



# The Community Foundation

HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM

**\$804,216 Raised for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County**

**#GREATCOMMUNITYGIVE** 

An initiative of The Community Foundation

The 3rd annual Great Community Give was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 6:30am-8pm. This year, 102 nonprofits participated and raised \$804,216 from 4,582 donors throughout the event. It was a fun day of community wide giving where together as donors we can accomplish something incredible for nonprofit organizations. Thank you to participating nonprofits, sponsors, community partners, volunteers, and to the Harrisonburg and Rockingham community for making this event a success! Many thanks to the GCG Committee Planning team for their time, their insights, and dedication.

With the help from the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Community over the past three years, we raised a total of **\$1,617,336** for nonprofit organizations serving our area during Great Community Give.

*"The funds that Hope Distributed received through the GCG as well as numerous other community funded grants will help us continue to provide food and much needed relief to families in need. It will also allow us to grow our, "Hope on Wheels" program in which we take food directly to those in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County who cannot find transportation to one of our food pantries. We could not do what we do and meet our mission without the kindness of those in our community."*

**Jeff Wilhem**  
Executive Director, Hope Distributed

*"The Great Community Give funds will allow the Bicycle Coalition to transition our Bikes for Refugees Program into "Bikes for Neighbors" where we will broaden our reach beyond local refugees to community members who need a bicycle for transportation. The program provides bicycle safety education on an as-needed basis and students receive a bicycle, lock, lights, and pump with their bicycle. Additionally, funds will allow us to continue to advocate for safe streets for everyone in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Safe Streets and safe places to bike and walk that often entail greenways, and other places physically separated from cars."*

**Kyle Lawrence**  
Executive Director, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition

*"This year for the Great Community Give, we raised a total of \$13,000 for our Have a Heart Fund. This fund is specifically designated for providing lifesaving diagnostics and treatment for our animals with special medical needs. This fund has helped animals suffering from conditions like broken bones, severe abuse and neglect, heartworm and dental disease, amongst other treatable and curable conditions. Without access to this fund, we would not be able save the ones most in need. So far this year, we've helped 840 animals; and with this fund, we will save many more!"*

**Tiffany Corbin**



## **Cargill Gifts \$150,000 to COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund**

On May 26th, Cargill contributed \$150,000 to the COVID-19 Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Response Fund, established by The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County and United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Alan Shelton, retired Senior Food Scientist formerly at Cargill, who played an instrumental role in securing these funds for the COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund said, *"Even though I am now retired from Cargill, it never ceases to amaze me how generous they are to the communities they have operations in. I have seen over and over again, how Cargill steps up in moments of crisis to help change people's lives in our own neighborhood. I am so proud to have been a part of this Company and what it stands for."*

Thanks to Cargill's generous gift towards this Fund, their gift supported nonprofits further through the COVID-19 crisis. *"Communities like Harrisonburg and Dayton are at the heart of our food system,"* said Andrew Friedman, general manager for Cargill's Dayton, VA protein facility. *"We are committed to doing the right thing and are investing in programs and partnerships to keep these communities strong. Our values are guiding our decisions."*

The Fund supports local nonprofits who are addressing needs of access to food, access to safe shelter, mental healthcare, and child care for essential workers. The Community Foundation and United Way are still accepting gifts for the COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund. If you are able, increase your impact and give today. Gifts may be mailed to The Community Foundation at PO Box 1068, Harrisonburg, VA 22803 or made online at [www.tcfhr.org](http://www.tcfhr.org).

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## **Generous \$20,000 Gift from Danone**



**DANONE**  
NORTH AMERICA

Danone North America generously contributed \$20,000 to the [COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund](#) on May 29th. Their gift enhanced nonprofits' funding during a difficult time.

*"We have always believed we have a responsibility to use our business as a force for good,"* said Kristen Gregory, Human Resources Manager at Danone North America's Mount Crawford, VA manufacturing plant. *"We are proud to support our neighbors through our partnership with The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County, an organization that inspires us through its tireless work and bold initiatives to address community needs. I am equally proud and grateful to our Danone team for working so hard to keep the shelves stocked for the people relying on us."*

Thank You to Danone North America for your support of the [COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund](#)

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## InterChange Team Donates Year End Bonuses to COVID-19 Fund

An act of pure generosity does not go unnoticed at The Community Foundation. Last month, the team at Interchange Group donated their year-end bonuses to the [COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund](#)

Devon Anders, President of InterChange Group, Inc. had this to say, "At InterChange one of our Cultural keystones is 'Generosity'. We desire to support the communities that we live and work in. As an essential business during COVID-19, we are focused on keeping our Team Members safe while keeping the food supply chain full! Our Strategic Leadership Team had the idea to offer our Team members with incentive plans to "redirect" to charity a portion of their quarterly incentive payment during the COVID-19 crisis. InterChange offered to match these dollars and by doing so provided a tax advantage to our Team Member while providing more resources to our non-profit community partners. Team members could choose to support five organizations. Collectively, we provided over \$30,000 to the following organizations:

- Sentara RMH Crisis Response Fund
- COVID-19 HR Community Response Fund
- United Way of Augusta, Staunton & Waynesboro
- United Way Northern Shenandoah Valley
- United Way of South Hampton Roads

We are grateful for the opportunity to give back to our communities and appreciate the Harrisonburg Rockingham Community Foundation for its role in encouraging philanthropy in our community."

Thank you to the team at InterChange Group, Inc. for this great act of kindness!

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## Grants & Scholarships

### Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!

#### **Arthur John Leavenworth Eureka Lodge #195 Scholarship**

Meredith Lloyd, *Fort Defiance High School*

Jose Arellano, *Turner Ashby High School*

#### **Bev Good Memorial Scholarship**

Makayla Jones, *East Rockingham High School*

#### **Brighter Future Mentoring Award**

Amy Castro, *Spotswood High School*

#### **Claude E. and Frances O. Warren Scholarship**

Grace Gabriele, *Harrisonburg High School*

#### **Dennis R. & Patricia R. Early Scholarship**

Addison Shenk, *Eastern Mennonite University*

Haley Orebaugh, *Bridgewater College*

Erin Clayton, *Eastern Mennonite University*

Abraham Aponte, *Broadway High School*

#### **Early Ace Scholarship**

William Lam, *Virginia Tech University*

Iain Slater, *James Madison University*  
Kellyn Rivera Rivas, *Virginia Tech University*  
Ammara Sheikh, *James Madison University*  
Sama Alsendi, *James Madison University*  
Kenya Balser, *James Madison University*  
Joel Mutambayi, *James Madison University*  
Erica Bauserman, *Central High School*  
Jamie Sfarnas, *Central High School*  
Mindi Freed, *Stonewall Jackson High School*

### **Emory & Henry College Scholarship**

Cathryn Sweigart, *Emory & Henry College*

### **George R. Shreckhise Memorial Scholarship**

Gordon Brockington, *Virginia Tech University*  
Destiny Pleasant, *Virginia Tech University*

### **Harold and Faye Teer Scholarship**

Guillermo Lopez-Mejia, *Bridgewater College*

### **HEF—Haas Scholarship**

Leif McCoy, *Harrisonburg High School*

### **HEF—Sherry Burcham Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Tucker McGrath, *Harrisonburg High School*

### **HEF—Greg Kuykendall Memorial Scholarship**

Katelyn Ramsey, *Harrisonburg High School*

### **Laymon H. & Ruth S. Lantz Scholarship**

Valerie Meza-Cooper, *Eastern Mennonite University*

### **Late Ace Scholarship**

Jessica Discua-Aguilar, *James Madison University*  
Michelle Ambrose, *Virginia Tech University*  
Yarixza Castro, *James Madison University*  
Olivia Ondo, *Virginia Commonwealth University*  
Nashin Rodriguez, *Virginia Tech University*  
Isaac Richards, *George Mason University*  
Asuka Bunthambunlay, *University of Virginia*

### **Leo Slusher Award**

Hunter Turner, *Pendleton County High School*

### **Randy Michie Memorial Scholarship**

Morgan Lam, *William Monroe High School*  
Evan Wagner, *William Monroe High School*

### **Marion James & Anna Ressler Hess Memorial Scholarship**

Christian McCartney, *Oxford Area High School, PA*

### **Society of Seniors Scholarship**

Madison Duncan-Dieujuste, *Quail Ridge Golf & CC, Florida*  
Cameron Casto, *Wedgewood Golf & CC, Ohio*  
Dillan Frazier, *Barnsley Resort, Georgia*  
Shakiya Purcell, *Mid Pines Golf Club, North Carolina*  
Lukas Royer, *Quail Ridge Golf & CC, Florida*  
Zyheem Kelly, *Mid Pines Golf Club, North Carolina*

### **Samuel R. Bowman, II Endowed Scholarship (BRCC)**

Maria Garcia Martinez, *Blue Ridge Community College*  
Andy Ventura Lopez, *Blue Ridge Community College*  
Jose Arellano, *Turner Ashby High School*

Jocelyn Portillo, *Spotswood High School*  
Leydy Bacilio, *Spotswood High School*  
Luis Escalera, *Harrisonburg High School*

### Samuel R. Bowman, II Endowed Scholarship (JMU)

Yarizza Castro, *James Madison University*  
Jessica Discua-Aguilar, *James Madison University*  
David Gamboa Pena, *James Madison University*  
Yareli Salmeron, *James Madison University*  
Amy Acosta, *Harrisonburg High School*

### The Matthew Mahnesmith Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Wagner, *Waynesboro High School*

### W.P. & T.M. Phillips Memorial Scholarship

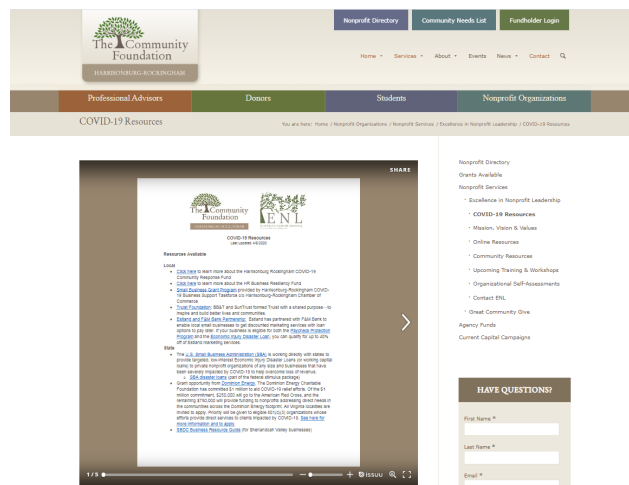
Emily Anne, *Virginia Tech University*  
Kendal Knicely, *Virginia Tech University*  
John Showalter, *Virginia Tech University*  
Rebecca Hardesty, *Christopher Newport University*  
Kacie Miller, *West Virginia University*  
Emma Hockman, *Central High School*  
Mindi Freed, *Stonewall Jackson High School*



# COVID-19 Resources for Nonprofits and Small Businesses

Visit the Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership website for COVID-19 resources. We update this page as we learn about and find new resources for nonprofits and small businesses.

Link: [COVID-19 Resources](#)



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