

A group of four diverse children are smiling and holding onto the colorful bars of a playground structure. The structure has red, blue, and yellow bars. The children are of various ethnicities and are all looking towards the camera.

celebrating 30 years



Annual GIVING

ALL SCHOOLS ARE STRONG. ALL STUDENTS ARE PREPARED.

WHO WE ARE

The Henrico Education Foundation (HEF) is an independent nonprofit organization in collaborative partnership with Henrico County Public Schools — the Commonwealth's sixth largest school division — supporting more than 48,000 students in 74 educational facilities. Since its formation in 1993, the foundation has provided millions in direct funding affecting more than 650,000 students, teachers, parents, and guardians across Henrico County. As a foundation, we do more than just provide additional funding for public education, we are innovators working in partnership with parents, teachers, and administrators, continually identifying and developing transformational initiatives that improve school performance and lead to student success.

The Henrico Education Foundation is leading the way in showing how education foundations can play meaningful roles in the development and implementation of high-quality programming for our community's children. We fund creative instructional approaches with strong academic goals that directly address the opportunity gap, and we provide resources for teachers to support the most vulnerable students. The foundation's unique role is vital to meeting the educational needs of our community's children while providing partnership opportunities for businesses, community leaders and citizens to directly impact public schools. We are the largest education foundation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and we support all schools in Henrico County, working to provide every student with the support and resources they need for success.

Together we can Ignite a Brighter Future for Henrico's students.



Is HEF part of the school system?

No. HEF is an **independent, nonprofit community-based charitable organization** supporting all Henrico County public schools.

93%

**OF OUR IMPACT ON SCHOOLS
IS MADE POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS
DIRECTLY FROM PARTNERS LIKE YOU!**

Our Mission

The Henrico Education Foundation strengthens schools by advancing impactful initiatives that improve student outcomes.

Our Vision

All schools are strong.
All students are prepared.



From preschool to career, HEF has supported Henrico's children and families for 30 years. As a lifelong advocate for our children, it is indeed an honor to serve this organization and Henrico County Public Schools. Your unrestricted investment in our work supports innovation in the classroom, services to strengthen families, and partnerships to uplift our community. Our team of professionals stand ready, willing, and able to deliver on our mission. We are so appreciative of your continued support and ask you to consider joining us again, as we prepare Henrico's students to positively contribute to our community and beyond.

Damon Jiggetts, Chief Executive Officer, HEF



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INNOVATIVE GRANTS

HEF's signature grant program awards funding to HCPS staff members whose projects are innovative and creative, have specific measurable outcomes, target needs of challenged students, include unique ways of using technology and 21st century learning, and focus on increasing achievement and self-efficacy of all students. During the 2022–23 school year, 35,132 individuals were served by HEF's Innovative Grants Program, with a total of \$147,318 awarded to projects that prepare students to be life ready, improve school climate, and develop students' sense of belonging and connection to the school community.



**ADVANCING
ACHIEVEMENT
AND
FOSTERING
INNOVATION**



VIRGINIA EARLY LEARNING PARTNERS (VAELP)

VAELP, an initiative of the Henrico Education Foundation, partners with public schools and private child care centers to provide programs that build kindergarten readines and increase access to eligible three- and four-year-olds to quality preschool programs. This ensures that children have the necessary skills to be successful in kindergarten. Local centers can also provide extended educational opportunities for young children during non-school hours and days to support the work needs of families. In the near future, VAELP will provide educational programs in public and private centers to build a robust out of school program.

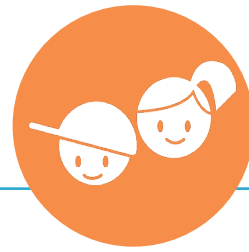


**INCREASING ACCESS
TO PRESCHOOL
AND BUILDING
KINDERGARTEN
READINESS**



COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Community Learning Centers (CLC) are a new strategy of community engagement. The program aims to improve academic achievement while providing enrichment opportunities, health and social services, and youth and community development, to build stronger families and healthier communities. Using school facilities as hubs to deliver programs and services, the CLC brings together partners offering a range of support to students, families and the community. The CLC responds to challenges students face both in and out of the classroom and is open to students and families beyond the school day.



LEARNING & DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Research shows that high-quality after school programs improve student outcomes, school attendance, and social emotional learning. Our Learning & Discovery Program provides a variety of enrichment excursions designed to support student achievement in a safe and fun after school environment. Excursions are developed in collaboration with individual schools based on school-identified needs and may include robotics and STEAM; writing, poetry, journalism; reading, language; music; environmental stewardship; service learning; public speaking, drama; athletics, yoga; chess; and art.



**BUILDING
STRONGER
FAMILIES
AND HEALTHIER
COMMUNITIES**

**PARTNERING WITH
SCHOOLS TO
SUPPORT
STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES**

There are many ways you can be a HEF Annual Campaign Partner!

- Make an annual donation
- Pledge a recurring monthly gift
- Sponsor a HEF signature event
- Create a partnership with us



Don't my taxes cover everything our schools need?

While Henrico County's tax dollars provide strong support for programs, facilities and staffing, HEF's Innovative Grants Program is the only funding source outside of the county budget for designing, testing and piloting creative approaches to instruction.



We are so proud to partner with the Henrico Education Foundation and celebrate its 30th anniversary. They have been a major sponsor of HCPS' Teacher of the Year awards, funded innovative projects proposed by our educators, provided scholarships for graduates and initiatives that help prepare children for kindergarten, and helped beyond the classroom by pioneering the thriving Community Learning Centers that serve as one-stop shops where students and families can connect with groups providing needed services. I can't imagine where we'd be without HEF's support over all these years, especially when you think of the impact on the tens of thousands of students who have gone through our system during that time.

Dr. Amy Cashwell, Superintendent - Henrico County Public Schools



WHY SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN?

Our strong partnership with Henrico County Public Schools and our connection to the communities they serve, allow us to build and refine effective programming to benefit our county's children. With your help, HEF is able to prioritize and adapt quickly as needs arise within the schools.

The Henrico Education Foundation relies on our Annual Campaign to provide unrestricted funding for many of the programs and services we provide in support of Henrico County Public Schools students and staff. These unrestricted Annual Campaign gifts are the most effective way you can help advance our mission to strengthen schools through impactful initiatives that improve student outcomes.

Unrestricted Gifts:

- May be used for any purpose that supports the foundation's mission
- Provide longevity and stability for programs that are most needed for student support
- Allow the foundation to invest in and retain talented program staff
- Allow for flexibility to respond quickly to critical needs in our schools
- Promote innovative thinking and investment in emerging technologies and strategies

Contact our development team and let's have a conversation and come up with a plan that works for you or your business.

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HEF has been a great thought-partner and resource to positively impact the lives of our scholars and school community. We appreciate HEF's commitment to excellence, service and building a brighter future. Glen Lea Elementary School thanks HEF for its unwavering support to assist our families while making provision for their needs.

James Gordon, Principal - Glen Lea Elementary School

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