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The John Randolph Foundation is working to improve the health and quality of life for residents of Hopewell and the surrounding areas.

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John Randolph Foundation Fifth Annual Golf Tournament

THERE are many ways you can choose to carry on the memory of a loved one. Ursula Gibbs came up with one that will not only carry on the name of her late husband, Louis Gibbs, but will perpetuate the good will towards his community that he always displayed. It will also help a young student further his or her education at the same time. Mrs. Gibbs did this by establishing the Louis C. Gibbs Scholarship Program last January through the John Randolph Foundation. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a senior at Hopewell High School or Petersburg High School.

Louis Gibbs was born and raised in Petersburg, Virginia. During his early teenage years, he worked to support his mother and brother. He moved to Hopewell in his early twenties, when he married Ursula. Louis was a self-made man who worked hard and happily. When he lost his leg in a railroad accident in 1939, his will and determination to be successful were only strengthened. He embraced life at a time when others may have given up.

Focus On Scholarships

Louis was an entrepreneur and rose through the ranks at Norfolk & Western Railroad from a messenger to YardMaster. He also helped to establish two well-known banking institutions in the area. He was active in the Hopewell Lions Club and many other civic organizations. He was always available to anyone who needed a helping hand, including teaching many area youth to swim. When he passed away in 1982, the Tri-Cities lost a great friend. This scholarship will enable Louis Gibbs' good work for his community to be perpetuated for generations to come.

▼ Louis C. Gibbs circa 1979 and 1950.



Diane Lowder, New JRF Associate

"I had no idea how much money the Foundation contributed over the years to healthcare, education and quality of life in our community," declared Diane Lowder a few weeks after settling into her position as John Randolph Foundation's new Program Associate. It is precisely because the Foundation has been so successful in raising and donating money, particularly in the areas of scholarships and grants, that it decided to create the new position and fill it as quickly as possible.

In her new role, Lowder will primarily administer and help develop new scholarships. She will also assist Lisa Sharpe, Director of Development and Grants Management, with grants management and general development responsibilities. Born and raised in Hopewell, Virginia, Lowder received her BA and her law degree from the University of Richmond. As an attorney, she specialized in estate planning. She also spent five years at her alma mater as Director of Planned Giving and then served as Human Resources Manager with Ukrop's Supermarkets, Inc. before joining the Foundation. Lowder currently lives in Hopewell and is married to Ted Lowder, who owns the Hopewell Quick Lunch. They have one son named Perry, age 11.



Scholarship Dinner A Great Success



The first annual Scholarship Informational Dinner was hosted by The John Randolph Foundation on January 9, 2003, for Hopewell High School seniors and their parents. The goal of this event was to familiarize parents and their seniors who are academically qualified to apply for various JRF scholarships with opportunities that are available and how to apply for them. Information on other organizations that offer scholarships to Hopewell High School students was also available, as well as a representative from the Educational Credit Management Corporation, who provided material and answered questions regarding financial aid matters. Twenty-eight students and their parents attended the dinner. Based on the evening's success, the John Randolph Foundation plans to expand the event next year to include Prince George High School and Thomas Dale High School.

The Honeywell Technology Scholarship Fund

Honeywell is well known for its strong commitment to its communities. The worldwide technology and manufacturing leader firmly believes that successful companies—and successful people—have the duty and the privilege of sharing their good fortune with the people in their communities who need help the most. That's why the Richmond area Honeywell operations decided to join forces with the John Randolph Foundation to provide a new scholarship opportunity.

The Honeywell Technology Scholarship Fund was established in July 2002 to promote a broad range of technology-related occupations by awarding scholarships to students furthering their education beyond high school and demonstrating financial need. It was originally funded through a gift of \$15,000 to the John Randolph Foundation, with additional contributions from the community at large. These funds will be invested by the John Randolph Foundation to promote the perpetuity of the scholarship.

The scholarship will award \$1,000 each spring to a qualified student from Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Petersburg, Fort Lee, Prince George, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Surry, Sussex, Charles City, or Southeast Henrico.

Dorene Billingsley, Director of Operations for the Honeywell Chesterfield plant, serves as their advisor for the scholarship. "Honeywell has a commitment to partner with our communities to improve critical issues like healthcare and education, and the John Randolph Foundation supports the advancement of these fields," she said. "It's a natural that we would work with them and develop a scholarship such as this to benefit local students interested in pursuing a career in technology." She also added that the scholarship will ultimately benefit Honeywell, as well, because it will create a larger pool of qualified applicants for local jobs.



John Randolph Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

Franklin D. Boyce Health Scholarship

The Franklin D. Boyce Health Scholarship was established in August 1996 in recognition of Mr. Boyce's long years of service as CEO of John Randolph Medical Center and as the first CEO of John Randolph Foundation. This scholarship awards \$2,500 to promote health occupations and is renewable up to three additional consecutive years, assuming the applicant continues to meet all criteria and submits a renewal application. Four new Boyce Scholarships are awarded annually.

Joan Glascock Skaggs Nursing Scholarship

The Joan Glascock Skaggs Nursing Scholarship was established in 1998 by Dr. Jerry Skaggs in honor of his late wife Joan Glascock Skaggs. A registered nurse, she was an advocate of excellence in nursing. The Skaggs scholarship presents at least one \$2,500 award each year to promote careers as registered nurses.

Ted P. Blanks Scholarship

The Ted P. Blanks Scholarship was established in 1995 by Ted's family and friends to honor his memory. Ted was a member of the Hopewell Hospital Authority and served our community through various civic organizations. He knew the importance of education. As such, a \$1,000 scholarship for any course of study is awarded annually to a senior at Hopewell High School and a senior at Prince George High School.

John and Wilbur Traylor Scholarship

The John and Wilbur Traylor Scholarship was established in January 2002, fulfilling the wishes of the late John and Wilbur Traylor. Although the Traylor family had no children of their own, they desired to assist young people with educational endeavors. This \$2,500 scholarship may be used for any course of study and is renewable for one additional consecutive year, assuming the applicant continues to meet all criteria and submits a renewal application.

Shantaram Talegaonkar, M.D. Scholarship

The Shantaram Talegaonkar, M.D. Scholarship was established in 2001 by Dr. Talegaonkar in appreciation to the community for supporting his medical practice for 28 years. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a student pursuing a career as a physician or a registered nurse.

Honeywell Scholarship

The Honeywell Scholarship was established in July 2002 and awards a \$1,000 annual scholarship. Made possible by the Honeywell Foundation, local operations managers worked diligently to provide this opportunity for local students who will pursue studies in technology.

Louis C. Gibbs Scholarship

The Louis C. Gibbs Scholarship was established in January 2003 in memory of Mr. Gibbs by his wife, Ursula Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs was a self-made man, whose strong work ethic guided his life. Because of his willingness to help others, Mrs. Gibbs felt that a scholarship to assist local students would be a fitting memorial to him. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a senior at Hopewell High School or Petersburg High School.

Drs. Singh and Bhuller Outstanding Educator of the Year Award

The Drs. Singh and Bhuller Outstanding Educator of the Year Award was established in January 2003 to recognize outstanding educators in Hopewell Public Schools and to motivate them to maintain standards of excellence. The \$1,000 award will be used by the recipient to enhance his or her teaching skills. Further information regarding this scholarship will be featured in the 2003 Summer/Fall edition of John Randolph Foundation's newsletter.

Fall 2002 Grants

JOHN Randolph Foundation reviews grant requests twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The review process begins in February for the spring, in August for the fall. Each cycle begins with submission of a three-page concept paper explaining the project for which funding is requested. Concept papers are reviewed, and organizations are either denied or invited to submit a formal proposal. During the fall 2002 cycle, 28 concept papers were submitted, of which 26 were invited to submit a formal proposal, and 18 received funding. Following is a list of the grants awarded in January 2003. Please note, while each grant is listed under one category, some may fit multiple categories. A list of spring 2003 grants will be published in JRF's summer/fall newsletter.

Access to Care

It is imperative that all citizens in the John Randolph Foundation service area are able to access affordable medical treatment, prescription medications and emergency and preventive care. As such, funds are made available for programs that provide high quality, appropriate care for those who cannot afford and/or access services.

Bensley Bermuda Rescue Squad

\$10,000 to assist with purchasing a new automated patient care reference and record keeping system.

Colonial Heights Fire & EMS Department

\$9,900 to assist in the purchase of a Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera.

Hopewell Police Department

\$20,525 to equip officers and support staff with safety equipment that would enable police personnel to respond to various emergencies in a safe environment.

Senior Navigator

\$10,000 to assist in linking senior citizens, their families and caregivers in John Randolph Foundation's service area to health related information and aging services and resources via the internet and also by other more traditional means.

Prevention/Wellness

Programs that prevent disease and encourage healthy lifestyles, as well as those that improve the health and safety of various segments of the population, are seen as vitally important to the overall well-being of community residents.

Crater District Health Resource Mother's Program

\$15,000 for general operational expenses associated with teenage pregnancy prevention programs and one-on-one mentoring for pregnant and parenting teenagers.

Domestic Violence Intervention Project

\$20,000 for general operational expenses and to expand programs that provide services for children at risk.

Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families

\$75,000 for general operations to support home based support services to at-risk families for up to five years after the birth of a child.

Quinn Rivers Healthy Families Program for Charles City County

\$5,000 to support home based support services to at-risk families for up to five years after the birth of a child.

Meals on Wheels

\$10,000 to sponsor meal recipients that reside in Charles City County.

Education

Studies have demonstrated that there is a direct link between the educational level of a community and its overall health status. Therefore, the John Randolph Foundation provides a variety of grants to support educational projects.

The Children's Home of Virginia Baptists, Inc.

\$10,000 to continue their after school tutorial program for middle school students.

John Tyler Community College Nursing Program

\$30,000 to hire a full-time nursing lab assistant.

Saint Joseph School

\$15,000 to assist in the installation of a computer lab.

New Initiatives

Each year, innovative new health-related programs and services that address unmet needs in the community are supported with start-up funding. These new programs are vital to the health of the community. Through many of them, new health issues are identified and addressed, new ways of caring are developed and more people are served.

Hopewell-Prince George-Surry Drug Court

\$15,000 to assist in establishing an adult drug court program designed for criminal offenders who are chronic, non-violent substance abusers.

Serenity - HIV/AIDS Say Support Center

\$30,000 to assist in opening the support center for persons 16 years of age or older who are HIV/AIDS positive and recovering from drug addiction.

Quality of Life

"Healthy Communities" is often used to describe an approach to grant-making that focuses on improving public health and quality of life in a community. The John Randolph Foundation supports a broad range of organizations that affect the health and well being of individuals through programs while at the same time promoting the quality of life and overall wellness of the community.

Boy Scouts of America

\$10,000 to continue Scoutreach Programs for youth in underprivileged areas in John Randolph Foundation's service area.

Christmas in April - Petersburg

\$5,000 to help elderly and disabled low-income homeowners with much needed maintenance, repairs, and renovations to their homes.

Hopewell-Prince George Chapter of the American Red Cross

\$30,000 for operational expenses and to provide assistance to families and individuals in need of help with heating in the winter and cooling in the summer.

Mental Health/Retardation, Substance Abuse

Often overlooked in our society as a legitimate health concern, societal problems and the overall health of the community are directly linked to mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse. The John Randolph Foundation provides grants to organizations that provide a variety of services that have both short- and long-term positive outcomes.

Southside Outpatient Behavioral Health

\$30,000 to purchase a desk-top computer and printer to access pharmaceutical medications at little or no cost, fund a part-time assistant position and provide funds for interim medications for clients while waiting for the pharmaceutical company to provide the initial request for medications.

Emergency Grants

Emergency Grants were developed to address non-profit agencies that face emergency situations in which the organization is in danger of terminating services that are essential to the well-being of the citizens in John Randolph Foundation's service area. Emergencies are defined as sudden, unexpected occurrences demanding immediate attention and action for the community. Emergency grant requests may be submitted between regular grant cycles. Only one emergency grant was awarded during 2002 to the following organization:

Crater District Area Agency on Aging

\$18,640 to restore vital services to senior citizens in John Randolph Foundation's service area that were in danger of being eliminated because of recent state budget cuts.

Community Contribution Grants

Community Contribution Grants were designed to assist area non-profit organizations in need of assistance with projects that may be somewhat "seasonal" in scope and generally require less funding. Organizations can apply for these "mini grants" at any time during the year; they require less paperwork and the maximum amount that can be requested is \$1,000.00. Simply said, John Randolph Foundation created Community Contribution Grants as a way for organizations to access smaller amounts of money without having to go through the Foundation's regular grant process. Below are Community Contribution Grants awarded in 2002:

Hopewell Public Schools - Parent Resource Center

\$750.00 to assist with expenses associated with the Family Resource Gala held in April at Hopewell High School.

Colonial Heights High School After-Prom Committee

\$500.00 to defray the costs of its annual after-prom celebration to promote drug and alcohol-free activities for high school students.

Hopewell After Prom Committee

\$500.00 to defray the costs of its annual after-prom celebration to promote drug and alcohol-free activities for high school students.

West End Christian School

\$1,000 to offset the cost of a retreat for its senior class.

Hopewell-Prince George Healthy Families in collaboration with the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 637

\$1,000 to assist in their on-going project to prevent child abuse/shaken baby syndrome.

Hopewell Recreation and Parks in collaboration with the Hooray for Hopewell Committee

\$975.00 to defray the cost of children's entertainment at the Hooray for Hopewell Festival.

Colonial Heights Better Beginnings Coalition

\$600.00 to address students and parents regarding sexual abstinence.

Prince George Elf Helpers

\$750.00 to purchase food and toys for needy families during the Christmas Holidays.

Thomas Dale High School PTSA

\$500.00 to defray the costs of its annual after-prom celebration to promote drug and alcohol-free activities for high school students.

L.L. Beazley Elementary School

\$600.00 to purchase books, educational games and hands-on materials to be used to educate mentally retarded pupils at L.L. Beazley Elementary School.

Carter G. Woodson Middle School

\$1,000.00 to purchase prizes for an Accelerated Reader incentive program.

Prince George High School PTA

\$500.00 to defray the costs of its annual after-prom celebration to promote drug and alcohol-free activities for high school students.



▲ Fall 2002 John Randolph Foundation grant recipients.

The Gift of Giving

EACH year John Randolph Foundation's Board of Trustees encourages gifts from our community to assist us in carrying out our mission to improve the health and quality of life for people in Hopewell and the surrounding area through various grant and scholarship programs and activities.

While some donors restrict their gifts for a certain purpose, many others specify that their gifts are unrestricted, to be used by the Foundation Board according to greatest need.

In this edition of the John Randolph Foundation newsletter, the Board of Trustees recognizes all contributors from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Their gifts not only supported John Randolph Foundation's various grant and scholarship programs, but also helped support other aspects of our mission.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and all those lives that your donations helped to improve, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

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Spotlight / Marlene Goodwyn, 2003 JRF President

Some people might argue that good deeds are like potato chips—once you do one, you can't stop doing more. Marlene Goodwyn is a perfect example. Already the president and member of half a dozen education and social service organizations, Goodwyn is serving this year as President of the John Randolph Foundation Board of Trustees. During her five-year tenure on the Board, she has also served as Vice President and Secretary.

Goodwyn first joined the John Randolph Foundation Board of Trustees in 1996, when she heard through her pastor that there was a vacancy. She submitted an application, was interviewed and happy to learn she was selected. Since then she has dedicated herself to the growth of the Foundation and the betterment of the public it serves.

"The whole idea of helping others in my community, of speaking up for people whose voices can't be heard, is what motivates me to volunteer," explained Goodwyn. "I believe that everyone should have satisfactory healthcare, housing and educational opportunities, and often that means rolling up your sleeves and helping those that are less fortunate than yourself."

Goodwyn practices what she preaches. She is the current President of the Chesterfield Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as well

as the President of the Missionary Ministry, member of the Christian Education Ministry, and Advisor to the Youth Ministry, all at Hopewell's Union Baptist Church, which she attends.

Goodwyn works at Fort Lee in the Combined Arms Support Command Training Directorate as a Supervisory Instructional Systems Specialist. Along with her co-workers, she is responsible for developing and maintaining the training development materials for soldiers in the Ordinance Electronics Maintenance Branch of the Army.

A native and resident of Chesterfield County, she has been married for 30 years to Everett Goodwyn. They have two daughters, Shannon, who will be graduating from Drexel University this summer, and Brittany, who is in 8th grade at West End Christian School.

Though she has many goals for the Foundation this year, there is one in particular she is especially passionate about. "I'm eager to continue encouraging organizations with like missions and goals to collaborate more with one another so that the Foundation's dollars can go even further toward helping our residents in need," she said. "In these tight economic times, these partnerships are more important than ever in accomplishing the Foundation's mission."



JRF Teaches Grantees How to Raise Funds

The John Randolph Foundation has gained a reputation for helping local non-profit organizations reach their goals by awarding them grants each year. But the Foundation's services don't end there. In order to help these local organizations continue to successfully raise funds and secure their financial future, the Foundation holds seminars and workshops on a variety of topics. On October 30, 2002, with help from The Foundation Center in New York, the Foundation hosted a fundraising workshop for its grantees.

Sixty people attended the event at the Foundation's headquarters. Well-known pioneer in the field of nonprofit management and philanthropy, Michael Seltzer, shared many of the fundraising tips featured in his book, *Securing Your Organization's Future: A Complete Guide to Fundraising Strategies*. "The key," said Seltzer, "is to build a network of support from among the wide variety of funding sources available today," which he proceeded to explain how to do.

The next seminar was held June 3, 2003. It featured two different topics: Performance Measurements & Evaluation Strategies and Financial Standards for Small Non-Profits. For information on upcoming seminars, please call the Foundation at 458-2239.

Donor Profile... Jan Nicholson

The majority of JRF donors live in the Tri-Cities area. Each individual has personal reasons for giving, but most would likely say that their contribution will make a positive difference within their own community. So why does Jan Nicholson of Buffalo Grove, IL contribute to JRF?

Nicholson grew up in Hopewell and was a childhood friend of Ted Blanks. When Ted died in 1995, his family and friends memorialized him with the Ted Blanks Scholarship Fund, administered by JRF. With this, Nicholson saw an opportunity to show respect for the life of one of her oldest friends while also giving back to the community of her youth – where her morals and values were instilled.

Nicholson knows the importance of education, as did her friend Ted, and even though she lives 850 miles from the Tri-Cities area, she made a personal commitment to contribute to the fund each year. She is pleased to know that her contribution will honor her friend's memory and provide graduating seniors from her home town of Hopewell and from Prince George with a way to help further their education, as she and Ted both did.

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