

## Our New Name

### Signals Regional Emphasis

Yes, our *2010 Yearbook* is bigger than last year's edition. That's because our foundation is bigger and has a new name that reflects its regional focus.

The Hampton Roads Community Foundation is the result of a year's work that ended with the January 1, 2010 merger of The Norfolk Foundation with The Virginia Beach Foundation.

Leaders of our merging community foundations believe it is in the best interest of our region to speak with one voice about philanthropy. We applaud Morris Fine, former chair of The Virginia Beach Foundation, and Josh Darden, former chair of The Norfolk Foundation, for taking the lead in uniting our foundations to tackle regional challenges and encourage more people to be generous.

Look at the back cover and you will see one of our goals – getting more people to leave a bequest for charity. This simple, caring act will benefit our region for generations to come by helping arts, educational, human service, environmental and other nonprofits make life in our region even better. We hope to buck a trend that shows that 80 percent of Americans give to charity during their lifetimes, but only 8 percent continue that generosity through their estate plans.

In the following pages you will find many ways you can become

involved with us. The Legacy Society for Hampton Roads brings together generous people with plans for future gifts to the Foundation. The Beach Fund is an energetic group of people (ages

25 to 45) who gather to learn about philanthropy, network and improve their community through volunteering and recommending grants. The Community Leadership Partners connects established philanthropists to learn about community issues and recommend grants in key areas.

As you read the yearbook we hope that you will enjoy the stories that bring our statistics about gifts and grants to life. Our goal is to show the difference a donor can make in the lives of people in Hampton Roads. We are pleased to share on page 24 the initial success of our six-year effort to improve the quality of early childhood education in South Hampton Roads. That success has been made possible in large part by one donor who believes that by working together we can help every child be ready to succeed in school.

It is our pleasure to bring you the very first yearbook produced by our new Foundation. We hope you join us in our excitement over our new name and our ability to serve the region. Thank you for supporting us in our merger and the work we do on your behalf to make Hampton Roads an even better place for all of us to live.



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