

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a sunset over a beach. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the right side, casting a warm orange and yellow light across the sky and water. In the foreground, the silhouettes of an adult and a child are visible. The adult, on the left, is running towards the right, holding a string. The child, on the right, is also running towards the right. A kite with a long, flowing tail is flying in the sky, held by the adult. The overall mood is peaceful and joyful.

Outer Banks COMMUNITY *Foundation*

2014
ANNUAL REPORT

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY

Remember the tale of Johnny Appleseed, the pioneer hero who walked across America for 50 years, planting countless groves of apple trees, so that no man, woman, or child would ever go hungry?

Though the real-life story has stretched now into legend, there is something inspiring about that vision: a shared orchard, planted once and tended perpetually, that can nourish our community for generations to come.

The Outer Banks Community Foundation is our community's perennial garden — verdant, blooming, and lush, with all varieties of fruit trees, flowers, and luxuriant foliage. The plants in our garden are the charitable endowments that you sow — scholarship funds, grant-making funds, family funds, nonprofit endowments — each with its own name, its own purpose, its own legacy, and its own special harvest.

You plant the seeds when you make an endowment gift, and we tend the seedlings, now and into perpetuity. We fertilize, nurture, and grow them, through good weather and bad, and each harvest season, we work together to reap the scholarships and grants to give back to the Outer Banks.

Our community garden is thriving. As you will read in this annual report, in 2014 we started 12 new charitable funds and distributed over \$560,000 in grants and scholarships. (Yes, the check in the photo was surpassed by year's end.) All this, while growing our endowment to \$13 million in size!

That \$13 million is not one organization's endowment; it is our community's endowment, and it will keep growing and sustaining our Outer Banks for generations to come.

Thanks to the donors on the following pages, 89 local students received life-changing college scholarships. Thanks to you, dozens of local nonprofits received charitable grants to support the arts, preserve history, feed and shelter those in need, cherish our environment, and bolster our community's health.

You are the Johnny and Janie Appleseeds of the Outer Banks. Anyone can plant a tree with the Outer Banks Community Foundation. We invite you to be our partner in giving; let us help you plant your legacy to benefit the Outer Banks — for good, for ever.

What can we grow in the sands of the Outer Banks? Turns out, a flourishing community.

Bob Muller, President

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The board and staff of the Outer Banks Community Foundation celebrate a year's worth of grants and scholarships. By December 31, 2014, the total grant-making for the year exceeded \$560,000! From left to right: Lorelei Costa, Sharon Elliott, Deloris Harrell, Avery Harrison, Chris Seawell, Scott Leggat, Ed Olsen, John Graham, Loretta Michael, Mike Kelly, Teresa Osborne, Bob Muller, Leslie Reed.



The Community Foundation partnered with Liberty Christian Fellowship in 2014 to establish a new grant-making fund to support faith-based organizations, as well as a perpetual endowment to sustain the Fellowship itself.

A bequest from the late Stewart Couch created the R. Stewart Couch Hatteras Island Scholarship Fund in 2014. Combined with memorial funds raised by the Outer Banks Association of Realtors, it will be our largest single-year scholarship to date.



Local sunscreen company BANXblock is donating a portion of their sales each year to a new charitable endowment for local environmental grants.

A donation of original watercolors, painted by the late Jim Wood (pictured with his granddaughter, Anna) and gifted by attorney Carl Smith, has seeded a new endowment fund for children's arts programming at the Dare County Arts Council. Photograph courtesy of Kathy Wood.



NEW FUNDS IN 2014

BANXblock Beach Fund
Christopher Ellison Fund for the Arts
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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Outer Banks Community Foundation is a public charity that connects people who care with causes that matter. Founded in 1982, the Community Foundation helps donors meet local charitable needs in Dare County and across the Outer Banks, from Corolla to Ocracoke, by targeting grants and scholarships toward our community's most pressing needs and promising opportunities.

The Community Foundation manages a collection of undesignated charitable funds, grant-making funds, nonprofit endowments, and scholarship funds, created by different donors at different times for different purposes. Donors may create funds during their lifetime or by bequest, for general charitable purposes or for a particular cause or organization that they specify. The Community Foundation provides tailored services to help individuals, families, businesses, and other groups pursue their charitable goals easily, effectively, and with maximum tax benefit.

Through its discretionary grants, the Community Foundation is the venture capitalist of our local charitable sector, supporting the Outer Banks's most exciting and most urgent charitable projects. The Community Foundation is a catalyst, helping



A grant from the Community Fund in 2014 is supporting GO FAR's fun run program, providing curriculum manuals, program scholarships, and shoe scholarships for elementary-age kids across Dare County. GO FAR's mission is to prevent childhood obesity by coaching kids in fitness, nutrition, health, and the joy of running. Photograph by Andrew Milne, andrewmilneonline.com.

the nonprofit sector evolve to take on new challenges and opportunities as they arise.

Through its scholarship programs, the Community Foundation has helped over 1,300 local students pursue their dream of a college education. The Community Foundation is the largest scholarship provider in our area, awarding both need-based and merit-based scholarships to the future leaders of our country.

The Community Foundation's perpetual endowments are a resource for today and tomorrow. With the Outer Banks Community Foundation, people who love the Outer Banks can give back to the community they love to help meet today's pressing needs, while building a source of support for future generations.

MAKE YOUR MARK

Interested in establishing a fund? Whether you wish to award scholarships, choose your own grants, start a family fund, endow your favorite Outer Banks charity, or support philanthropy itself with an unrestricted gift, the Outer Banks Community Foundation can help you achieve your charitable goals. To learn more about creating your own charitable fund, contact Lorelei Costa at 252.261.8839.

2014

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Unaudited assets as of December 31, 2014

Cash & cash equivalents	\$115,307
Investments, net	\$12,657,783
Charitable remainder unitrusts	\$101,250
Property & equipment, net	\$316,657
Other assets	\$432
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,191,429

2014 COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT & DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS:

\$279,643 TOTAL

Annual ADVICE 5K Turkey Trot Fund: \$1,625

Currituck Free Dental Clinic

Aviation Education Fund of America: \$292

First Flight Society

Aycock Brown Memorial Fund: \$717

Friends of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum

Benevolent Fund: \$25,523

Beach Food Pantry
Community Care Clinic of Dare
GEM Adult Day Services
Interfaith Community Outreach
Mano al Hermano
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church
NC MedAssist

Bingham Family Fund: \$300

Currituck Free Dental Clinic
Interfaith Community Outreach

Burwell A. Evans Charitable Fund: \$2,100

Dare County Arts Council
Mount Olivet United Methodist Church
Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department

Cathi Ostrander Family Fund: \$471

Beach Food Pantry
OBX Room in the Inn

Charles H. & Dorothy S. Luedemann Arts Fund: \$11,236

Bryan Cultural Series
Dare County Arts Council
Dare Education Foundation
(Dare Youth String Ensemble)
Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts Theatre of Dare

Children & Youth Fund: \$883

Coastal Family Church (After Prom)
Outer Banks Family YMCA

Community Fund: \$60,568

Beach Food Pantry
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum (Saltwater Connections)
Currituck Free Dental Clinic
Dare Education Foundation
(Dare Youth String Ensemble)
Feline Hope
Friends of Jockey's Ridge
Interfaith Community Outreach
Mano al Hermano
OBX GO FAR
OBX Room in the Inn
Ocracoke Alive

Ocracoke Youth Center
Outer Banks Center for Dolphin Research
Outer Banks Family YMCA
Radio Hatteras
Roanoke Island Historical Association
Whalehead Preservation Trust

D. Victor & Catherine D. Meekins Memorial Fund: \$700

UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation

David Aycock Loy Memorial Fund: \$1,227

Autism Society of North Carolina - Outer Banks Chapter

Directors Fund: \$764

Whalehead Preservation Trust

Dorothy Scott Townsend Fletcher Memorial Fund: \$8,400

Beach Food Pantry
Food for Thought
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Interfaith Community Outreach
Kill Devil Hills Fire Department Auxiliary
Kitty Hawk Fire Department
Outer Banks SPCA
Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department
The Albemarle Commission (Home Delivered Meals Program)
Town of Southern Shores

Environment Fund: \$317

Outer Banks Center for Dolphin Research

Eure Outer Banks Arts Center Fund: \$9,723

Bryan Cultural Series
Dare Education Foundation

Francis W. & Virginia H. Meekins Family Fund: \$291

GEM Adult Day Services

Hester Family Legacy Fund: \$542

American Legion
Coastal Family Church (After Prom)
Dare Education Foundation (Monday Night Alive)

June & John Kemble Memorial Cancer Fund: \$2,000

Interfaith Community Outreach

Kelly Family Fund: \$21,893

Alzheimers North Carolina
Beach Food Pantry
Buck Thornton Memorial Fund
Community Care Clinic of Dare
East Carolina Educational Foundation

Fathers Heart Ministry
Friends of Jockey's Ridge
Holy Family Catholic Church
Lacy McNeill First Flight Rotary Scholarship
Mano al Hermano
Meredith College
North Banks Rotary Club
OBX Pride
OBX Room in the Inn
Outer Banks Hospital Development Council
Outer Banks Relief Foundation
Outer Banks Repeater Association
Outer Banks Sporting Events
Surface Interval Dive Company (SIDCO)
The Father's Heart
UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation

Little, Owens, & BB&T Fund: \$2,605

Coastal Family Church (After Prom)
Outer Banks Family YMCA

Martin Kellogg Memorial Fund: \$6,112

First Flight Society
Outer Banks Family YMCA
UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation

Milton A. Jewell Grant Fund: \$33,053

Chicamacomico Historical Association
Coastal Family Church
Feline Hope
Interfaith Community Outreach

Moncie L. Daniels & Belva Midgett Daniels Memorial Fund: \$533

UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation

Ocracoke Fund: \$1,368

Ocracoke Youth Center

Pauline Wright Endowment for Dare County Individuals with Special Needs: \$7,203

Autism Society of North Carolina - Outer Banks Chapter
MANE and TAILL Therapeutic Horsemanship Academy
Nags Head Fire Department

Pauline Wright Endowment for Educational and Developmental Needs in Currituck: \$7,203

Autism Society of North Carolina - Outer Banks Chapter
MANE and TAILL Therapeutic Horsemanship Academy

Monarch Lighthouse Club

Peregrine & Kaye White Fund: \$600

Dare County Association of Fire Officers
Dare Hospice

Phil and Mary Woodruff Endowment Fund: \$291

First Flight Society

Ruth Pitt Performing Arts Fund: \$1,839

Bryan Cultural Series

Shirley & David Doran Memorial Fund: \$48,183

Chicamacomico Fire Department (Hatteras Island CERT)
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum (Saltwater Connections)
Interfaith Community Outreach
Ocracoke Alive
Ocracoke Youth Center
Outer Banks Family YMCA

Simpson-Sharp-Oakes Fund: \$7,300

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Asheville Humane Society
Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council
Beach Food Pantry
Brother Wolf Animal Rescue
Bryan Cultural Series
Dare County Arts Council
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Full Moon Farm
Holistic Life Foundation
Interfaith Community Outreach
Mary Benson House
National MS Society
Outer Banks SPCA
Real Crisis Intervention
Western NC Down Syndrome Alliance

Spencer Family Fund: \$600

Outer Banks Relief Foundation

Thomas & Annie Baum Memorial Fund: \$12,929

Friends of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum
North Carolina Aquarium Society
Outer Banks Forum for the Lively Arts Theatre of Dare
UNC Coastal Studies Institute Foundation
Whalehead Preservation Trust

William & JoAnn Small Family Fund: \$250

Roanoke Island Historical Association

Thanks to
our donors,
in 2014 the
Outer Banks
Community
Foundation
awarded over
\$140,000
in scholarships
to 89 graduat-
ing seniors
and college
students.



North Banks Rotary Scholars Jose Valle, Lydia Hazelwonder, and Delaney Goldberg, pictured here with Rotarian Jim Perry.

2014 SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDS

Catherine Carrington Clawson Scholarship

Hannah Barnes: \$1,000

Charles H. & Dorothy S. Luedemann Art Scholarship

Savannah Brown: \$1,500
Gage Clawson: \$1,500
Amelia Kasten: \$1,300
Morgan Leatherwood: \$1,300
Shelby Matthews: \$1,300
Nickolas Nelson: \$1,300
Andrew Sanchez: \$1,300
Jose Valle: \$1,500
Summer Warrington: \$1,500

College of the Albemarle Foundation Scholarship

William Scott, III: \$550
Samantha Sgavichchio: \$550

Courtney M. Burgess Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Dutton: \$1,000
Ann Jernigan: \$1,000
Sara Seto: \$1,000

Curtis Creech Memorial Scholarship

Molly Kinnisten: \$1,000

Dare Community Crime Line Scholarship

Sarah McDowell: \$1,500

Dare County Association of Fire Officers Scholarship

Kermit Farrow: \$1,000
Harrison Gardner: \$1,000
Colby Sawyer: \$1,000

Dare County Outer Banks Jaycees Scholarship

Cheyenne Wescott: \$500

Dare Math/Science Scholarship

Caroline Lowcher: \$1,000

Dorothy Scott Townsend Fletcher Scholarship

Taylor Bancroft: \$1,000
Will Hicks: \$1,000
Andrea Wilson: \$1,000

Duck Woods Ladies Tennis Association Scholarship

Tyler Carter: \$1,000

Elmer and Betty Jo Sawyer Scholarship

Amelia Frasure: \$1,000
Molly Kinnisten: \$1,000

First Flight Society Scholarship

Kyle Andrews: \$500

Founders Scholarship (Duck Woods Ladies Golf Association)

Dewey Weber Wise: \$1,500

Frank M. Cahoon Memorial Scholarship

Bryson Green: \$750
Brennan Wescott: \$750

George W. Neighbors Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Bancroft: \$1,100

Glenn Eure Arts Education Scholarship

Savannah Brown: \$1,000

Greg and Eden Honeycutt Scholarship

Alma Flores: \$3,000
Andrew Gray: \$2,000

Inez Daniels Austin Scholarship

Savannah Brown: \$2,250

Jerry and Arlene Davis Scholarship

Madeline Bailey: \$5,000
Charles Shotton: \$5,000
William Smith: \$5,000
Hunter Wright: \$5,000

John T. Daniels Scholarship

Suzanne Mullins: \$1,000

Kellogg Cuthrell Manteo Rotary Scholarship

Emmanuel Asher Daniels: \$600
Samuel Tronolone: \$600

Kiwanis Leo Sheetz Memorial Scholarship

Lydia Hazelwonder: \$1,000
Samuel Tronolone: \$1,000

Lacy J. McNeill First Flight Rotary Scholarship

Andrew Scott: \$800
Dixon Wingrove: \$800

Lucian Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Suzanne Mullins: \$1,100

Mabel O. Cooper Scholarship

Mitchell Foster: \$1,500
Taylor Swankie: \$1,500
Paige Twyne: \$1,500
Cheyanne Wescott: \$1,500



In 2014 the Community Foundation awarded \$11,750 in scholarships to four graduating Hatteras seniors: Savannah Brown, Andrea Wilson, Andrew Gray, and Bailey Gray, pictured here with scholarship chairwoman Avery Harrison.

Milton A. Jewell Academic Scholarship

Jennifer Bryson: \$5,000
Taylor Cecil: \$5,000
Kermit Farrow: \$2,500
Richard Murphy: \$5,000
Zachary Owen: \$5,000
Taylor Swankie: \$5,000
Molly Weybright: \$1,100

Milton A. Jewell Trade & Technical Scholarship

\$6,787 awarded to 26 Dare County students for continuing education courses at College of the Albemarle

NC Press Club Bettye Neff Merit Award in Communications

Jose Valle: \$500

North Banks Rotary Scholarship

Altazera Delaney Goldberg: \$1,000

Bailey Gray: \$1,000
Lydia Hazelwonder: \$1,000
Molly Kinnisten: \$1,000
Jose Valle: \$1,000

Ocracoke Island Realty and Village Realty Scholarship

Madeline Bailey: \$1,000
Alma Flores: \$1,000
Amanda Gaskins: \$1,000
Jose Valle: \$1,000

Outer Banks Association of Realtors Scholarship

Kaylee Appleman: \$1,000
Taylor Bancroft: \$1,000
Savannah Brown: \$1,500
Brittany Copeland: \$1,000
Bailey Gray: \$500
Taylor Seal: \$1,000
Paige Twyne: \$1,000

Peggy O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

Leighanne Davis: \$1,100

Ralph and Ida Lee Saunders Scholarship

Catherine Elliott: \$500

Robert E. Rollason, Jr. Scholarship

Madeline Bailey: \$1,200

Sawyer Scholarship

Aaron Zeigler: \$5,000

Sgt. Earl Murray Memorial Scholarship

Brennan Wescott: \$300

Stewart Couch Memorial Scholarship

Bailey Gray: \$1,000

Tom O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

Tucker Jarvis: \$1,100

Wallace H. McCown Scholarship

Taylor Cecil: \$2,200

2014 Distributions & Grants from Organization Endowments & Other Designated Funds:

\$136,036

Community Fund: \$24,217

Dare County Arts Council
Endowment Fund: \$1,043

Dare County Library Fund: \$1,295

Disaster Relief Fund: \$3,435

First Flight Society Fund: \$15,000

Flat Top Preservation Fund:
\$1,795

Frank Stick Memorial Fund:
\$11,700

Helen Britt Van Cleef Petty Fund:
\$12,600

Jewell-Doran Operating
Endowment: \$49,333

Monument to a Century of Flight
Fund: \$3,482

Ocracoke Child Care
Endowment Fund: \$414

Outer Banks Family YMCA Fund:
\$284

Outer Banks SPCA Fund: \$730

Pauline Wright Endowment for
the Currituck Animal Shelter:
\$2,401

Pauline Wright Endowment for
the Currituck Public Libraries:
\$2,400

Pauline Wright Endowment for
the Dare County Arts Council:
\$4,802

Southern Shores Cemetery
Perpetual Care Fund: \$338

Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of the
Outer Banks Fund: \$767



A group of scholarship recipients from Manteo High School celebrate their awards with Community Foundation officer Bob Muller (in back). From left to right: Brennan Wescott, Hannah Barnes, Taylor Cecil, Dixon Wingrove, Molly Kinnisten, Asher Daniels, Will Hicks, and Gage Clawson.

GRANT SPOTLIGHT



Although Hurricane Arthur largely spared much of the Outer Banks, several historic landmarks were hard hit by the storm, including the 1940 skipjack *Wilma Lee* in Ocracoke Harbor. The vessel suffered from a broken boom, separated stem, and damage to the handrail, davits, and mainsail. The Outer Banks Community Foundation was able to assist with a grant of \$5,000 to help cover the damages. Local nonprofit Ocracoke Alive now has the *Wilma Lee* back in the harbor for educational programming on maritime history and culture. Photograph by Mitch Zeissler, Exploritorium Photo.

What's in a name? When a place is dubbed "Snake Pit" or "Man's Grave," you know there's a story there! But those stories can get lost over time without cultural stewardship. Through proceeds from the Community Fund and the Shirley & David Doran Fund, the Community Foundation provided an \$11,600 grant to Saltwater Connections in 2014 for the Coastal Voices Oral History Program, specifically to digitize old interviews of Hatteras and Ocracoke elders for archival purposes — and free online access! Go to carolinacoastalvoices.com for Burt Hooper's stories of the creek names near his Salvo home. Photograph by Mike Halminski.



Literacy is essential in today's economy," says Ginger Candelora of Mano al Hermano, "and family, home, and community are the true drivers of a child's education." A grant from the Community Foundation's Benevolent Fund is targeting all three "drivers" by supporting Mano's new Family Literacy Program. This innovative tutoring initiative works with Latino children — and their families — right in the home, on language skills and school work, all while encouraging parents to support and assist their children academically. By cultivating that culture of education, Mano is helping Latino families overcome cultural obstacles and participate even more in our shared community. Photograph courtesy of Mano al Hermano.

OBX Giving Circle Teaches Kids to Give Back

They've planted beach grass on Jockey's Ridge. They've walked dogs and mucked kennels at the SPCA. They've served meals at Ruthie's Kitchen, passed out water at the marathon, and helped kids learn to surf at Surfing for Autism.

They've donated over \$8,500 to the charities of their choosing.

And most of all, they're learning about giving — charity, volunteerism, and the ethic of philanthropy.

In 2013 over 20 local families launched the OBX Giving for Good Giving Circle, and the circle is going strong, and growing

So, what is a giving circle? The concept is simple: A giving circle is a group of people who come together and pool donations to make high-impact grants to charities of their choosing. By combining their donations, giving circle members can leverage their contributions and be a part of larger, more impactful grant-making.

Giving circles are a hot trend, and groups of various sizes and shapes have formed across North Carolina and across the country. Some circles are for women, some for young professionals. Others develop out of a specific neighborhood, or a particular company, church, or club.

OBX Giving for Good has a spin of its own: it targets local families with school-age children, with a goal of getting the kids involved in giving — not just in volunteering, but in choosing the grants that the group awards. In addition to optional volunteer gigs, OBX Giving for Good meets twice a year to nominate and then vote for the charity(s) that will receive their grants. The kids are encouraged to vote and even pitch their favorite charities to the group.

Anyone is invited to join OBX Giving for Good! For more information, or to join this fun group of families, visit www.obcf.org or call 252.261.8839.



OBX Giving for Good Giving Circle Grants

Children and Youth Partnership:
\$100 for the Imagination Library

Food Bank of the Albemarle: \$100

Food for Thought: \$500

OBX GO FAR: \$100

Outer Banks SPCA: \$500

Room in the Inn: \$1,500

Surfing for Autism: \$1,500

TOTAL: \$4,300 in 2014



A Gift That Inspires Others

Dorothy Luedemann sent 10 young artists to college last year. She purchased violins for school kids, outfitted the Arts Council with equipment for its new art center, and paid for costumes and props for an Aesop's Fables production.

Mrs. Luedemann awarded over \$23,000 in grants and scholarships in 2014 – 18 years after her death. And this year she's poised to do even more. So how's that work?

Because she willed it. Literally.

Dorothy Luedemann was a printmaker, painter, sculptress, and gardener who saw art in everyday life. "The arts include all forms, not just painting but also music, drama," she said to the *Coastland Times* in 1975. "Everything – from decorating a home to planting a lawn and listening to music – is all a part of the arts."

Originally from New York, Mrs. Luedemann and her husband, Charles, moved to the Outer Banks in the early 1970s. She opened an art studio and gallery, got active in garden clubs, hosted local art shows, and organized art workshops and activities for children.

At the end of her life, Mrs. Luedemann's wish was to help not only her family and friends, but her entire community. In her last will and testament, after several bequests to loved ones, she gave her house and art collec-



Dorothy and Charles Luedemann. Photograph from the Community Foundation archives.



Mikum "Leah" Porter, 2003 Luedemann Scholar. Photograph courtesy of Linda Porter.

tion to the Outer Banks Community Foundation, to be sold and used to create two perpetual endowments. One was to support local art endeavors through nonprofit grants, and the other was to help talented local students pursue a college education in the arts.

Eighteen years after her passing, Mrs. Luedemann has done all that and more. So far she's awarded scholarships to 68 local art students – \$168,000 to date. She helped save the Lost Colony after a devastating costume shop fire. She's supported literary magazines, purchased art supplies, restored musical instruments, and sponsored dozens of art performances – almost \$200,000 in grants to date.

The best is yet to come. Because Mrs. Luedemann's bequest remains invested as endowment, only five percent of the fund balance is awarded in any given year. The principal and remaining earnings are reinvested, to allow for additional grants and scholarships each year in perpetuity. Mrs. Luedemann's \$357,000 legacy gift has grown to \$536,000, yet has already reaped over \$368,000 in grants and scholarships.

Best of all, Mrs. Luedemann is inspiring others to pay it forward...



Dorothy Luedemann's legacy gift has helped support dozens of arts programs and organizations, including the Dare County Arts Council. Photograph by Kip Tabb.

"Dance has always been a large part of my life, but for years I danced for myself and never really tried to reach others with my art." So wrote Mikum "Leah" Porter in 2003, a senior at Manteo High School, in application for a coveted Luedemann Scholarship award. "Yet during my sophomore year, I had an eye-opening experience that helped me realize how I can reach people with my knowledge and love of dance."

Leah went on to describe a dance workshop where she mentored a young girl with disabilities: "She had never really danced before, yet she never got frustrated or discouraged; she just let the experience move her. I know that day had an impact on this girl and I was so grateful to have been a part of it. My dance is no longer just about me, it is something I can communicate through. My art can reach others."

Leah won a Luedemann Scholarship that year, and to this day she still teaches dance. With a master's degree in dance science, Leah is working with East Carolina University on a possible new dance science curriculum.

While Leah lives in London, her mother, Linda Porter, still lives in Dare County, and Linda has just started a scholarship of her own — the Shear Genius Scholarship, which will give out its first award in 2015 to an art, cosmetology, or aesthetics student.

Linda's essay question: How do you see, experience, and create art in any form in your everyday life? The question could have been written by Mrs. Luedemann herself.

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Through her legacy gift, Dorothy Luedemann has brought art, in all its forms, to the Outer Banks, inspiring creativity – and generosity – for generations to come.
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DAVID STICK LEGACY SOCIETY

The David Stick Legacy Society recognizes those individuals and families who have named the Outer Banks Community Foundation in a will, trust, insurance policy, retirement account, or other type of deferred or planned gift. These generous folk are truly leaving a legacy for all future generations on the Outer Banks. The Community Foundation gratefully recognizes the following Legacy Society members.

Anonymous	Charles Edgar Hill*	Frances K. Reeves
Nancey H. Atkinson	Richard H. Hines, III	Michael C. Reeves
Alyson Belvin	Eden E. Honeycutt	Jean Reichmann*
Barbara A. Bingham	Gregory A. Honeycutt	Tina J. Richardson
James B. Birindelli	Anna Louise Hummers*	Dr. Burt H. Rubin
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