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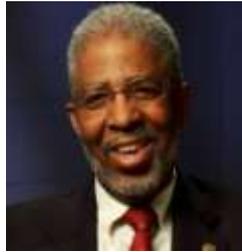
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The Key to success is
 EDUCATION

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN



The Foundation has had another successful year and is making steady progress towards fulfilling its goals and objectives.

MMHMF’s focus remains the support of a quality education for the young residents of South Chesterfield County and enabling their success by supporting school faculty and administrators. We continue to believe that “it takes a village” and our aim is to be a productive partner within that village, working hard and pulling/pushing in the same direction to achieve a common goal.

While it is easy to think of the education of our youth as the content learned and the set of experiences they have in the formal educational setting, I believe that our namesake would challenge us to expand that formal setting to encompass the entire village that provides the total set of experiences that are necessary for the child to become a productive, contributing adult in today’s society. Clearly, each of us has our own favorite set of attributes and I will mention here several that I believe are shared among most of us.

Our namesake would argue that we should empower all children with the self-confidence they will need to use their abilities and skills to reach as far as they can. She would encourage them to reach for what is possible, not just what is easy.

Mrs. Hill would stress that having good manners does not cost us anything – that there is nothing wrong with saying “please” and “thank you,” no matter what the age. The cliché that one can “disagree without being disagreeable” is as true today as it was for our forefathers/mothers. Children learn by observing and by continually practicing desired skills.

The village’s actions demonstrate what is truly meant by empathy. We demonstrate that it is not enough to just say that we are sorry – our actions must show that we really are. The empathic citizen hurts when our fellow human hurt, and finds joy in their successes as well as those of our own. The individual’s core values are reflected not by how they treat those they perceive as the best/most important but how they treat the so-called least of us.

Lastly, Mrs. Hill would remind us that our democratic ideals will survive as long as the collective community does its part. Many of our ancestors made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could have the opportunity to participate in the political process. We disrespect those sacrifices when we choose to withdraw because we don’t see exactly the candidate or position we want. She would remind us that the future of this community, this state and this nation will be severely shaped by the decisions that are made on November 8th. We must play our part and impress upon those not yet old enough to vote the necessity of doing so.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Directors of MMHMF please accept our thanks for your on-going support. The Foundation strives to be a productive member of the Village, reflecting the examples that would make you and Mrs. Hill proud.

James H. Stith

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TAYLOR THOMAS HARRIS
2016 MMHMF Scholarship Recipient



The Foundation is very pleased to award the 2016 scholarship to Taylor Thomas-Harris. Taylor, daughter of Antwan and Sharon Harris, graduated from Matoaca High School in June 2016. She will attend Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia this fall, majoring in psychology.

During her years at Matoaca High School, Taylor was a well-rounded student with a range of interests and activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. Taylor received numerous awards including the Outstanding Youth Award, Leader in Me Award, and the John Merchant Book Award. In addition, she was honored as an Outstanding Student in Spanish and

received Academic Letters. Taylor also participated in the Future Business Leaders of America; Best Buds Club, where she served as Vice President; Distributive Education Clubs of America; and was a Student Mentor.

Taylor's involvement in extracurricular and community activities is equally impressive. She is an advocate for Cerebral Palsy, was a Debutante, and participated in youth leadership forums at Virginia Commonwealth University and at James Madison University. Service through her church is a major part of Taylor's life. At Union Grove Baptist Church, she is a member of Missionary Ministry, Praise Dance Team, and Choir. She also assisted with Vacation Bible School.

Taylor is inspired and motivated to succeed by her parents, who she describes as always having faith and confidence in her abilities. She is especially interested in motivational speaking, advocating for individuals with Cerebral Palsy and special needs, and in youth leadership. The Foundation is proud of Taylor and is delighted to support her education as she begins her freshman year at Longwood University!



THE MMHMF SAMUEL A. GILLIAM GOLF TOURNAMENT
A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR MMHMF SCHOLARSHIPS



The collage is of the 2015 tournament. Felecia Mason took the pictures. The tournament was established in 2011 in memory of Sam, an avid golfer (member of the MD & VA Birdies). He was an active member of MMHMF, a generous donor and major fundraiser. Married to the eldest daughter of Martha Mason Hill, Sam shared her Christian values and strong belief that education is the key to success. He was devoted to family, an active community volunteer, and an exceptional role model and mentor to an untold number of young people over the years. He was a decorated veteran, serving his country in war (Korea and Vietnam) and peace for 30 years, attaining the highest enlisted rank of Sergeant Major in the Army. He was also a talented vocalist and sang at MMHMF Annual Awards Programs and faithfully with his church choir. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the V.F.W., the V.F.W., the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge.

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2016 Scholarship Recipient: *TAYLOR THOMAS HARRIS*

2016 Education Service Award: *GAYLE CARTER SUTTON*

Recognition of: **2016 VOLUNTEERS**

Guest Speaker: *JAMES F. LANE ED.D.*

Saturday September 24, 2016 at 3:00 pm
Union Grove Baptist Church
19111 Church Road
South Chesterfield, Virginia

ALL ARE WELCOME!



JAMES F. LANE ED.D.

Superintendent

Chesterfield County Public Schools



James Lane began working as the superintendent of Chesterfield County Public Schools, one of the largest 100 school divisions in the nation, on July 1, 2016. Prior to serving in Chesterfield, he was superintendent of Goochland County Public Schools, where he collaborated with the Goochland community to create an innovative strategic plan focused on maximizing the potential of every student by personalizing the learning experience and infusing technology for every student to allow for anywhere, anytime learning. Lane has been recognized by the White House for his innovative instructional programs and his previous district was recently awarded a national recognition with the Flashlight Award for District Data Use for the district's work in creating a balanced and authentic assessment system. Dr. Lane was also recognized by Style Magazine as one of the Top 40 Under 40 in the Richmond region and was selected by the Richmond Technology Council as the Education Innovator of the Year in 2016. The National School Public Relations Association recognized Dr. Lane as a national Superintendent to Watch at their conference in July 2016. Lane holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in teaching from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Master of School Administration degree from North Carolina State University, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Virginia. Dr. Lane has moved to Chesterfield with his wife and two children.

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GAYLE CARTER SUTTON

2016 Education Service Award Recipient



Gayle Carter Sutton was born September 18, 1954 in Richmond VA to the late Mr. and Mrs. Irvin M. Carter, Sr. Gayle grew up in Richmond. She spent her childhood in Fulton Bottom (present day Rockettes Landing). Her maternal grandmother raised her and received her early Christian education at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where she was baptized and participated in the Choir, Usher, Missionary and Bible School programs.

Gayle’s first school experience was at Bethlehem Center where she attended kindergarten. Gayle remembers her teacher, Ms. Thompson well. Each day they recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and the Christian flag followed by the morning prayer and a bible verse. Gayle remembers reading to the teacher as her favorite part of kindergarten class. Gayle was the most talkative student in the class, especially when she had a point to make. When Gayle entered Webster Davis Elementary School it was the best time of her life. Her favorite teacher was Mrs. Grace Townes. Mrs. Grace Townes remains connected with Gayle today.

By the time Gayle reached middle school age, her parents were ready to have her live with them in the Northside. She attended Chandler Junior High School; spent two years at Armstrong High School where she really wanted to graduate from, however, forced bussing in the 1960’s prohibited that from happening and Gayle finished high school at Thomas Jefferson High School.

As an adult Gayle became a member of St. Paul’s Baptist Church, Creighton Road campus, Richmond, VA. Her hobbies include: dining out with family and friends; vacationing at Myrtle Beach; watching movies; listening to R & B; and participating in Sisters & Friends book club since 1997. As a retiree, she plans to travel, volunteer and enjoy being a grandparent.

Gayle is committed to the empowerment of girls and women. Her role models include the late Maya Angelou and Marion Wright Edelman. Throughout her life she has embraced the power of strong women. During her career she coached the Girls on Track team; wrote letters of recommendation for females aspiring leadership positions and she continues to connect and mentor females of all ages. Gayle is a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, friend and colleague to many. She has the most contagious laugh, one that you will remember long after her presence in a room.

She is the proud graduate of the class of 1972 of Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond, VA. She received a B.S. in Special Education from Virginia State University in 1976 and a M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1995. Gayle met and married her high school sweetheart, William, and they spent many years together, prior to his death. From their union they had 2 sons. Gayle is very proud of her family William A. Sutton, Jr.(Ann) and Keith L. Sutton(Alyshia), and three adorable grandchildren, McKinley Grace, Carter William and Kaelyn Renee all living in the Richmond area.

Gayle began her career as a special education teacher at the Virginia Treatment Center for Children in Richmond, VA. The Treatment Center is a state psychiatric facility for emotionally disabled children and youth. In 1991, she was hired by the Chesterfield County Public School System where she remained until her retirement in 2016. Her first experience with Chesterfield was as a special education teacher at Manchester Middle School. In 1995, she became an Assistant Principal at Bailey Bridge Middle School. In 2010, she transferred to Matoaca Middle School as Assistant Principal.

Under Gayle’s leadership at Bailey Bridge Middle School she:

- implemented the Olweus Bully Prevention Program;
- supervised the single gender program for three years;
- was the Special Education Administrator;
- embraced and supported the transition from math 8 to “algebra for all;”
- served on a committee that researched Professional Learning Communities and the impact on student achievement (a collaborative venture with the PTA and school staff);
- was the instructional leader for Mathematics and Science;
- restructured the special education department and programs moving towards a more inclusive instructional programming;
- nominated a single gender teen to receive an award for Outstanding Middle School Teen (VMSA) and the teen received the award
- nominated a beginning teacher to receive an award for Outstanding Beginning Teacher (VSMA) – he received the award; and mentored staff.

Under Gayle’s leadership at Matoaca Middle School she:

- served as liaison between the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation Outreach Committee and the school to coordinate the following activities;
 1. field trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (culminating activity for a semester of interdisciplinary units of study)
 2. coordinated field trips to Richard Bland College and Virginia State University (supporting the CCPS college/career initiatives) - “Matoaca Middle Goes to College Day”
 3. coordinated the book “drops” each student in 6th grade receives a book at Christmas and/or the end of the school year as supplies permit
 4. school supplies for the 6th and 7th grade student throughout the school year
- offered academic support sessions to 6th grade students each semester to help them improve their grades(one on one tutoring);
- wrote proposals for and attended board meetings of the Ettrick Neighborhood and Business Association requesting support for teaching materials for the school;
- mentored staff; and
- participated in the book buddies program and literacy committee.

Gayle is past president and current member of the Virginia Middle School Association. She is a member of the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals, a current member of the Virginia State University Alumni Association Hanover/Henrico Chapter, a past member of the NTIP Board (New Teachers Induction Program) and past mentor for new administrators.

FAMILY NEWS
Congratulations to:



CHRISTOPHER BAUGH graduated in June, 2016 from Granby High School in Norfolk, VA with a 4.04 GPA. He is attending Averett University in Danville, VA and is enrolled in the Aviation program with the goal of becoming a pilot. Christopher is the son of Tyrone and Bonnie Baugh, the grandson of Shirley and the late Moses Baugh, and the great-grandson of the late Martha Mason Hill.



MICHELLE BERRIOS graduated from Dinwiddie High School in June 2016. She is attending Old Dominion University and plans to major in sports medicine. Michelle is the granddaughter of Ronald Stephenson, the great-granddaughter of the late Wendell and Doris (Hill) Stephenson, and the great, great- granddaughter of the late Martha Mason Hill



MARKEITH K. RANSOME graduated from John Marshall High School, Richmond VA in June, 2016. Markeith will Virginia State University (VSU). He hopes to play for VSU's baseball team in the spring of 2017. He is the grandson of Denise Stevens, the great-grandson of the late Doris (Hill) and Wendell Stephenson and the great-great-grandson of late Martha Mason Hill.



RAVEN MASON received her Associate's Degree from Southside Virginia Community College while still in high school and a Bachelor of Science Degree in psychology from Radford University, Radford, VA in 2013. She is currently in graduate school at Radford where she has earned a Master's of Science Degree in psychology in December of 2015. She is continuing her studies and will receive an Educational Specialists Degree in School Psychology in the year of 2017 after completing a year-long internship with Chesterfield County Public Schools. Raven plans to continue her studies after

receiving her Specialist Degree to earn her Doctorate while continuing to work in the school systems as a School Psychologist. Raven is the daughter of Alfred and Kim Mason, granddaughter of Sandra and the late Alfred Mason Sr., great- granddaughter of the late Lucy Mason Cain, the sister of the late Martha Mason Hill



DOMINIQUE M. STEPHENSON graduated from UNC Chapel Hill Kenan-Business School on May 6, 2016 with a Master's Degree in accounting. She accepted an Audit Associate position with Deloitte Touche, LLP, the second largest international services firm. She will began working in the McLean, Virginia office June 20, 2016 with commercial, industrial and governmental clients. While studying at UNC she served as the Vice Chairman of the Commencement Committee and helped raise over \$3000 for the school. She received the Charles E. Sams Jr. MAC Scholarship and Robin Bradford Reynolds Memorial Award. Dominique also assisted in numerous marketing efforts for the business school, and will be featured in an alumni recognition video. She also appears on the school's website and a special graduation video for the class of 2016. Dominique is the daughter of Wendell and Renee Stephenson, the granddaughter of the late Wendell and Doris (Hill) Stephenson, and the great- granddaughter of the late Martha Mason Hill.



LESLIE STEVENS graduated cum laude from the University of Richmond with Bachelors of Arts in Communication Studies in May 2016. She is searching for a full time job in the D.C., Maryland, Virginia area in the communications, marketing, or public relations with the hopes of beginning a promising career to help grow and develop the environmentally conscious business sector. Leslie is the daughter of Denise Stevens, the granddaughter of the late Wendell and Doris (Hill) Stephenson and the great-granddaughter of Martha Mason Hill

HEALTHY STUDENTS ARE BETTER LEARNERS

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We all know that it is important to be healthy — to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, consume less junk and processed foods, move more, and sit less. Why? So that we can have strong and healthy bodies. So that we can feel good, look good, avoid diseases like diabetes and heart disease (1), have fewer aches and pains, and hopefully increase our chances for living a long life. Healthy behaviors are also important for our brains.

Scientific studies have consistently shown that healthy diets and physical exercise can boost memory and may help prevent cognitive decline and dementia (1,2,3).

Eating and Physical Activity: Connection to Achievement

It is critically important for families, communities, and the Nation to promote the health of children and adolescents. The health of students is clearly linked to academic achievement and we will depend on the next generation to successfully lead the Nation and carry out its work. The First Lady Michelle Obama, said:

"The physical and emotional health of an entire generation and the economic health and security of our nation is at stake." (4)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the Nation's health protection agency) recently reviewed what scientific studies say about the effect of student eating behaviors and physical exercise on academic achievement (5). Academic achievement was defined as 1. Academic performance (class grades, standardized test scores, and rates of graduation), 2. Education behavior (attendance, dropout rates, behavior problems at school), and 3. Cognitive skills and attitudes (concentration, memory, mood). They found that students who did not eat breakfast had poorer attention, alertness, memory, and problem solving abilities. Those that participated in a nationally sponsored school breakfast program had increased grades and test scores, improved memory, and decreased absences from school. Other studies revealed that not eating sufficient amounts of certain foods (particularly vegetables, fruits, and dairy products) was associated with lower grades.

The news is also encouraging for the effects of physical activity (5,6). Students who are physically active, generally speaking, have better memory, concentration, grades, and attendance at school. Students who participate in extracurricular physical activities have higher grades, lower drop-out rates, and fewer behavior problems.

What Can We Do to Support Kids' Healthy Eating and Physical Activity?

It is clear that healthy student are better learners on all levels. Here are some things that parents and community members, schools, and students can do to encourage healthy behaviors and create healthy environment for kids (5):

Parents and community members

- ✓ Help schools implement school wellness policies that address physical and nutrition education, and the types of food and beverages that are sold in schools.
- ✓ Join the PTA, school health advisory council, school wellness council, or other groups that support and advocate for healthy school environments. Chesterfield County has established a School Health Advisory Board that helps the school board develop health policy for schools. The advisory board includes parents, students, health professionals, educators, and others (7).
- ✓ Support schools by attending and volunteering at school-sponsored activities and events on health topics.

Schools

- ✓ Create professional development opportunities for teachers and staff on the impact of healthy eating and physical activity.
- ✓ Include health education programs on healthy eating and physical activity.
- ✓ Include measures of health when evaluating school outcomes and determining accountability.

Students

- ✓ Learn how a healthy diet and physical activity can help you be a better student.
- ✓ Think of activities to have at school that are related to physical education and incorporate healthy eating. Share those ideas with teachers and school administrators.
- ✓ Be active in any school, district, or state committees or advisory councils that are related to promoting healthy school environments for students.

HEALTHY STUDENTS ARE BETTER LEARNERS

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For more Information and Resources

For more information about student health and academic achievement, you can visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s website on health and academics. Here you can find articles, podcasts, and statistics.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/parentengagement/parentsforhealthyschools.htm>

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**MATOACA MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
THANKS MMHMF**



School Vice-Principal Gayle Sutton (far right) acknowledged Outreach Committee Co-Chairs, Ann Henderson (middle) and Barbara Crews (2nd from right) who attended the play *I HAVE A DREAM* that was performed by the Virginia Repertory Theatre of Richmond, VA. at the school’s east campus in March. The Foundation covered the cost of transporting the students.

The Matoaca Middle School administration never fails to express their gratitude for the help the Foundation provides, even for the little things. The feedback is greatly appreciated. It is inspiring to know that our organization is making a difference there!

OUR “GOOD SAMARITANS”

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS! Our work is possible because of you! See lists on pages 16 – 18.

**MMHMF RECEIVED A \$1,000 GRANT FROM
ETTRICK NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS FOUNDATION (ENBF)**



Nancy Ross, ENBF Vice President, was again instrumental in the Foundation receiving another grant from the organization designated to help schools in South Chesterfield. The 2016 grant will be used to help fund college campus tours for Matoaca Middle School sixth and seventh grade students this fall. Ms. Ross also made a personal donation. The Foundation also received a grant in 2015 to help pay for the trips the students at Matoaca Middle took last year. (SEE PICTURES ON PAGE 12). MMHMF is most grateful for the partnership.

**VICTORIA FALLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE, LAUREL, MD
CONTINUES TO SEND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY MMHMF**



Thanks to the continuing efforts of long-time friends and supporters of the Foundation, Maria Elena (middle of photo on left) and Bernie Khoury (on left), who live in the community, Victoria Falls has again gathered supplies from residents. Kerri Edwards (on right) is the Community Life Style Director. The Stith family brings the carload of supplies to Chesterfield in September. Outreach Committee members sort them along with the other items collected. Harrowgate Elementary, Marguerite Christian Elementary and an after-school program are given the supplies. The generosity of all supporters makes it possible to make deliveries in both September and February. Thank You Victoria Falls!!

**UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS
MISSIONARY MINISTRY DONATE EVERY YEAR**



Following in the footsteps of her father, Deacon Beverly Mason, Martha Mason Hill was a very active and life-long member of Union Grove. The Church has been a major supporter of MMHMF since it was established in 1998. Additionally, the Missionary Ministry gives funds each year to purchase school supplies. Members of the MMHMF outreach team consult with schools to determine what items are needed, purchases and delivers them to schools. Sincere thanks to our Christian friends!

JOHN DALIANI OF COASTAL GRAPHICS WEBSITE DESIGN/HOST



MMHMF thanks John (<http://www.coastalgraphics.com/>) for continuing to graciously donate a lot of time and professional expertise to updating and maintaining our website (mmhmf.org). John spent months in collaboration with the late Alyssa Stith to design the website in 2013. His patience and willingness to help are remarkable! Thanks John!

KATHERINE (KITTY) ANDERSON, FINANCIAL MANAGER



Kitty, a long-time supporter of the Foundation, continues to be most generous. She made the Foundation’s conversion to QuickBooks possible by volunteering a great deal of her time in working with Alberta Stith and the late Alyssa Stith to set it up. Kitty is always ready to assist us in any way she can. We are forever grateful!

MMHMF 2015 - 2016 OUTREACH PROJECTS
MOTOACA MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS
GO TO COLLEGE!!

In the fall of 2015, the students visited Richard Bland College and Virginia State University. For many of the students, it was the first time visiting a college campus. Our fervent hope is that we have PLANTED A SEED. We hope that most if not all of the students will want to attend college and will thus DO THE WORK NECESSARY over the next seven or eight years to get there.

The tours were co-sponsored by MMHMF and the Ettrick Neighborhood and Business Foundation (ENBF) and Nancy Ross. MMHMF is grateful to Ms. Ross, ENBF Vice President, and the other members for providing major support for the foundation’s outreach program. We thank Vice Principal Gayle Sutton and the Matoaca Middle School staff and faculty for their cooperation, enthusiasm and support. Special thanks also to the student volunteers and staffs of Richard Bland and Virginia State for helping to make the tours exciting and a valuable experience for these students!

Below, Vice Principal Sutton (on right in the top left picture), holds the door as school staff lead the way to buses departing for the College. Richard Bland staff (top right photo) greet students on arrival.



Students at Richard Bland College of William & Mary



Virginia State University Campus Tour



MARTHA MASON HILL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OUTREACH
2015 – 2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

The school year was very busy and a huge success thanks to the continued efforts of our dedicated Outreach Committee! Every month something was happening! Members go the “extra mile” to help students on all levels, elementary school to college. Whenever our team was asked for help, they never failed to “answer the call”, often at significant personal sacrifice. They are truly “guardian angels” for Southern Chesterfield students and schools, exemplifying the ideals of our namesake. Three elementary schools, a before and after school program, a middle school and a high school are supported each year.

FOR THE FIRST TIME: With the help of a grant from Ettrick Neighborhood and Business Foundation (ENBF) and a donation from Nancy Ross, Vice President of ENBF, the Foundation sponsored the first of what we hope will be many trips to college campuses for students attending Matoaca Middle School. Members accompanied the students. **See the pictures on page 12.**

School supplies were collected over the summer and delivered to the three elementary schools and the before and after school program (this program also receives snacks during the year).

Members and volunteers went to Harrowgate and Marguerite Christian Elementary Schools to read to students in the lower grades every month.

The First Generation Parents/Students Workshop and the Annual Seniors Awards Breakfast were sponsored at Matoaca High School. Board member and caterer, Garrett Mason provided the breakfast and attended with Board member Ann Henderson.

Care Packages were sent to college students in February.

Funds were donated to Matoaca Middle School to: help purchase books for a school-wide reading project and to finance the transportation for students to see the play I HAVE A DREAM performed by the Virginia Repertory Theatre.

Over 500 books were ordered from the Children’s Museum of Richmond Book Barn and distributed to students in three elementary schools and the after school program to take home for summer reading. Outreach members placed book marks and labels in every book. A donation was given to the Book Barn.

Certificates for a Vacation Bible School and other honors for students were prepared and distributed.

Ettrick Elementary School was given funds for students without lunch and no money to purchase it.

Outreach Committee Members

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| Annie Henderson Co-Chairperson | Barbara Crews Co-Chairperson |
| George Henderson | Sarah Cheatham |
| Will Lewis, Jr. | Felicia Mason |
| | Pat Woodfolk |



CARE PACKAGES ARE PREPARED AND SENT TO COLLEGE STUDENTS EVERY YEAR



Every February the outreach team purchases a variety of items and gather to pack boxes full of treats that are mailed or hand delivered to students in college. Pictured are outreach members at work in the Fellowship Hall of Union Grove Baptist Church. This is a very popular activity with students. Studies indicate that such acts can have a positive influence on student retention rates.

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TAFFY JONES-HAYES, SCHOOL INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, RETIRES, SENDS THANKS TO MMHMF

The Foundation outreach team worked with the school Intervention Specialist for Harrowgate and Marguerite Christian Elementary Schools, TAFFY JONES_HAYES for many years. She was a joy to work with! Taffy never missed an opportunity to show her gratitude for our support, no matter how small. She will be greatly missed.

Below is the last note and pictures she sent.



TAFFY'S NOTE:

*Dear Members:
Your generosity to the students in Chesterfield County over the years has been boundless. You have enriched the lives of so many children. Once again, the students at Harrowgate Elementary and M. Christian Elementary thank you for your support, the books, and for believing in them.*



In May, Harrowgate, Ettrick and M. Christian Elementary Schools each received several hundred books for students to take home for their summer reading enjoyment. Outreach Committee members delivered the books. Pictured are students at Harrowgate on "book delivery" day.

TAKE HOME BOOKS ARE SORTED, LABELED



Outreach Committee members Barbara Crews (upper left), Ann Henderson (upper right), Sarah Cheatham (lower left), George Henderson (middle) and Felecia Mason (right) prepare the books for delivery. Each book includes a MMHMF bookmark.

SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO ONE OF THE SCHOOLS



School supplies are delivered in September and also in January if needed. Outreach Committee members shown are Barbara Crews (left), Ann Henderson (middle) Felecia Mason (right).

FOUNDATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS READ TO STUDENTS EACH MONTH

Volunteers confess that they enjoy the experience as much if not more so than the students!



Readers: Outreach member Sarah Cheatham (left); Gloria Knight (middle photo); and from left to right, last photo are Judith Warren, Barbara Crews, Gloria Harris, Joyce Cosby, Ann Henderson and Felecia Mason.

MEMBERS HOSTED A PIZZA PARTY FOR THE VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STAFF



The Outreach Committee (shown in left photo with the athletes) had the party to thank the students and staff for participating in the reading program at Harrowgate Elementary School. Everyone received gift bags and certificates of appreciation from the Committee.

MMHMF SPONSORS THE MATOACA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARDS BREAKFAST IN MAY EVERY YEAR



The Foundation is responsible for the Annual Senior Awards Breakfast. The meal is prepared and served by Board of Directors member, Garrett Mason and his associates. Outreach Co-Chair, Ann Henderson (left photo) and Garrett (right photo, 2nd from right) represented MMHMF. The 2016 scholarship recipient is Taylor Thomas-Harris (center photo).