

Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Benefits from Recent Gifts and Bequests

The Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation recently received an important bequest and several grants that will allow the continuing care community in Irvington to enhance and improve operations in a number of areas.

A bequest of \$60,000 from the estate of the late Robert Scheu, a resident at RWC for some time before his passing, will be used to supplement the organization's Fellowship Fund. The Fellowship Fund provides financial assistance to current residents, new residents who cannot afford the entrance fee or monthly fees, and qualified individuals from the community to attend the Adult Day Program. "We are so pleased that Mr. Scheu thought to leave a legacy that will help his friends and neighbors," says RWC president Stuart Bunting.

RWC has also enjoyed strong support recently from both local and regional foundations. First-time gifts from two local foundations, the S. Mason Cole Jr. and Lula P. Cole Charitable Trust and the Ben D. Conley Charitable & Educational Foundation, will be used to support fellowships.. "In these difficult economic times, it is most encouraging to get two unexpected gifts like these," says RWC vice president for development Whiz Harris.

For the fifth straight year, The Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation of Atlanta, Georgia made a grant to RWC to support fellowships for women residents. The Whitehead Foundation, chartered in 1946, provides financial assistance in nine southeastern states to schools, colleges, and a small number of select retirement communities that serve the needs of women. This year's \$86,000 grant was the largest to date awarded by the Whitehead Foundation to RWC.

Of note also is the contribution from The J. Edwin Treacle Foundation of Gloucester, Virginia. The 2011 award marks the twenty-second year in a row that the Foundation has provided funds for fellowship assistance.

"We truly appreciate the generosity shown by those who have supported RWC," Bunting said. "We remain committed to being wise stewards of these resources."