

2023 Annual Report



The **Bedford Community Health Foundation** is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the health of Bedford residents through grants, scholarships, and initiatives. By working closely with citizens and stakeholders, we identify Bedford's health needs, allowing us to provide grant dollars where they will make the most impact.

To date, we have provided over **7.3 million dollars** to a wide array of healthcare programs, including access to healthy food, advocacy for children, prescription assistance to seniors, dental services, mental health services, programs for at-risk youth and many more.

In 2023, BCHF awarded over \$21,568 in scholarships to Bedford students pursuing careers in healthcare. Nine students received scholarship funds.

2023 was the most normal year since the pandemic and our community definitely got back into the swing of things. In 2023, BCHF continued to support

that provided vital services to Bedford's most vulnerable populations. The Foundation primarily focused our funding to support food and feeding programs for families and children, and direct health services to those in need.

We also continued our partnership with the **Town of Bedford**. BCHF continued to provide up-front funding for The Otter Bus while the Town was awarded a grant from the VA Department of Rail and Transportation for Phase I and Phase II of the project. The grant provides BCHF a percentage of reimbursement each year. As 2023 came to a close, so did Phase I grant and the beginning of Phase two which included extended hours. Phase III of the grant was submitted and the BCHF and the Town of Bedford are exploring alternative modes of transportation other than a fixed route system that could potentially extend services further out into the county. In 2023, the Otter Bus has provided more than 5,500 rides.

New in 2024, BCHF is partnering with the New London Cannery staff, VA Cooperative Extension, BARC Healthy Foods Committee, Virginia Department of Health and Hunters for the Hungry for a canning initiative.

2023 Grant Recipients

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| Bedford County Dept of Social Services | \$5,000 | Bedford Public Library | \$7,000 |
| Scholarships | \$21,568 | VA Hunters Who Care | \$6,000 |
| CHIP of Roanoke Valley | \$5,000 | SML Good Neighbors | \$6,618 |
| EnCircle | \$3,391 | Bedford Christmas Station | \$11,729 |
| Centra Foundation | \$956 | CASA of Central VA | \$7,000 |
| Brook Hill Farm | \$5,000 | Wharton Memorial Foundation | \$4,500 |
| Children's Trust | \$10,000 | Food For Kids | \$5,000 |
| American Red Cross | \$6,100 | The Doorways | \$5,000 |
| Free Clinic of Central VA | \$13,000 | Covered Chaplaincy | \$5,000 |
| Spring Oaks | \$1,600 | Lynchburg Daily Bread | \$13,598 |
| Friends of Bedford Hospice House | \$6,000 | Lake Christian Ministries | \$10,000 |
| Sedalia Center | \$5,000 | CVACL | \$13,000 |
| BEDCO Cares | \$745 | BCHF Bridges Initiative/Emerg/Trans | \$131,970 |
| Patrick Henry Family Services | \$5,600 | University of Lynchburg | \$2,164 |
| VA Cooperative Extension | \$3,060 | Avenel | \$4,500 |
| Johnsons Health Center | \$8,000 | Society of St. Andrews | \$3,000 |
| Bedford Urban Garden | \$2,400 | Meals on Wheels | \$5,000 |

2023 TOTAL \$343,499

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| Health Education – School Children and Adults | \$ | 506,150 |
| Mental Health/Abuse Prevention | \$ | 401,471 |
| Rescue Squad/Emergency Care | \$ | 711,680 |
| Fitness & Physical Therapy | \$ | 264,735 |
| Free Clinics & Prescriptive Assistance | \$ | 444,198 |
| Preventive Medicine in Schools | \$ | 206,358 |
| Charity Care | \$ | 436,830 |
| Dental Care | \$ | 150,000 |
| Hospital & Nursing Home Equipment & Facilities | \$ | 267,123 |
| Nursing and Allied Health Education | \$ | 1,283,788 |
| Mammography Screenings & Equipment | \$ | 222,802 |
| Adult Day Care | \$ | 347,238 |
| Physicians & Specialists Recruitment | \$ | 149,446 |
| Bedford School Nurse Initiative | \$ | 156,478 |
| Hospice | \$ | 246,440 |
| Miscellaneous Health Care Programs | \$ | 929,926 |
| Non-Emergency Medical Transportation | \$ | 600,207 |
| Total Grants Since Inception | \$ | 7,324,870 |

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