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Virginia Funders Network 4th Annual Conference

Presented by



Monday, April 28, 2025

10:00 am **Registration Opens**

12:00 pm **Welcome Plenary | Meeting the Moment: Philanthropy's Role in a Time of Change**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: Lansdowne Ballroom AB

Planning Team:

- Edgar Aranda-Yanoc, The Meyer Foundation
- Mary Fant Donnan, The Alleghany Foundation
- Jill McCormick, Jackson Foundation
- Heather Peeler, ACT for Alexandria

Sponsor:



Supporting Sponsors: The Meyer Foundation, Weissberg Foundation

2:00 pm **Breakout Session | Rural**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Lincoln Boykin, River Counties Community Foundation
- Jarrod Elwell, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
- Bonita Robertson-Hardy, Aspen Institute
- Sarah Reardon, Jessie Ball duPont Fund

- Chandler Vaughan, Virginia Rural Center

Speakers:

- Jarrod Elwell, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
- Bonita Robertson-Hardy, Aspen Institute
- Chandler Vaughan, Virginia Rural Center

Sponsor:



Supporting Sponsors: Department of Housing and Community Development, River Counties Community Foundation

2:00 pm Breakout Session | Policy & Advocacy

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Kisha Bwenge, Charlottesville Area Community Foundation
- Julia McKay, Bainum Family Foundation
- Meg Pienkowski, Robins Foundation
- Brandi Yee, ACT for Alexandria

Speaker:

- Abby Levine, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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2:00 pm Breakout Session | Environment

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Lincoln Boykin, River Counties Community Foundation
- Emily MacCartney, Virginia Natural Gas
- Joe Maroon, Virginia Environmental Endowment
- Megan McPherson, Chesapeake Bay Funders Network
- Sari Raskin, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

Speakers:

- Lincoln Boykin, River Counties Community Foundation
- Emily MacCartney, Virginia Natural Gas
- Joe Maroon, Virginia Environmental Endowment

Supporting Sponsor: Virginia Environmental Endowment, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

2:00 pm Breakout Session | Community Collaborations Tools & Techniques

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Jarrod Elwell, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
- Dan Layman, Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge
- Lisa O'Mara, Locus
- Rebecca Rowe, Department of Housing and Community Development

Speakers:

- Dan Layman, Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge

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4:30 pm Welcome Reception

Join us for the official kick-off of VFN's 4th Annual Conference and help celebrate with friends, heavy appetizers, and drinks!

Location: TBD

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Supporting Sponsor: Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 am Breakfast Plenary | Workforce Collaboration Models for Economic Mobility

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: Lansdowne Ballroom AB

Planning Team:

- Scott Andrews-Weckerly, The Community Foundation for a greater Richmond
- Abby Hollingsworth, Bank of America
- Stephanie Nerantzis, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation
- Polly Raible, Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation

Speakers:

- Dr. David Dore, Virginia Community College System
- Dr. Bill Hazel, Claude Moore Opportunities (*moderator*)
- Nicole Overley, Virginia Works
- Bryan Slater, Secretary of Labor

Sponsor:



Supporting Sponsors: Altria

10:30 am **Deep Dive Session | Disaster Preparedness**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Jarrod Elwell, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
 - Sandy Strayer, The Harvest Foundation
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10:30 am **Deep Dive Session | Local News**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Stefanie Abbott, The Karsh Institute of Democracy at UVA
 - Michael Bolden, American Press Institute
 - Matthew Gibson, Virginia Humanities
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10:30 am **Deep Dive Session | Value of Research to Funding Decisions**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team & Speakers:

- Isabel Eljaiek, The Community Foundation for a greater Richmond
- Mike Monteith, Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia (*retired*)
- Sari Raskin, Community Foundation for Northern Virginia
- Courtney Rice, Northern Virginia Health Foundation
- Katina Williams, United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg

Supporting Sponsor: Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

10:30 am **Deep Dive Session | Impact Investing**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Chris Crothers, Jessie Ball duPont Fund
- Deb Markley, Locus
- Michelle Nelson, The Community Foundation for a greater Richmond

- Lisa O'Mara, Locus
- Stephanie Randolph, Cassiopeia Foundation

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Supporting Sponsor: Virginia CDFI Coalition

12:00 pm Lunch Plenary | Meeting the Moment: Innovations in Health Access for All

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: Lansdowne Ballroom AB

Planning Team:

- Reggie Gordon, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation
- Krystal Moyers, Augusta Health
- Erin Matthew Thomas, Potomac Health Foundation
- Suzy Quinn, Inova Health Foundation

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Supporting Sponsor: Potomac Health Foundation

2:00 pm Role Based Learning Session | Program Officers

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Brandy Cramer, The Cameron Foundation
- Susan Hallett, Bob and Anna Lou Schaberg Foundation
- Joshua Hearne, Danville Regional Foundation
- Rachel Lynch, Northern Virginia Health Foundation
- Jessica Mullen, Obici Healthcare Foundation

Sponsor:



2:00 pm Role Based Learning Session | Chief Executive Officers

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Nadine Marsh Carter, The Cameron Foundation
- Amy Nisenson, The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation
- Jennifer Owens, Arlington Community Foundation
- Jessica Wirgau, Community Foundation of the New River Valley

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The Mary Morton
Parsons Foundation

2:00 pm **Role Based Learning Session | Trustees**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- David Nicosia, Truist Foundations and Endowments Specialty Practice
- Susie Lee, Northern Virginia Health Foundation (*Trustee*)
- Elizabeth Cabell Jennings, ClearView Fiduciary Alliance & Cabell Foundation (*Trustee*)

Sponsor:



2:00 pm **Role Based Learning Session | Finance**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Linda Hall, Atlantic Union Bank
- Rusty Little, Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia
- Michelle Nelson, The Community Foundation for a greater Richmond
- Grant Pearse, PATH Foundation

Supporting Sponsor: Atlantic Union Bank

5:00 pm **VIP Reception**

VFN is founded and sustained by members who go above and beyond! We invite our Founding Members, current Board Members, Conference Planning Committee, and Sustainers Circle Members for a time of celebrating all that we have accomplished together.

Location: TBD

5:30 pm **Dine Arounds**

We invite guests to join one of the dine arounds nearby to connect and share a meal with peers! Dine around groups include: Community Foundations, Corporate members,

Trustees, CEOs, Program Officers, Finance members, Health Legacy, Family Foundations, or simply connect with others.

7:30 pm **Coffee, Dessert & 5 Year Celebration**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: Lansdowne Ballroom AB

Planning Team:

- Lincoln Boykin, River Counties Community Foundation
- Fiona Charles, Obici Healthcare Foundation
- Kelly Thomasson, Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:30 am **Walk/Run**

8:00 am **Breakfast: A Healthy Start to Your Day!**

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8:45 am **Breakout Session | AI in Philanthropy's Work**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Andy Johnston, PATH Foundation
 - Mike Monteith, Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia (*retired*)
 - Courtney Rice, Northern Virginia Health Foundation
 - Albert Walker, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation
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8:45 am **Breakout Session | Finding Your Lane: Housing Affordability Action Guide for Virginia Funders**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Nicole Acosta, Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties
- Sean McMurray, Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia
- Mayana Rice, Appalachian Highlands Housing Partners
- Chris Thompson, Virginia Housing

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8:45 am **Breakout Session | Capacity & Durability Building for the Nonprofit Sector**

The sustainability of the nonprofit sector is top-of-mind for funders, especially during times of disruption and sudden change. What is philanthropy's role in supporting nonprofits to create the infrastructure necessary for stability during this time of uncertainty? What strategies did funders use during the COVID-19 pandemic that can inform our work now? This session will explore grantmaking practices built on engagement with community partners and ways funders are working together to create resilience in the nonprofit sector. Attendees will leave this session with tips for immediate action and ideas for ways to build proactive solutions for the long-term.

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Nicole Acosta, Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties
- Fiona Charles, Obici Healthcare Foundation
- Joshua Hearne, Danville Regional Foundation
- Wendy McGrady, The Curtis Group

Speakers:

- Darius Graham, Greater Washington Community Foundation
- Joshua Hearne, Danville Regional Foundation

Supporting Sponsor: Northern Virginia Health Foundation

8:45am **Breakout Session | Youth Mental Health**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Lisa Baehre, Sandler Center Foundation
- Analise Gammel, Serve Virginia
- Andy Johnston, PATH Foundation
- Damion Perkins, Kaiser Permanente
- Vineeta Shah, Jenkins Foundation

Supporting Sponsor: Sandler Center Foundation

10:00 am **Closing Plenary | Caregiving & Wellbeing**

Session details are still unfolding...

Location: TBD

Planning Team:

- Erin Hogan, Bank of America
- David Shang, PATH Foundation

Speakers:

- Tom Chiodo, WETA
- Jessica Guthrie
- Richard Lui, MSNBC/NBC News

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12:15 pm Adjourn