

The Colonial Beach Foundation, Inc.

Annual Report



Incorporated in 2004, the *Colonial Beach Foundation* completed its 12th year of organization by providing grants to several diverse projects for the improvement of “*the quality of life for the citizens of Colonial Beach*”.

The *Foundation* elected three new directors, for a total of fourteen (14). One director resigned. There is generational and cultural representation of the diversity in the community.

The directors dedicated an entire day to a Board Retreat at the River Terra B&B and Custom Retreat. After this length of time the need to take stock of the current position and plan for future growth and development was tackled under experienced tutorage of experienced and professional foundation facilitators.

Financially stable with improving resources, the Foundation enjoys the support of many citizens of Colonial Beach. Several enjoyable fund raising events spotted the calendar during the past year.

A successful event was held to begin funding for the ***Beach Arts and Music Mentoring*** program. This specifically designated fund under the general Youth Development Fund was created to help the students in Colonial Beach to be exposed to and attain additional knowledge outside of the normal school curriculum.

Realizing our community foundation cannot remain viable by depending entirely on contributions from the public, an investment ***Endowment Fund*** was created. This base will provide the vehicle for those who wish to leave a legacy from their estates to provide for further improvements in our town and for the citizens of Colonial Beach.

The Colonial Beach Foundation has stepped in to fill void left by the withdrawal of the Colonial Beach Education Foundation from the **scholarship awards** program which they previously coordinated. A newly designated fund within the **Youth Development Fund** of the CBF has been created to receive donations and coordinate those assisting in this scholarship program. It is hoped that donors will set aside a portion of their annual donations to create an ongoing *scholarship endowment fund*.

A new fund, “***Green Space Preservation Fund***” with direct inference to support the Colonial Beach Comprehensive Plan, was created. The aim of the fund is self explanatory.

Existing Funds continue the work for which they were created:

The “*Colonial Beach Beautification Fund*” was created to improve the physical appearance of the Town with plant material, benches, art and architectural elements. The fund is stable. There were no grants made from this fund during 2017.

The “*War Memorial Fund*” is an endowment fund whose purpose is to maintain and repair the memorial. Through stimulus of the Foundation, “*Adopt a Spot*” program was initiated last year. Mr. Wesley Jones, owner of A & B Landscaping, continued to provide expertise and labor to maintain the War Memorial for the general enjoyment of the citizens of Colonial Beach.

The “*Community Center Fund*” continues to be very active this year. (See below).

The “*Youth Development Fund*” was comprised of three components: (1) As noted above the BMM program fund. (2) Scholarships for the young people to attend the VA Extension Service/4-H summer camp, (3) **The Post HS Educational Scholarship Fund** and (4) General Youth Development Fund. The Youth Philanthropy Fund was discontinued due to lack of interest by the young people.

The “*Beaches and Water Coalition Fund*” was established in 2010 to promote watershed conservation education in the Colonial Beach Area. This fund helped to support the activities of the “*Give a day to Save the Bay*” initiative to clean Monroe Bay and the waterways and shorelines of Colonial Beach.

Grants awarded during the year totaled \$7,700

1. The local citizen coalition: “*Give a Day, Save the Bay*” as part of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation effort to clean the beaches and waterways around Colonial Beach.
2. The Westmoreland County Extension Service/4H to provide camper assistance for 15 Colonial Beach students to attend the 4 H camp in Williamsburg, VA.
3. Community Center for the repair, renovation and improvement of the building, outdoor stage, landscaping and general maintenance.
4. The Colonial Beach Humane Society to assist with neutering/spaying the feral cat population throughout Colonial Beach

Fund Raising for Community Grants

The majority of the moneys that the Foundation receives are the result of direct donations for a specific purpose. A smaller amount comes from membership as a “*Friend of the Foundation*”. There are currently 75 active and current “Friends”.

Several fund raising events were successfully planned and completed;

1. The widely appreciated **Wine/Chocolate Pairing** event was held at the Community Center for an appreciative “Sold Out” evening.

2. The *Cinema on the Green* continues to be a popular once-a-month event at the Community Center. While not a fund raiser, as such, the sale of popcorn and drinks brought in some cash.
3. The *BAMM* event featuring *Tommy Truetone* and the *Hard to Tell Rockabilly & Blues Band* was a huge success utilizing the newly renovated stage and grounds of the Community Center.

Volunteer Hours

Members of the Board of Directors are dedicated to the mission of *The Foundation* and participated in each of the events which were sponsored or stimulated by a grant from the Foundation.

In addition to the above, directors, as a group, contributed approximately 1000 hours of volunteer time related to the business of the Foundation and its committees; drove more than 1500 miles using personal vehicles, and donated hundreds of copy pages. Other materials were contributed to the success of the three fund raising events.

All of our Directors and many, many volunteers are appreciated for their service to the community.

The social media, **Facebook** page is steadily growing in the number of “friends” and the number of people who access the pages. The web site, www.colonialbeachfoundation.org, has the ability to accept donations on line as well as information concerning the projects and activities of the Foundation. Increasing the visibility of the Foundation it has developed a relationship with web browser company www.goodsearch.com which gives a small amount for each search conducted through their site. It is tied to www.goodshop.com with the charitable donations made to the Foundation for those who shop their favorite stores through this web site. Another on-line shopping site benefiting the Foundation is www.smile.amazon.com. A small amount of each on-line purchases through these sites is donated to the CB Foundation. This is a reminder

The second year of operation of the Community Center has been both a challenge as well as a success

Because the building used as the Community Center is old and not always built to code or with the best materials, keeping it clean, functional and looking nice has required much work. The sudden violent storm last April caused widespread and devastating damage to the building and grounds. The building roof and siding was severely damaged and many large old trees on the grounds came crashing down. Perhaps a blessing in disguise, insurance on the building provided the finances to augment the tremendous amount of volunteer effort for the necessary repairs so that now the Community Center is better ever. Cleaned and painted inside and a new roof and siding outside, along with the purchase of new round tables, makes this a valuable venue for parties, meetings, and celebrations.

Financial Information

Beginning Balance	1/1/2017	\$ 11,438.42
Ending Balance	12/31/2017	\$ 25,315.56
CD designated to the Community Center Fund		\$2,67.95
Total Funds available	12/31/2017	\$25,356.23

Treasurer's Report available on request.

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The Foundation received **\$10,890** in direct monetary contributions during the year 2017.

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Bay Haven Landscaping
CB Artists' Guild
CB Chamber of Commerce
The Museum at Colonial Beach
CB Service Center & Golf Cart Rental
Colonial Beach Outfitters
GG's Dog House
GrowRVA LLC
Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie # 4315
Ingleside Vineyards
Jay Camp Builder
Jarrett Thor Gallery
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