

# 25 Years of Enhancing Life, Culture and Community...Together

For the last 25 years, the Community Foundation of Lafayette (CFL) has served as an integral part of our local community and has had a profound impact on the people and non-profit organizations that help those facing significant challenges. Since 1999, the Community Foundation has given more than 300 Excellence Grants totaling more than \$1.3 million to local nonprofits in the categories of Human Services, Seniors, Youth Development & Education and Arts & Culture. Reaching this milestone is a testament to the collective support of our donors, business partners and sponsors! Together, they are strengthening Lafayette and our collective region.

Established to expand charitable giving in Lafayette and surrounding communities, CFL brings together financial resources of families, individuals and organizations who care deeply about the well being of our hometown.

**Just a few of the Foundation's achievements throughout our 25-year history:**

- Raising \$12.5 million to build the Lafayette Library and Learning Center
- Providing seed money for Lamorinda Village in support of the senior members of Lafayette



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- Providing grants to maintain the Lamorinda Spirit Van
- Providing seed money for the restoration of The Park Theater

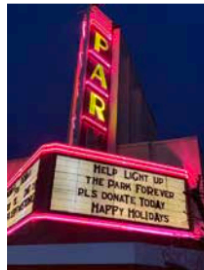
**Why give to the Community Foundation?**

Unlike donating to an organization directly, contributing to CFL amplifies your impact. This creates a larger pool of resources needed for effective grant-making. It's a smart and meaningful way to make a real difference, right where it matters most.

The Community Foundation has deep expertise in vetting nonprofits. "The Grants Committee brings unmatched dedication to the review process," says Cheryl Noll, president of CFL. "Each grant application

undergoes meticulous scrutiny, ensuring that every dollar granted is a seed planted for maximum community impact."

Fifty percent of your donations of \$500 or more can be allocated to the Excellence Grant fund of your choice. The remainder, as well as all donations under \$500, are funneled to an unrestricted fund that enables the Foundation to direct funds to areas of the greatest need. Having this flexibility is a crucial reason why CFL is so effective in helping to create positive changes throughout our community.



Many give directly to a favorite non-profit organization and the Foundation wholeheartedly support this. Charitable donations are very personal and reflect what is important to individuals and families. Giving to our local community foundation is equally important to keep our local community strong and moving in positive and productive directions.

"By pooling our resources and intentions, we become architects of community transformation — a phenomenon we celebrate as the power of collective giving," Cheryl says.



Human Services



Seniors



Youth Development & Education



Arts & Culture

To help further its impact and foster unity throughout Lafayette, CFL partnered with the City and Chamber of Commerce to create Lafayette Community Day. This annual day of service is held on the first Saturday in June. All those who call Lafayette home are invited to roll up their sleeves and volunteer for various nonprofit and city agency projects. This special day concludes with a time to gather at a community table to enjoy lunch, meet neighbors, and engage in various activities in the Plaza.

Fifteen years ago this year, the Community Foundation established the popular Senior Symposium. Every year, this event includes dynamic speakers who delve into topics tailored to the interests of our senior community as well as caregivers and family members who are in search of information and guidance for helping their aging relatives live well.



One of many projects at the 2023 Lafayette Community Day - Volunteers painting curbs at the Lafayette Community Center. Photo by Suzanne Iarla.



Cheryl Noll, president of CFL, and Sara Regan, executive director of the Chamber. Photo by Craig Isaacs, BlueGoo Photography.



CFL's 2023 Grantee Celebration

**TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LAFAYETTE:**

**A \$250,000 Anniversary Funding Goal**

Donations from individuals, families, businesses and private foundations go directly towards our Annual Excellence Grants.

**A Junior CFL Board**

This is an exciting opportunity for individuals 16 to 18 years of age who are interested in learning advanced leadership skills and have a passion for the nonprofit community and Lafayette. This board is dedicated to serving our diverse communities with hands-on, front-facing service events and programs throughout the year.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- April 30 – CFL's grant application deadline
- June 1 – The 3rd annual Lafayette Community Day (sign up to volunteer at [lafayettecommunityday.org](http://lafayettecommunityday.org))
- September 28 – The 15th annual Senior Symposium

Together we can achieve more significant outcomes than what we can accomplish individually.

To learn more about the Community Foundation's different initiatives, and funding and volunteer opportunities, visit [cflafayette.org](http://cflafayette.org) or email [info@cflafayette.org](mailto:info@cflafayette.org).

**A Community Impact Circle**

The Foundation is currently developing a multi-year giving opportunity to empower individuals and families to have a more significant and lasting impact on local nonprofits.



**Together we are creating change and strengthening our community! Please join us!**

Over \$1.3 million given to local nonprofits through our Excellence Grants program.



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