



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Area Donors Establish Two New Scholarships with Community Foundation**

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The Community Foundation is excited to announce the recent creation of two new scholarship funds. **Caswell County Schools Scholarship Fund** and **Virginia Ann Miller Garmon Memorial Scholarship Fund** are The Foundation's new funds of 2021.

Caswell County Schools' March 2021 donation aims to encourage Bartlett Yancey Senior High School graduating seniors to earn a bachelor's degree for the purpose of teaching school in Caswell County. "This is a need that the Caswell County Schools perceived, and we agree that the scholarship will be beneficial to Caswell County," said Community Foundation Executive Director, Kathy Milam. "Supporting pathways for local students, and encouraging them to remain in the area to teach, will help teacher recruitment long-term."

The objective of the Caswell County Schools Scholarship Fund is to provide post-secondary scholarships to current Bartlett Yancey Senior High School graduating seniors entering the field of education, who are residents of Caswell County, who have demonstrated a devotion to academics, and who have a need for financial support. The applicants intend to earn a bachelor's degree for the purpose of teaching school in Caswell County.

Next year, when The Foundation's scholarship cycle opens, the Caswell County Schools Scholarship will be available for applications. This scholarship is the Foundations' 152<sup>nd</sup> component fund. The Foundation's Board of Directors makes the final decision concerning funds distributed for scholarships.

The Virginia Ann Miller Garmon Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in January 2021. This scholarship is an Acorn Fund, with three years to reach the minimum necessary for endowment. In order to establish an endowed scholarship fund, \$25,000 is required.

The Garmon Scholarship was created for the charitable purpose of providing post-secondary educational scholarships to Halifax County High School and George Washington High School graduates in memory of Virginia Ann Miller Garmon. The scholarship will be given to students in the fields of education, religion, and business who have demonstrated a devotion to academics, and who have a need for financial aid.

Mrs. Garmon was a much-beloved full-time teacher and spent most of her career at George Washington High School. She lived the last five years in the town of Halifax, at the Chastain Home for Genteel Women, and was active in several community organizations until her death on January 4, 2021.

As we celebrate the Class of 2021, please consider a gift to the Caswell County Schools Scholarship Fund and/or the Virginia Ann Miller Garmon Memorial Scholarship Fund, to help raise funds for future graduates. Your gift shows your confidence in the Class of 2021 as they prepare to make their impact on the world. The Foundation encourages donations of any size to these funds.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is an independent, public charity established in September 1996 by a steering committee of local civic leaders to gather permanent funds to support our area. The Community Foundation has assets of more than \$47 million and has awarded more than \$26.4 million in grants and scholarships.

While the Foundation works with donors to establish funds to benefit any geographic area, our primary service area is Danville/Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Caswell County, North Carolina. Donations are also being sought to build up resources for South Boston/Halifax County, with consideration being given to other neighboring counties.

For more information or to donate to any of the new funds, contact The Foundation office at 434-793-0884 or visit its web site [www.cfdr.org](http://www.cfdr.org).