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Coming Soon: Our 2023–2024 Annual Report and Honor Roll of Donors!
Make your gift prior to June 30, 2024 to be included in this year's Honor Roll.

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.

The Charles S. and Mary Jane Gannaway Layne Fund

was established by Lynchburg native Charlie Layne in April 2024 in honor of his late wife Mary Jane. Charlie says his wife was “a Latin major at Randolph–Macon Woman’s College, teacher, church choir member, Appalachian Trail hiker, and mother of four.”

Their third child was born in 1962 with Down’s Syndrome, and Mary Jane worked tirelessly to establish programs to help families with members who have special needs. She served as president of the Board of the Arc of Central Virginia, was instrumental in founding the LAUREL School, and raised funds and spearheaded the involvement of the Job Corps in expanding the Arc Center.

She and Charlie organized a Cub Scout troop for children with special needs. She was honored by the Lynchburg Academy of Women in 1994 with the Homemaking/Community Service Award. Throughout her life, Mary Jane showed patience, love, and compassion for her family, her church, and individuals with disabilities, and our community is a better place because of her.

The Charles S. and Mary Jane Gannaway Layne Fund is donor-advised, allowing Charlie and his family to recommend grants from the fund to their preferred local nonprofit organizations.



Charlie & Mary Jane Layne



Would you like to create your own scholarship?

We can help you create a permanent tribute named for a special person that will last in perpetuity.

And, you can be as “hands-on” as you want to be with creating the criteria and selecting the recipients of your scholarship.

Best of all, you are helping deserving young people attain higher education.

The minimum gift to endow a scholarship at the GLCF is \$10,000.

Call the GLCF office at 434-845-6500 for more information.

2024 Scholarships Awarded

This year, the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation is awarding over \$215,000 to 72 students graduating from area high schools.

“Receiving these scholarships means the world to me,” said Kelsey Fore, a 2024 graduate of Amherst County High School. “They allow me to focus more on my studies and less on how to afford my education.” Kelsey received scholarships from the GLCF’s **Marguerite F. Singleton Fund** and the **Terrell Osteen Fund**.

“Establishing a scholarship fund in honor of our son Nelson has been profoundly rewarding,” said Heidi & Blitz James, founders of the **Edwin Nelson James Jr. Memorial Scholarship**. It’s a beautiful tribute to his passion for athletics, ensuring his spirit lives on by supporting aspiring student athletes in pursuing their dreams. Knowing that it’s making a positive impact on deserving young individuals as they pursue higher education brings us comfort and pride.”

The GLCF is home to over 50 different scholarship funds created by donors over many years. We are thankful for their generosity, which helps local students take the next step in their academic journey.

Pictured above: Appomattox County High School 2024 graduates receiving GLCF scholarships.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kathryn Yarzebinski
President & CEO

Photos and video from the event “Celebrating LCS Strings: Past, Present & Future” are now available on the GLCF social media pages!

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chad Waterworth joined the GLCF Board of Directors on January 1, 2024. He is currently a Vice President with Truist Wealth. He is a Lynchburg native and a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, where he earned his Bachelor’s degree in Economics. Chad and his wife, Katie, have three children.

“As my children were coming along, most of my volunteer time was spent serving within their schools, teams, and activities,” he says. “Having ‘retired’ from youth coaching, I am happy to join the Board of the GLCF, which has such a profound impact on so many in the area.”



Chad Waterworth

HERE FOR GOOD.

In April we had the pleasure of joining together with the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation and the Academy Center of the Arts to commemorate the LCS Strings Program, which is a distinguishing hallmark of our local public schools. We are now home to the **Ginger Paris LCS Strings Fund**, a permanently endowed fund which will support this program in perpetuity. I hope you will visit our social media pages to see photos and video from an incredible event held in celebration of this tradition.

I’m proud to share that the **GLCF was recently reaccredited by the Community Foundations National Standards Board, a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations.** Our processes for donor services, investments, grantmaking, and administration were reviewed and verified to show that we have policies in place for financial stability and longevity. This affirms our continued commitment to our donors, grantees, and community.

I invite you to learn more about how the GLCF can serve as a trustworthy partner for you and your family as you consider your charitable legacy.

You are Invited to join the Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those who have included the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation in their estate plans.

What is the minimum gift amount?

There is no requirement for gift amount. Many donors indicate in their will or trust that the GLCF should receive a predetermined amount or a percentage of the estate.

What are the benefits of membership?

By sharing your plans now, you can be assured that the GLCF will honor your charitable wishes and preferences. You can be recognized as a member of the Legacy Society or remain anonymous.

What types of gifts are accepted?

Property, real estate, and life insurance policies can be donated, but we ask that you let us know in advance if you plan to bequeath these items to the GLCF. You can also make the GLCF the beneficiary of your IRA.



Sample bequest language is available on the GLCF website, www.lynchburgfoundation.org.

What can my future gift support?

Depending on your preferences, your gift can add to an existing fund, create a new named fund, or support our community’s greatest needs.

How do I join?

Contact the GLCF office to let us know of any future gift intention, and we’ll document your preferences.

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.

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