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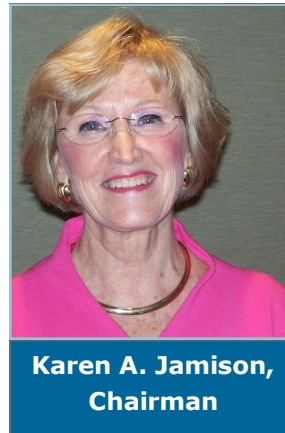
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### Chairman's Message

Recently the Historic Triangle Collaborative produced a report on developing a long-range plan for our area. On reading the report, it is clear that many of the positive attributes valued by our community leaders are supported by the work of the Williamsburg Community Foundation. The report repeatedly mentions the uniqueness of the Historic Triangle area as well as its quality of life. The Foun-

dation provides funds to support the many distinctive entities that make the Williamsburg area a vibrant place to live and work.



**Karen A. Jamison,  
Chairman**

If you attended our recent Grant Award Luncheon, you had the opportunity to learn about many of the programs which are funded through your support of the Community Endowment. The activities ranged from providing computers for seniors,

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### Respite Center: A Gift of Time

Founded in 2001, the Respite Care Center provides a stimulating social environment for adults with special needs while their loved ones have some time off. The agency helps families who care for a family member who suffers from some degree of dementia. The Center currently serves twenty-three families, half women and half men, ages 28-100. The center typically has ten participants each day who enjoy lunch, a craft or activity, a musical exercise and refreshment. There are twenty volunteers who collectively serve over 200 hours each week.

The grant recently awarded to the Respite Care Center from WCF will benefit the participants by allowing the Alzheimer's Association to continue support group meetings for caregivers throughout 2012 for no cost. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month while the loved one receives services. Joan Marshall, facilitator of the group, offered her thoughts about the support groups saying, "It is important that we ask ourselves how we can best assist the caregiver, because you are only as good to the other person as you are to yourself."



**Respite Care participants  
gather for their daily snack  
where they discuss different  
topics and enjoy socializing  
with one another.**

## Scholarship Supports 49 Students

Terry Hinders writes, “my son Max was the recipient of one of the scholarships awarded through the WJCC Scholarship Fund in 2009. He is currently a sophomore at Valparaiso University in Indiana. This scholarship, combined with others, allowed Max to choose a school based on fit, rather than cost. Thanks to your generous support, Max is on his way to achieving his educational goals.”



**2009 Scholarship Recipient  
Max Hinders**

Since the WJCC Scholarship Fund was established in 1974 as the Lafayette Educational Fund, many hundreds of high school seniors have received college scholarship awards that have given them a financial boost and recognition from the community. In June of 2011, the Fund awarded 46 scholarships valued at \$38,940. Scholarships are funded by businesses, individuals, or groups in the community.

## Chairman's Letter

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therapeutic horseback riding, to training for local non-profit leaders, to diabetic testing supplies for those in need and more.



**Grant recipients Everett Collins  
and Annemarie Lewis of the Wil-  
liamsburg Youth Wind Ensemble**

Your gifts to the Annual Fund have also made much possible this year. We set a stretch goal of raising \$100,000 and with your support; we are nearly 75% of the way toward that goal. Your support of the

Annual Fund helps underwrite the management of programs like Leave A Legacy Greater Williamsburg and the Williamsburg-James City County Scholarship Fund, both collaborative partnerships.

There is always more that we can do as an organization, but we cannot do it without the engaged participation of our friends and donors. We invite you to become more involved with the Foundation either as a donor, grant applicant or committee member. We hope you will let us know your interests and the ways the Williamsburg Community Foundation can work with you to maintain the quality of life and special character of our community.

**This newsletter is underwritten by Covenant Wealth Advisors** who reminds those making required minimum distributions from IRAs; you can directly donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets to charity and not have the assets count as taxable income (for 2011 distributions).

Call Nancy Sullivan at 757-259-1660 for more information.

## Julia Everts Memorial Fund

Julia Everts was never one to give up. Her life motto was “If I can’t do something about it, then I will just find something that I can do!” This ambitious attitude stayed with her until she passed away at 96 years old. In memory of her humble servitude, 12 years ago, her daughter Dottie Haramis and her family started a fund to provide scholarships to individuals looking to complete the Licensed Practical Nurse Program through the Lafayette School of Practical Nursing. The scholarship funds students who are working towards a career in nursing and need some assistance with books, uniforms and tuition. The recipients currently have 100% graduation rate and are mostly single mothers who have decided to go back to school to pursue a nursing career.

Dottie believes that “education should not only be for people with means, but for those who are able and interested.” The family is in the process of making the fund an endowment at the Williamsburg Community Foundation because they “trust good management for years to come in one location at the Foundation”.

## Grant Recipients October 2011

The Williamsburg Community Foundation Grant Luncheon is an opportunity for donors and supporters to learn about the recipients of grants awarded from the Community Endowment and the many named family funds that make up the Community Endowment. The Grant Award Luncheon was underwritten by the Optimal Service Group of Wells Fargo, LLC. A list of grant recipients follows.



**Carolyn Yowell & Janet Dugas from the Respite Care Center and Margene Hartsough & Jan MacQueston were among grant recipients at the WCF Grant Luncheon on October 5, 2011.**



**Robert and Hope Beck and Margaret Pritchard, WCF Trustee attended the Grant Luncheon on October 5, 2011.**

**Center for Excellence in Aging & Geriatric Health (\$5,000)**  
Funds will support the Driving Education Program, a program that preserves the safety of older drivers.

**Colonial Court Appointed Special Advocates (\$5,000)**  
This grant will help CASA purchase a copier with the latest technology for securing sensitive data.  
(Community Endowment & Robert E. Kiley Family Fund)

**Dream Catchers (\$2,000)**  
Funding will support a research study to determine the effects of therapeutic riding for elementary-aged school children with autism.

**Grove Christian Outreach Center(\$5,000)**  
This grant will help two families obtain mobile homes after their homes were destroyed in the April 2011 tornado. (Craig & Shirley Stambaugh Fund)

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## Grant Recipients October 2011

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### **Historic Triangle Senior Center (\$1,500)**

HTSC will purchase laptops to provide computer classes in low-income housing in the greater Williamsburg Area.

### **Lackey Free Clinic (\$5,000)**

This grant will provide 200 uninsured diabetic patients with the supplies necessary to manage the condition.

### **Respite Care Center (\$2,100)**

The Respite Care Center supports caregivers for adults with special needs and Alzheimer's. (Business Partners Fund)

### **Network Williamsburg (\$2,100)**

This grant funds a Social Media Research and Education Series for nonprofits to demonstrate the use of social media in engaging potential supporters.

### **The Williamsburg Symphonia Orchestra (\$1,000)**

This grant will fund interactive programming for 4th and 5th graders through the "Meet the Musicians" and "Instruments for Kids" programs. (Donald S. and Linda T. Baker Charitable Fund )

### **Williamsburg Choral Guild (\$1,000)**

This grant will fund two free performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" in December. (Genevieve McGiffert Memorial Fund for the Musical Performing Arts)

### **Williamsburg Early Childhood Music School (\$5,000)**

This grant helps expand Project Outreach to all Head Start classes in WJCC. Project Outreach serves at-risk preschool children who do not have access to music and movement education.

### **Williamsburg Women's Chorus (\$400)**

This grant supports the Spring 2012 intergenerational concert with the Warhill High School Women's Choir.

### **Williamsburg Youth Orchestras (\$1,000)**

Funding will provide scholarships to the 2012 Summer Music Festival, a program that provides five days of master classes, chamber music and orchestra rehearsals for young musicians .

### **Williamsburg Youth Wind Ensemble (\$4,000)**

This grant provides young musicians with music education and performance opportunities as well as funds for scholarships, instruments and materials.