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◀ MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WE SERVE FOR 24 YEARS ▶

STUDENT LITERACY, A TOP PRIORITY!

The pandemic has had a devastating impact on learning! MMHMF has stepped up efforts to help students in the schools we support recover in reading. See pages ____ to learn about two ongoing foundation programs that have been expanded this year. We are now providing more books for students to take home and books for classroom libraries. Pictured below: on the far left, the Children’s Museum of Richmond Book Bank staff loaded 900 books in the truck of Outreach member Gloria Harris and her husband Rev. Douglas Harris for all Matoaca Middle School students to take home! The remaining pictures show members delivering and displaying books from the book bank at other times in 2022.



◀ MMHMF 24TH ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 ▶

Featured Remarks by Two Former Scholarship Recipients and the Superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS). Three Scholarships Were Awarded This Year.

2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO



Ayanna Otey
VSU Endowed
Scholarship



Jayden Pierre



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“REMARKS BY TWO FORMER SCHOLARS AND THE CCPS SUPERINTENDENT”



Dr. Mervin
Daugherty



Taylor Thomas
Harris 2016



Javonnda
Tucker 2002

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◀ THE LEGACY ▶



In 1998, the daughters of the late Martha Mason Hill (1911 – 1985) established the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation in her memory. Her story is that of many extraordinary women of her era who, in spite of their circumstances, managed to help their children rise to a better place in life. Many others were beneficiaries of her selflessness as well. She was often heard singing one of her favorite songs, “This Little Light of Mine”, the words of which accurately described her life.

She practiced her faith and was a very nurturing person whose kindness and consideration towards others knew no bounds. We will never know the full extent of her philanthropic work, for she was not prone to publicize or boast about her good deeds. We do know, however, that her loving and caring ways had a lasting impact on many people. She was admired and respected by those who knew her.

Among her many fine qualities was her strong belief in the value of education. She was honored at Virginia State University (then College) for ensuring that all 7 of her daughters attended the College, where she worked as a housekeeper for 40 years. Two grandchildren she reared are also alumni. Her family hopes to continue her legacy through the Foundation.

Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation (MMHMF) ENDOWMENT FUND was created to continue the work of the Foundation indefinitely. An additional Endowed Scholarship Fund was established at Virginia State University in the fall of 2011.

◀ ABOUT THE FOUNDATION ▶

Incorporated in Maryland in 1999, **MMHMF** is a public, charitable organization. The foundation is exempt from federal tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section **501 (C) (3)**.

MISSION – to carry on the legacy and spirit of the late Martha Mason Hill by providing academic scholarships to high school students and conducting community outreach activities that create college awareness and encourage students to attend.

VISION: “To encourage, support and sustain educational excellence for students in Chesterfield County.”

GOVERNANCE - The Foundation is governed by a volunteer **Board of Directors** that meets biannually in May and September. Meetings are open to the public. The Board oversees the following volunteer standing committees: Executive (Foundation officers); Annual Awards Program; Finance; Hospitality; Outreach; and Scholarship. Board of Directors Chairman: **Dr. Andrea L. Stith**, Santa Barbara, CA.

PUBLICATIONS

_1) THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER: Is published in September.

2) MMHMF COOKBOOK FOR SALE: The second edition of “**Cherished Family Recipes**,” published in 2008, has **1050 recipes from 124 contributors. The cost is \$25 per copy (plus shipping and handling for mailed books).** **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COPIES OF THE COOKBOOK OR TO DONATE, contact MMHMF at:**

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2022 MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

NOAH SATTERWHITE



NOAH is a 2022 graduate of Matoaca High School. He plans to major in biology at Norfolk State University in fall 2022. In addition to maintaining an excellent grade point average, Noah participated in multiple athletic programs at Matoaca, including track and field, basketball, and the swim team. He was also a member of the Petersburg YMCA Leaders Club and The Male Protege Program of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In addition, Noah served his community by transporting and loading food for the Chesterfield Food Bank, working as a counselor at the Petersburg 4H Summer Camp, distributing COVID-19 vaccine information for the Petersburg Health Department, delivering wreaths & gifts to nursing home residents, and stocking the parent lounge at the newborn intensive care unit of VCU. In his essay, Noah stated that more needs to be invested in mental health, particularly for the youth, to battle the negative stigma associated with it.

JAYDEN PIERRE



JAYDEN graduated from Matoaca High School and plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science from the University of Virginia. Jayden split his time between various activities during high school while maintaining high academic standards. He participated in athletics, basketball and volleyball, served as the Historian for both the Junior Class and French Club, and was a Freshman Spirit Mentor and a member of the Red Cross Club. His community activities included working with youth as a YMCA Basketball Coach and volunteering with the Chesterfield Food Bank. His essay described his passion for coding and developing computer applications which can increase communication to reduce generational barriers, thus bringing people together

AYANNA OTEY

Recipient, 2022 Virginia State University Endowed Scholarship



We congratulate Ayanna! She was selected to receive this award by faculty at Matoaca High School and VSU.

The Virginia State University (VSU) Endowed Scholarship fund was established in 2011 in memory of our namesake, the Late Martha Mason Hill, to fund scholarships for Chesterfield County students attending the university. Mrs. Hill was employed at VSU for 40 years, retiring in 1970. While working there, she helped her seven daughters and the two granddaughters she raised attend the institution, then Virginia State College.

Ayanna graduated from Matoaca High School in May 2022. She is currently enrolled at VSU and is majoring in biology. While at Matoaca High School, Ayanna was a cheerleader for both the school's basketball team and the football team for four years. She was a member of the outdoor and the indoor track teams from 2018 to 2022.

The 2022 Annual Award Program Speakers

TAYLOR THOMAS HARRIS

**MMHMF 2016 Scholarship Recipient; BS, Virginia State University (VSU), 2022
Intern, SOAR365, Richmond, VA, 2022**



Taylor is an honors graduate of Matoaca High School. During her years there, Taylor was a well-rounded student with a range of interests and activities. Her involvement in extracurricular and community activities was equally impressive. Taylor continued to excel throughout her college years, graduating with **distinguished honors** from Virginia State University, May 2022, with her bachelor's degree in social work. Taylor's plans include obtaining a master's degree in human resources, working with people with disabilities, and working in a diversified and inclusion environment.

Taylor continues to be very active in her community and is interning at SOAR365 this fall working with children with disabilities. She said that she is passionate about helping people with "unique abilities" because she can relate and wants to be an example that anything is possible. SOAR365 (formerly the Greater Richmond ARC) was established in 1954 to help individuals with disabilities and their families by creating opportunities for them in the community. Taylor is inspired and motivated to succeed by her parents, whom she describes as always having faith and confidence in her abilities. Taylor desires to write a book about her life one day.

JAVONDA TUCKER

**MMHMF 2002 Scholarship Recipient,
BS, VSU, 2006; MS, VA Commonwealth University, 2008; MS, Grand Canyon U, 2018
Principal, Sutherland Elementary School, Dinwiddie, VA**



We are very proud of Javonda! From her time as a student at Matoaca High School from which she graduated in 2002 with honors (top 10% of the class) and a stellar record of involvements and achievements, she continues to excel! Without question in all aspects, she exceedingly exemplifies the ideals of MMHMF!

Javonda received the foundation's scholarship in 2002. She received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Virginia State University (VSU) in 2006. Continuing her trend of academic excellence, she graduated with honors. In 2008 she received a master's degree in criminal justice from Virginia Commonwealth University. Among her many community activities, Javonda has been a guest speaker **for elementary school graduations and has tutored students in grades 8 through 12. She worked the entire** time she was in school. Javonda is an active member of Union Grove Baptist Church, Chesterfield, VA.

A NOTE FROM JAVONDA - She wrote:

- 1) *I'm the proud mom of a 12 year-old son, Rossy III. He is a rising 7th grader and a quarterback for his school's football team.*
 - 2) *I am a member of the Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.*
 - 3) *I am working on my new business, The Teacher's Lounge LLC. This will be geared towards classroom supplies and supports, professional development and consultation services for teachers.*
 - 4) *In my free time, I like to do various volunteer activities that allow me to give back to my community. These include mentoring young girls, tutoring and food drives.*
- *Before leading anyone, it's always important to be able to serve first!*
- 5) *My life's quote: "Your zip code does not determine your destiny."*
 - 6) *My late grandparents, James & Joyce Jefferson, always pushed me to aim high in life and that nothing could stop me. I attribute my success to God and the strong support system I had growing up. Education saved my life.*

FORMER SCHOLARS, 2022 COLLEGE GRADUATES

ANTHONY ANDERSON, 2018



Anthony wrote:

“I recently graduated from Virginia Tech, Magna Cum Laude, with my bachelor’s degree in business information technology with a concentration in operations and supply chain management. While the last four years have been a great experience, it was not easy while dealing with the difficulties of the pandemic and online classes. As for my plans for the future, I will be working at Ernst & Young (EY) starting this August as a supply chain consultant in

Tysons, Virginia. I also want to say thank you to you all at the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation for supporting me for the last four years.

Best, Anthony Anderson”

LILLI MANSO, 2018



In May 2022 Lilli wrote:

“I just wanted to say thanks again for all the support MMHMF has given me over the course of my education!

Currently, I am working at Hiranyagarba Yuga Ashram in Callaway, VA. HYA is a budding organic farm which focuses on helping people with their spiritual growth. I’m learning a lot about living sustainably and about building intentional communities. It has been a very positive experience so far and made even better by the view!

In the Fall, I’ll be heading out west to Estes Park, CO to start my internship as an Art Teacher. I will be working at the Eagle Rock school there helping students who have been underserved by the public school system.

I hope y’all will wish me luck on my adventure and I’ll keep you updated on where I end up next!4

Best, Lilli”

TAMIA PENN, 2018



In March 2022 Tamia wrote:

“My name is Tamia Penn and I was the 2018 recipient of the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Scholarship. I'm currently finishing my final year at the University of Virginia strong with a 3.6 GPA. I've been doing very well this past year. I'm graduating on May 21 with a B.A. and returning in the fall for my Masters.

I really feel very supported by this foundation. During my first year, I received a Valentine’s Day card and that made me feel included in this program and I believe it aided my transition into college. It’s possible that other students entering college would find this useful as well.

As a psychology major, I’ve had plentiful opportunities to engage in research. I currently work in two research labs studying research methods and promoting healthy development of black adolescents. I’ve also been accepted to the Distinguished Majors Program at UVA and will be completing my honors thesis this Spring. Attending college has been very challenging but was a worthwhile experience for me. I’ve learned a lot about myself as a person and about how to navigate the world on my own. I’m grateful to the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation because it has allowed me to have these experiences and explore my interests. Thank you for your continuous support throughout my college experience.”

Sincerely, Tamia Penn"

TAYLOR THOMAS HARRIS, 2016 (see page 4

UPDATES: 2021 MMHMF SCHOLARS

ALLYIAH BARBER

MMHMF 2021 Scholarship Recipient



Letter from Allyiah, March 2022 –

She wrote:

“Coming in as a freshman at Radford University was a rollercoaster of emotions. I was excited, nervous, anxious, expecting, and most of all ready. I was happy for a new beginning and thrilled for the journey, pursuing my career already a huge milestone within itself. Coming in my first week and now being done with my first year is crazy, the time flew faster than I expected.

Reflecting on my first year, I would say that I highly enjoyed it and am confident going into future years. The first year of college, although hearing many different stories and advice, was something that I had to experience for myself. For incoming freshmen, I would say that the first step is to choose a college that feels best for you. That is truly important, some take longer than others while deciding on and settling in. To go in dedicated and highly motivated, set standards and goals for yourself. While you are on campus get to know yourself more, explore and see what you really like in life, even possibly finding a new hobby. My first year taught me how to balance my school life with my personal life. That was something that I had just really adjusted to, making time for myself and doing clubs and activities that I enjoyed. Time management is really needed so is sleep, I am very proud of myself for upholding my academics along with being involved on campus. I will continue to apply for scholarships to help with my academic success. Scholarships such as this one has helped cover my tuition pay for my books and contributed to my success. My plan going forward is to continue at Radford University finishing strong with my last 3 years. Entering the nursing program my junior year to continue my knowledge in nursing. After I graduate with my bachelor's degree, I will work locally exercising my degree”.

KRYSTAL PEERMAN

MMHMF 2021 Scholarship Recipient



A note from Krystal, March 2022 –

Good afternoon:

“My freshman year is going very well. After arriving to school I quickly found a good group of friends that I spend time with often and my classes are challenging but I have managed to keep up my grades. It was definitely different transitioning to going from virtual school back to in person learning but after a while I found myself adjusting. I have joined multiple clubs on campus including Black Student Union, NAACP Club, and the Multicultural Inclusivity Board. Currently I am working on scheduling my classes for next semester and continuing my work to make sure I do good on my final exams in May. In August, Krystal added: .so far, my sophomore year is going great, I am still a Social Work major”

UPDATE: 2021 MMHMF SCHOLARS**JADA WIGGINS****VSU Endowed Scholarship Recipient****Letter from Jada: August 2022**

“Hello everyone!

My name is Jada Wiggins and I currently attend Virginia State University. I was asked to write a newsletter on how my first year at college went. I had to take some time to reflect on my experience as a first-time college student. So, let us get into it. Going from not being in school because of a global pandemic to being in college wasn't an easy task to endure. I had to find my way as a new adult and someone who had to get back used to the school setting. Of course, the parties and everything is fun, but it was important for me that I maintained a great GPA and that my grades didn't drop. I had to find a new way to be on task because my mom wasn't over shoulder anymore. My first year of college was awesome. I got to meet new people from different states, and I had an awesome friend group. I went to the gym jams, and I attended the concerts. But most importantly I learned that having a relationship with your professor is something that you must do. I learned to communicate to my professors without my mother having to send a note to them. I also figured out that having a group of friends that have the same major as you are going to help you in the long run because you guys are going to get through college together. I learned to use the resources around me to be great. As I go into my second year of college, I know what to expect and what to do. I am still learning but I think I got this college thing in the bag”.

NEWS: OTHER FORMER MMHMF SCHOLAR**ALEASIA MARIE RICHARDSON, 2014**

BS, Old Dominion University, Human Services and Counseling, 2018

Associate Degree, Applied Science, Professional Nursing, Riverside College of Health Careers, 202

Congratulations to Aleasia for continuing her professional development!



Aleasia wrote:

“First of all, thank you all so much for you all your continuous support, I greatly appreciate it. Currently, I work as a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters or CHKD for short. I've enjoyed my time there so far and I'm excited to see how I grow as nurse and individual over the next couple of months. I'm also currently enrolled in school again back at Old Dominion University for my BS in Nursing. On a more personal note, I'm now the proud dog mom to a 7 month old puppy named Elsie who is the light of my life. We enjoy nice walks around the neighborhood and even longer naps around the house. Again thank you so much for the continuous support over the years, I greatly appreciate it”.

THE 2022 MMHMF ANNUAL WARDS PROGRAM

The 24th Annual Program was held on September 24, 2022, at Union Grove Baptist Church, S. Chesterfield, VA, the home church of Martha Mason Hill and her family. She grew up in the church under the tutelage of her father, Deacon Beverly Mason.

Congratulations to [the three 2022 scholarship recipients](#) (writeups on page four) and to the 2022 Community Service Award recipient, [Dr. Samuel Busch](#) (writeup below) all of whom received their awards during the program. Remarks were given by two former scholarship recipients (writeups on page four) [and Dr. Mervin Daugherty](#), Chesterfield County Public Schools Superintendent. Dr. Daugherty makes it a point to attend the program every year. The foundation is very grateful for his support. Congratulations to the former scholars and to [Taylor Thomas Harris](#), the 2016 scholar and to [Javonda Tucker](#), the 2002 scholar, for their many stellar accomplishments and outstanding remarks! They are truly amazing!

The foundation expresses sincere appreciation to [Rev. Dr. William E. Johnson III and the officers and members of Union Grove Baptist Church](#) for their warm hospitality They have supported the foundation since 1998. Special thanks to [Lametha Guy](#) for providing the program music.

Heartfelt thanks to following volunteers: [Garett Mason](#) for donating the Meals-2-Go and his servers [Shirley Barksdale, Sheila Harris and Carolyn Turner](#); Mistress of Ceremonies, [Renee Tabb](#); prayers, [Darius Stephenson, Jr, and Reverend Douglas Harris](#); Union Grove Ushers, [Carolyn Turner and Deacon Marvin Coleman](#); Shiloh Baptist Church Ushers, [Louise Taylor and Brenda Wynn](#); Media Tech, [Felecia Mason](#); photographer, [Patricia Lewis](#).

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

[Deacon Judy Stephenson and Deacon Trudy Stephenson, Co-Chairs](#)
[Arnold Baugh, Arlene Moore Denise Stevens](#)

2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT DR. SAMUEL L. BUSCH

Dr. Samuel E. Busch is a retired Obstetrician/Gynecologist who was born on August 13, 1930 in Canonsburg PA. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He received a BS degree in Secondary Education and further a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. Dr. Busch interned at Texas Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas and completed his residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology at the Brooklyn Cumberland school in Brooklyn NY.



In 1972 he was certified by the American College of Obstetricians/Gynecologists. Dr. Busch holds the distinction of being the second African American licensed to practice Obstetrics/Gynecology in the state of Virginia. He is also an active member of the local

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Bird hunting holds a special place in his life. He also enjoys riding his Tennessee Walking Horses and he is a member of the Charles City, Virginia Saddle Club and the Friendship Club in Burlington, North Carolina. He has participated with his dogs in field trials and his horses have won blue ribbons in competitions. In 2018, he was honored by Chesterfield County when the Dr. Samuel E. Bush Concession Stand was dedicated in Ettrick Park.

Dr. Busch has supported the youth of Union Grove by sponsoring them on trips and making donations to the Vacation Bible School. He organized a health fair for men in the community and has made generous contributions to the Health Ministry of Union Grove. Also, he is actively involved in many County and community projects.

2022 FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

DAHNTAY BAUGH



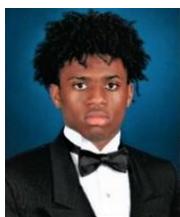
Dahntay Baugh, son of Bonnie Baugh and Tyrone Baugh, grandson of Shirley and the late Moses Baugh, and great grandson of Martha Mason Hill, graduated from Centreville High School, Fairfax, VA in June 2022. He distinguished himself as a member of the National, Math, Science and Social Studies Honor Societies, with a 4.43 GPA, and completed multiple Advance Placement (AP)/dual enrollment courses. He was selected as the winner of the 2022 Student Peace Awards, the National African American Recognition Program and the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program. Dahntay served as the Students Together Assisting Refugees (STAR) Club Vice President, participated in Club soccer, and achieved All State status in indoor and outdoor track. He is currently attending his college of choice on scholarship, Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York.

TATUM BAUGH



Tatum Baugh, the daughter of Bonnie Baugh and Tyrone Baugh, granddaughter of Shirley and the Late Moses Baugh, and great granddaughter of the late Martha Mason Hill. She was a 2022 graduate of Centreville High School, Fairfax, VA. She was a National Honor Society and Advanced Placement (AP)/dual enrollment scholar, with a GPA of 4.37, while also participating in athletics, Varsity and Club soccer and Varsity track. She was a multiple time recipient of scholar athlete awards, selected as soccer and club team captain, and represented both sports as a member of All-District/Region. As a volunteer with the Key Club, she accumulated more than 40 hours of service in addition to another 40 hours as an advocate for the Luv Michael organization to increase autism awareness. She is currently a freshman on scholarship at the University of Southern California (USC), majoring in physical therapy.

NICHOLAS JAMES BUTLER



In June 2022, Nicholas received his honors diploma from DeMatha Catholic High School, Hyattsville, MD, during a ceremony held at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC. DeMatha draws young men from Maryland, DC, Virginia, and other states and countries, and builds its program on both the formation of faith, community and service, and the information of academics, arts and athletics that come together to create Faith-Filled Gentlemen and Scholars. Nicholas' high school and life experiences were greatly enriched by the four years he spent at DeMatha. He was a member of the school's award-winning concert band, playing the trumpet and the euphonium, and was he was on the outdoor varsity track team. He performed solos on and the euphonium in the community, including during the MMHMF Awards Program in 2019. He began his freshman at Towson University, Towson, MD in August. Nicholas has an interest in business and economics but has not declared a major yet. Nicholas is the son of Adrienne Stith Butler, the grandson of James & Alberta Stith and the great-grandson of Martha Mason Hill.

FAMILY MEMBER NEWS

2022 FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ANDREW JAMES DODSON



Andrew James Dotson, son of Anthony and Amy Dodson, grandson of Wendell and Renee Stephenson, great-grandson of Wendell and Doris Stephenson, great-great grandson of Martha Mason Hill great-great grandson of Martha Mason and Thomas Hill, great grandson of Delores and Wendell Stephenson, Sr, grandson of Renee and Wendell Stephenson Jr, son of Anthony and Amy Dotson (Stephenson) graduated from Mallard Creek High School Charlotte, NC. Andrew completed the Army ROTC program and earned the rank of Life Scout. Andrew now pursues his goal of becoming a US Marine. Upon completing bootcamp he will earn the rank of Private First Class.

JAMONI L. MASON



Jamoni L. Mason, daughter of Garrett and Vanessa Mason, granddaughter of Sandra Mason, great-niece of Martha Mason Hill, graduated with an advanced diploma from Matoaca High School in May 2022. Her academic achievements included dual enrollment at South University, the completion of her Physical Therapy Assistant Certification from Chesterfield Career and Technical Center, and earned college credits through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Fleischer HBCU Scholars Program at Virginia State University. While at Matoaca High, she was a Spirit Mentor for incoming freshman, cheerleader and Cheer Captain for football and basketball, and she assisted with the Medford League, a team sport organization for students with special needs. Her extracurricular activities included being a Delta G.E.M., Junior Debutante, and Belle before her debut into society as a Debutante in 2022. Jamoni volunteered with the Hope Center in Petersburg to distribute food and The BHG Foundation and God's Eye in Richmond to provide meals during the holiday season. She has been an active member of Union Grove Baptist Church, singing with the Youth Choir, dancing with the Heavenly Angels, and participating in the TYT (Tuesday Youth Talk) Ministry and the Mime Ministry. Jamoni is attending Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina and majoring in Kinesiology (the study of mechanics of the body). Her future plans include becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy by attending Virginia Commonwealth University or Old Dominion University.

MEMBER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!



DR. ADRIENNE STITH BUTLER, Co-Chair, MMHMF Scholarship Committee, was named Deputy Chief Science Officer of the American Psychological Association (APA), October 2021.



DR. ANDREA L. STITH, Chair, MMHMF Board of Directors, was appointed Director of Research Development at Khoury College of Computer Sciences, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, October 2021.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Every Year, We Ask Schools to TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP!

The MMHMF outreach program continues to be tremendously successful because of our generous donors and the remarkable members of the Outreach Committee, other foundation members and community volunteers who devote their time, energy and funds to conduct foundation activities!

The 2021-2022 Outreach Committee Members

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gayle Sutton, Chair | Barbara Crews, Assistant Chair |
| Sarah Cheatham Dr. Cortez Dial | Gloria Harris |
| Dr. Willie Lewis, Jr. | Dr. Regina Knight Mason |
| | George Henderson |
| | Sonya Felecia Mason |

THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR -

A pre-K program, two elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school are being supported. The Outreach Committee held three meetings in August and September to get organized and make plans for the school year. So far, **six** activities are planned, but if schools may have additional requests! We do our best to honor their wishes! The five planned projects are listed below.

POCs are designated for the schools to stay in touch with them throughout the year to determine what is needed. In keeping with our policy of allowing donors to tell us how to spend their gift, the Missionary Ministry of Union Grove Baptist Church designates its annual donation to provide school supplies. We appreciate having additional funds to add to our budget for outreach.

GREAT NEWS~ The Committee welcomed three new eager members over the summer: **Katrina Hayes-Peerman, Nancy Ross and Denise Stevens.** Their impact is already being felt!

1. SCHOOL SUPPLIES STUDENTS DONATED EVERY YEAR SINCE 2002!



Outreach Committee reps contact each school at the beginning of the year to determine if and what supplies are needed and when. Sometimes supplies are request more than once. Pictured below (bottom row, left to right) are members Barbara Crews, (Doug Harris (volunteer), Gloria Harris and Gayle Sutton) making deliveries to schools. **In September 2022:** Below Denise Steven (red top), the MMHMF POC for **Carver Middle and Matoaca Middle Schools**, and community volunteer, Sandra Mason (gold top) ns pictured with a school staff member and students. The supplies both schools requested were delivered to in September to begin the school year.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

2. CARE PACKAGES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS ANNUALLY SINCE 2004



This is a long-standing project that continues to be popular with students and parents! Understanding that simple things can have a significant positive impact on student retention, in 2003, the foundation decided to start this project. We were amazed at how appreciative student and parents were! We even received a certificate of appreciation from a student, crediting MMHMF for her success in college! We began packing boxes full of



personal items, school supplies and edibles and mailing them to college students for Valentine's Day. In 2020 amid the pandemic, the committee began mailing gift cards in special greeting cards. Sarah Cheatham handles this project that will be conducted in February, 2023.

TWO LITERACY PROGRAMS

TAKE-HOME BOOKS AND BOOKS FOR CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

The History - Since 2009, the foundation outreach program has included a focus on student literacy. In March of 2009, in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, classrooms at Harrowgate Elementary School received more than thirty (30) Dr. Seuss books.

That same year the foundation provided funds for the students attending summer school to purchase a new book of their choice on their field trip to Books-A-Million. A special section at the bookstore was reserved for the field trip. Members of the outreach committee met the students on July 21 and July 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM at Books-A-Million. The committee members assisted the school staff with monitoring the students, selection of books and sat with some students as they read their book.

In 2009 the foundation began its **TAKE_HOME BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM**. The fifth grade students at both Ettrick and Harrowgate Elementary Schools each received a book of their choice to take home for summer reading. The next- to- new books were secured from the Book Bank, Richmond, VA. More than 300 books were placed in the hands of children from the two schools! This program continues and is growing because of the negative impact of the pandemic.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE TO REMEMBER

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE by Dorothy Law Nolte (1924 - 2005)

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty. If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience. If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love. If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness. If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

3. MORE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

MMHMF has always understood the importance of having good reading skills. We began purchasing books for classroom libraries fifteen years ago. Some projects included giving Dr. Seuss books for classrooms; and giving a middle school the funds to purchase books for a school-wide reading project in 2015 (2nd from right photo shows member Gayle Sutton presenting \$500 check to staff). When Carver Middle School asked for help building classroom libraries in 2019., we immediately said yes! The principal ‘was addressing the issue of the below grade level reading problem facing too many of his students. In February 2022, **eighty-five books** were purchased from Barnes and Nobles to support their literacy program. This school year another middle school we support and an elementary school have requested that we provide books for their classrooms as well! The books have been ordered!



4. MORE TAKE-HOME BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

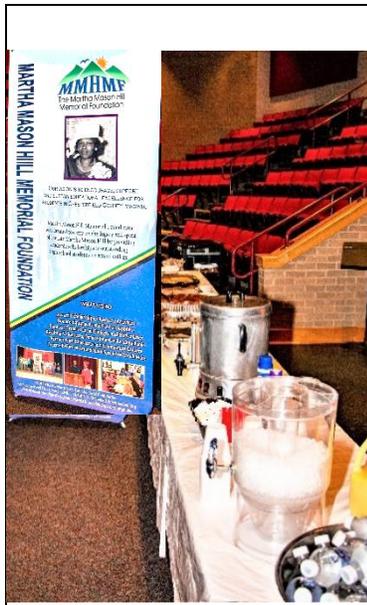
This project has been ongoing since 2009! More schools are now asking for books and we are giving take home books to students twice a year, during the Christmas Holiday and at the end of the school year. In June 2022, two schools, Ettrick and Harrowgate Elementary Schools, received 507 books, and Carver Middle School received 370 for students to take home! The books were provided by the Richmond, VA Children’s Museum Book Bank. The foundation always gives them a donation. The books were picked up from the museum, labels were inserted along with bookmarks and delivered to each school. Books are displayed for students to make their selects.



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

5. MATOACA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AWARDS BREAKFAST

Every Spring since 2012, Caterer Garrett Mason, Board of Directors and Hospitality Committee member, prepares and serves the meal assisted by members of his catering staff. Garrett donates the food and beverages and is assisted by his catering company staff. Felecia Mason, MMHMF photographer and Hospitality and Outreach Committees member, takes pictures of the breakfast and the awards ceremony. The pictures below were taken in May 2022. Breakfast was served to 150. Dr. Willie Lewis, Jr. (left photo, second from the left), member of the Board, Executive and Hospitality Committees presents the foundation's scholarships awards during the ceremony.



150 were served!

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

6. SUPPORT FRIENDS ETRICK EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Ryan Harter, Matoaca District, School Board Representative, Mrs. Joanne Gibson, Instructor, Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Assistant Director, Mrs. Barbara Crews, Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation, and Mrs. Nancy S. Ross, Director. On September 13th, the Chesterfield County School Board recognized the Friends of Ettrick Early Learning Center for their dedication and commitment to the community, parents, and the educational development of our preschool age children three and four years of age.

On December 5, 2017, citizens saw a need and opened the doors to a free quality based Early Childhood Educational Program. A belief that every child can enter school with the skills they need to succeed. The key element is access to an early childhood learning experience. The program operated by donations, volunteers, parents, and the support of our Matoaca District School Board and Board of Supervisor Representatives. Unfortunately, at the end of 2022 school year, the doors to the Friends of Ettrick Early Learning Center temporarily closed. The future or sustainability of the program did not look promising.

EVENTS

THE PGA CHARITIES 2021 EVENT

PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION (PGA) CHARITIES PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR MMHMF AGAIN THIS YEAR



Donors send their MMHMF donations to PGA Charities to which an additional 10% donation is added for the Foundation! Thanks to the donors listed below, last year this program earned the Foundation \$1,896 from PGA Charities.

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The event report for 2022 will appear in the 2023 newsletter.

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FROM HARROWGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Members,

Our staff and students would like to thank The Martha Mason Foundation for all wonderful books they brought to give our children. We had so much fun taking pictures and meeting the representatives of your organization! We would like to recognize the loving people with caring hearts, people that are essential for our children's success, and a blessing for our children here at Harrowgate Elementary!

A **special thank you** to Barbara Crews for her caring ways, the love and kindness she spreads everywhere she goes. We are so proud to be remembered and a part of your world.

God Bless your foundation and the people that give their time to make this world a better place!

Sincerely,
Harrowgate Elementary School/ Staff

FROM CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you on behalf of Carver Middle School. Your school supply donation has personally helped so many students already. We rely on so many donations to help support our school and your generosity went above and beyond. Thank you again for everything. Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,
Carver Middle School Staff



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