donors a way to support Park View for the long term, and it represents an important stage in our organizational life. With this fund, Park View is telling our community that we will be here to serve our community not just today or next year, but for decades to come."



To support the Park View Community Mission Fund, visit [lynchburgfoundation.org/donate](http://lynchburgfoundation.org/donate).



### Donors Make Grants Possible

The GLCF is able to award grants because of donors who have created endowed funds with us since 1972.

Each dollar donated to the GLCF helps to support local nonprofits and the important work they are doing to improve our community.

You can view a full list of all of our funds on our website. Please consider supporting a specific fund or making an unrestricted gift to help the GLCF increase our impact.

### Century Fund and Spring Grants Awarded

**Roads to Recovery is the recipient of the 2024 \$100,000 Century Fund grant.** Now in its fifth year, the Century Fund is awarded once per year through a competitive application process to a local nonprofit organization carrying out a project that is transformational for our community. Roads to Recovery assists people in finding and sustaining recovery from substance use disorders. The Century Fund grant will help with the purchase of furnishings and equipment for a new detox program in Lynchburg, which will deliver withdrawal management and recovery services.

In addition, the GLCF awarded over \$519,000 to local nonprofits this spring through the competitive application process and from donor advised funds. Examples of some of this year's funded projects include: providing healthy meals to homebound individuals, educational summer programming for kids in Campbell County, purchasing tools and equipment to assist in maintaining the Appalachian Trail in Bedford County, supporting elderly patients in hospice care, and the preservation of the historic Dr. Robert Walter "Whirlwind" Johnson home in Lynchburg. A full list of spring grant recipients is available at [www.lynchburgfoundation.org](http://www.lynchburgfoundation.org).

**Make a gift to the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation:**

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-  **MAIL** 1100 COMMERCE STREET, LYNCHBURG VA 24504
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of my favorite aspects of my job is that no day is ever the same. Getting to know our community's needs, meeting with our donors, and finding new ways to increase our impact is endlessly interesting and exciting.

In a professional first for me, this spring we held a press conference while standing *in* the James River! I was part of a convoy of paddlers and local media as the GLCF transferred ownership of Bald Eagle Island to the Central Virginia Land Conservancy. This collaborative effort followed years of the GLCF stewarding a donated piece of land until we found the right caretaker for it, following the donor's wishes to make sure it was preserved and used for educational purposes.

Preserving each donor's intent with integrity is one of our core values as defined in our new Strategic Plan. Please visit our website to view the Strategic Plan and learn how we plan to impact our community in the coming years. With your support, we can solve our community's greatest challenges.



**Kathryn Yarzebinski**  
President & CEO

The staff and Board of Directors of the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation extend our deepest sympathy to Kenneth S. White, President & CEO 2001-2004, on the loss of his beloved spouse **Jane Baber White**.

Please visit [www.lynchburgfoundation.org/cheerstojane](http://www.lynchburgfoundation.org/cheerstojane) to learn more about her incredible legacy in our community.

# Legacy Society

## August is National Make-A-Will Month

There's no better time to take a look at your will and make sure it reflects your current needs and preferences. While you're reviewing your documents, consider your charitable legacy and how your will might clarify your wishes while benefitting your heirs.

"Individuals who have estate tax concerns can mitigate – and in some instances, eliminate – any estate tax that may be due at death through charitable giving in their estate plan," says Peter Davies of Davies & Davies Law Firm in Lynchburg.

The GLCF can work with you and your advisors to help create a tailored plan to support your community for generations to come – all through your estate plan.



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**Have you included the GLCF in your estate plan? If so, you can become a member of The Legacy Society.**

Please let us know about your plans by calling our office.

Making your estate plans known now will help the GLCF to fully understand and carry out your wishes.

You may remain anonymous if you prefer.

Sample bequest language is available at [www.lynchburgfoundation.org](http://www.lynchburgfoundation.org).

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.

# In Memoriam

## VIOLET MITCHELL

In April 2024, our community said goodbye to Violet Mitchell. Ms. Mitchell, along with her sisters Kathryn Drayton and Louise Mitchell, co-founded the nonprofit organization MDM Networking, Inc. to raise funds for breast cancer education, research, and medical services for uninsured and underinsured women in the community. They are credited with helping to provide thousands of mammograms to local uninsured or underinsured women. Ms. Mitchell established the **Violet Mitchell Charitable Trust Fund for Women and Girls** at the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, which carries on her legacy by providing grants that support free mammograms.



Violet Mitchell

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