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## Community Building – 20 Years and Counting



Every time grants are awarded by the Virginia Community Foundation, board members have many people to thank. Thanks to you, our donors, who have given so generously so that we have money to grant! Thanks to the original steering committee, without whose foresight our community wouldn't have an endowment fund from which to support the important programs and projects in our neighborhoods.

Looking back, we find a small

group of steering committee members with big hearts and one vision – “a community savings account” to be built over time to provide a permanent source of money for programs and projects right here in Virginia. As we mark our 20th anniversary in 2010, we continue to be guided by the notion that charitable giving is not measured

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# Message from the Chair

I would like to start off my first column as chair by thanking Donna Leese for offering to stay on as the chair for an extra six months and for doing a fantastic job as the chair for the past 18 months. Thanks, Donna!

I would also like to thank all of the volunteers throughout the year, especially the table captains for our September “We Believe” Luncheon. Without your help, we never could have had such a successful event. Thanks also to Ronda “Rudy” Harvey and Deanne Butorac for their great presentations and also to Mailee Peterson and Amelia Cope-Robinson for their amazing music abilities. Great job! I would also like to send a great big thank you to our “We Believe” Luncheon sponsors, Minnesota Power, Colosimo Law Office, Wells Fargo, & TriTec. Thank you, sponsors!

Of course, I can’t forget to thank our very talented and dedicated volunteer board members, without whom we wouldn’t be able to keep the Virginia Community Foundation

moving forward. Thanks again to all of our volunteers and board members.

We are all looking forward to 2010, which will be the 20th year of the Virginia Community Foundation. We have some exciting things on tap. We plan on kicking off the year with a New Year’s Eve dinner and dance at the Coates Plaza Hotel. We are also going to bring back the ever-popular golf tournament for another year.

Hopefully, everyone has already checked out our new website at [www.virginiafoundation.com](http://www.virginiafoundation.com). Thanks to Linda, Deb, Paul, John, and W.A. Fisher, we now have a fantastic way for you to catch up on current Foundation news and events, create on-line memorials, and, of course, make donations to the Foundation. Check the web site often to see what is coming up for the next year.

Finally, don’t forget to take a look at the 2008 audit of the Virginia Community Foundation that is included in this newsletter.

Have a great rest of 2009 and we will be in touch again in 2010!

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## Community Building – 20 Years

by the size of one’s wallet but by the size of one’s heart. The Foundation continues to be committed to funding local needs today while growing assets for the future.

The Foundation has been honored to award over \$392,000 for 117 programs and projects while growing our endowment to more than \$2 million. You have entrusted your charitable dollars with the Foundation, and our volunteer board members are committed to being good stewards of those donations. We will continue to fulfill our mission of providing grants in spite of a difficult economic climate.

As we look ahead to our 20th anniversary in 2010, we are far from finished. There is so much we can do together! Throughout 2010, we’ll spend some time looking back at the past 20 years – the grants, the growth, and the special people who made them both possible.



# 2008 Financial Report Summary

The Virginia Community Foundation takes seriously its responsibility to steward donor gifts for the good of our community as we weather the economic storm upon us. We continue to ensure that every dollar spent is spent wisely. Our 2008 financial audit is complete and a summary is

included here. You may note that our total assets declined by nearly 21% from 2007. The Finance Committee continues to monitor the performance of the endowment under the structure of an Investment Policy based on a diversified portfolio. After continued declines in the early part of 2009, the

performance of the endowment has come back to a value over more than \$2 million. Audited financial statements and IRS Form 990s are available for review at the Foundation Office at 519 Chestnut Street.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES Total Assets	2008 \$1,866,008			2007 \$2,348,309		
	Temporarily Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES &amp; GAINS</b>						
Grant - Minnesota Sesquicentennial	\$ -	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions -	\$100,299	\$55,877	\$156,176	\$149,164	\$53,700	\$202,864
Special Event Revenue - Blue Pride Dance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$6,328	\$6,328
Special Event Revenue - Gr Virginia Get Together	\$ -	\$120,202	\$120,202	\$-	\$11,960	\$11,960
Investment Income	\$45,656	\$ -	\$45,656	\$45,463	\$ -	\$45,463
Net realized & unrealized gains on investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$39,506	\$ -	\$39,506
Misc Income	\$2,614	\$ -	\$2,614	\$34	\$ -	\$34
Total Revenue and Gains	\$148,569	\$178,079	\$326,648	\$234,167	\$71,988	\$306,155
Net assets released from restrictions	\$185,006	\$(185,006)	\$ -	\$14,206	\$(14,206)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS &amp; SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$333,575</b>	<b>\$(6,927)</b>	<b>\$326,648</b>	<b>\$248,373</b>	<b>\$57,782</b>	<b>\$306,155</b>
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>						
Program Services -						
Grants	\$61,567	\$ -	\$61,567	\$70,785	\$ -	\$70,785
Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	\$85,867	\$ -	\$85,867	\$875	\$ -	\$875
Management and General	\$23,664	\$ -	\$23,664	\$22,906	\$ -	\$22,906
Fundraising	\$60,850	\$ -	\$60,850	\$49,294	\$ -	\$49,294
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$231,948</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$231,948</b>	<b>\$143,860</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$143,860</b>
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	\$567,071	\$ -	\$567,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>	<b>\$799,019</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$799,019</b>	<b>\$143,860</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$143,860</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$(465,444)</b>	<b>\$(6,927)</b>	<b>\$(472,371)</b>	<b>\$104,513</b>	<b>\$57,782</b>	<b>\$162,295</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$2,275,162</b>	<b>\$58,575</b>	<b>\$2,333,737</b>	<b>\$2,170,649</b>	<b>\$793</b>	<b>\$2,171,442</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,809,718</b>	<b>\$51,648</b>	<b>\$1,861,366</b>	<b>\$2,275,162</b>	<b>\$58,575</b>	<b>\$2,333,737</b>

## Foundation Launches New Web Site

The Virginia Community Foundation announced the launch of a new web site during their "We Believe" fundraising luncheon on Tuesday, September 29 at the Coates Plaza Hotel in Virginia.

The site: [www.virginiafoundation.com](http://www.virginiafoundation.com) has many new features including a donors page where supporters can track their history of giving to the Foundation. Users will also be able to create permanent memorial pages on behalf of their deceased friends and family members who were Virginia residents and

alumni. There is no charge for creating the online memorials, and the public is invited to submit them without regard to how long ago the memorialized individual had passed.

Users can also search for names of past classmates through an online database.

The site also includes information regarding grant recipients, a calendar of

events, a menu of existing funds, and the ability to make donations online through a secure server.

According to Executive Director, Linda Niskanen, "the new Foundation web site will allow us to communicate with our supporters in a more timely and meaningful manner while reducing costs related to printing and postage."

### Sign Up For Our E-newsletter

Help us keep in touch with you regarding special events and Foundation news. Sign up for our e-newsletter today at

[www.virginiafoundation.com/news](http://www.virginiafoundation.com/news)

E-newsletter subscriptions will also help us reduce overhead costs such as printing and postage, allowing the Foundation to spend more where it counts – on our community!

# 706 Club Introduced for School Employees

Independent School District 706 employees are enrolling in the 706 Club to support the Virginia Educational Fund and/or the Blue Pride Fund. New ISD 706 Superintendent, Chuck

Futterer, is encouraging employees to sign up to donate \$7.06 (or more) per pay period through payroll deduction. Futterer says, "Signing up is easy and the business office takes care of everything

else for the employees. Over time, a payroll deduction of \$7.06 will add up and can make precious resources available for our students."

## *Third Mural Honors Veterans*

The Virginia Community Foundation continues its effort to enhance the downtown with plans to complete a third mural – this one honoring local veterans. Spearheaded by the Foundation's Mural Committee, the Veterans' Mural will be painted by renowned mural artist, Kelly Meredith from Butternut, Wisconsin. Ms. Meredith also painted the previous two Virginia murals, the first honoring the Koski Brothers and the second, Marty Biondich.

According to Mural Committee Chair, Marieta Johnson, "the committee had always planned to complete a mural honoring veterans. We decided to do it now in 2010 to coincide with the new veteran's memorial which will be unveiled this coming summer as well." Johnson added that members of the Mural

Committee met with local veterans' groups to ensure their support for the mural project. "This year, we are also excited because the project will include a community volunteer paint-by-number base coat to reduce our overall costs," Johnson said.

The Veterans' Mural will be partially funded by individual donations through which donors can honor their friends or family by having their likeness included on the mural for a donation of \$250. Individuals who wish to "purchase" a portrait of a veteran will be required to provide good quality photographs of their veterans in military dress for the artist's reference.

Other available sponsorship opportunities include purchasing a star with a veteran's name for just \$50 or a

plaque for \$100. Plaques will include name, rank, branch of service and years of service. Both stars and plaques will be painted around the perimeter of the mural. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information regarding sponsorships, please contact the Virginia Community Foundation at 218-749-8239.

The Veterans' Mural will be located near Veteran's Park in downtown Virginia. Painting of the mural is scheduled for the summer of 2010.

The Foundation Board wishes to thank all the members of the Mural Committee for their commitment to beautifying Virginia through these outstanding works of art.



*The design of Virginia's third mural will be similar to the veteran's mural in Ashland, Wisconsin.*

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(since October 1, 2008)

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# Virginia Educational Fund

(since October 1, 2008)

## General Contributions - Educational Fund

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Jen & Nick Stewart  
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*In honor of Matt & Cherie Seppi's 25th anniversary*

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*In memory of Jean Croft*

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*In honor of Darren Kramer, Brady's 2nd grade teacher*  
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Patricia Sleeman & family  
*In memory of Paul Sleeman, class of 1962*

## Mesabi Range Youth for Christ Fund

(since October 1, 2008)

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## Virginia Public Library Fund

(since October 1, 2008)

Paul & Barbara Arola  
*In memory of  
Elio & Jean Pietrini*

Marilyn Bislow

Family of Ed Bradach  
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(since October 1, 2008)

## General Contributions - Blue Pride Fund

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## Memorials and Named Gifts - Blue Pride Fund

Kyle & Jenna Altobelli  
*In memory of Donna Altobelli Bzdok*

Paul & Barbara Arola  
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*In memory of John Bodovinac*

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Grandsons Colton, Connor &  
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*In memory of Jean M. Croft*

George Croft  
*In memory of Jean Croft*

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1956*

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(since October 1, 2008)

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# Luncheon Gifts Help to Grow the Family of Foundation Funds

Amelia Cope-Robinson and Mailee Peterson warmed hearts with their performance at the recent Foundation's "We Believe" Fundraising Luncheon. A special thanks to those who made a donation at the Foundation's Luncheon in September.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 12/31/09 – New Year's Eve Celebration

Help us launch the Foundation's 20th Anniversary at a dinner and dance at the Coates Hotel. Cocktails at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner and dancing. \$50 per person. Contact the Foundation office at 749-8239 or go to our website ([www.virginiafoundation.com](http://www.virginiafoundation.com)) for advance reservations and meal selection.

### 01/29/10 – Blue Pride Fund Dance

Join us at the Virginia Elk's Club for the annual Blue Pride Fund dance and raffle. Tickets will be available from Blue Pride Fund members.

### 04/29/10 – 2nd Annual Wind Up for Summer at the Spring Wine Down

for the Virginia Educational Fund. Support learning opportunities in Virginia by joining us at the Elk's Club for an evening of wine tasting and veiled appetizers along with a silent-auction.

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