



GRATITUDE REPORT

*July 1, 2017 to
June 30, 2018*

VIRGINIA
HEMOPHILIA
FOUNDATION
for all bleeding disorders

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Please enjoy this annual report, now appropriately titled the “Gratitude Report” in honor of YOU, our valued donors, sponsors, volunteers, and constituents! Because of you, 2017-2018 was one of Virginia Hemophilia Foundation's (VHF's) strongest fiscal years to date. Because of you, in July of 2017, VHF sent 43 children to Camp Youngblood. This week-long overnight camp at Camp Holiday Trails is designed for children to learn increased independence and self-esteem. Because of your advocacy efforts, Virginia passed Medicaid expansion giving access to healthcare coverage for those who need it most. Because of your varied contributions, VHF was able to offer specialized education, college and national meeting scholarships, and community-building opportunities throughout the year. Thank you for the ongoing trust that you put in VHF with your gifts.

Currently this community faces a changing landscape with new treatment options and funding shifts. VHF is responding to these changes, continuing to serve the bleeding disorders community in the best way possible, and your financial support is crucial as we learn to adapt.

Keep a look out in 2019 for new programs including a medical symposium featuring information on clinical trials and research, three newly tailored education retreats (one each for men, women, and young adults), a dynamic UNITE for Bleeding Disorders Walk, and a new three-year strategic plan.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for caring, contributing, and serving VHF.

Kelly Waters

Kelly Waters, LCSW, MSW
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MISSION

“Dedicated to serving and supporting the needs of those impacted by a bleeding disorder through **education**, **advocacy** and **community**.”

VISION

“Become the recognized voice and go-to resource for those impacted by a bleeding disorder.”



Volunteers are the “lifeblood” of VHF. They are the people who step forward to work at events, participate on committees, and serve in so many other ways.

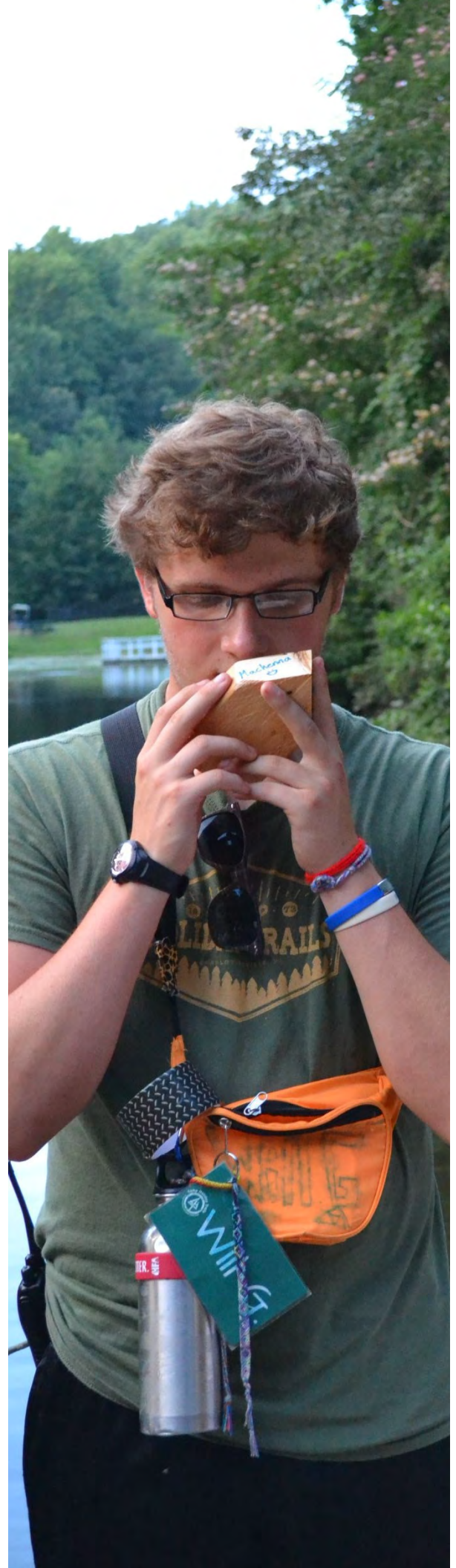
To learn more about volunteering, contact Megan Schowengerdt at megan@vahemophilia.org.

COMMUNITY

I am 19 years old and live with hemophilia A. I was born into a family that is all too familiar with the struggles that surround someone living with hemophilia and from a young age I was exposed to the amazing opportunities that were brought to me through the bleeding disorders community. At the age of eight I remember my mother explaining to me that I would be leaving the house for a week to go to Camp Youngblood. I didn't really understand what was going to happen, but I was very excited!

In July of 2007, we set off to Charlottesville, only a two-hour drive from my hometown but it felt like an eternity. After driving down the rough dirt roads and passing through the 'welcome arch' we arrived at Camp Holiday Trails. The counselors welcomed me right away. I felt comfortable in a completely new place. The staff that year introduced me to my fellow campers who are now some of my closest friends. A lot of my memories from the time I spent at Camp Youngblood are from this first year. We were brought together not to listen to a presentation or be told about the newest product but to just be kids. I attended Camp Youngblood from 2007 to 2016. A decade's worth of memories made at my favorite place - I knew that I was not ready to leave just yet.

After I aged out, I applied to volunteer for the summer of 2017. I wanted to help the week of Camp Youngblood and then say my final goodbyes. My original plans changed drastically when I was offered a position as a counselor. This was an opportunity that I and many of my fellow campers had dreamed of so of course I jumped right into it. I worked with the younger kids that I had grown up with and I saw new faces introduced to this awesome thing called camp and I could see how it was making a difference. Being a camper was great but being a counselor gave me a whole new perspective on the impact that camp can have. That summer was a humbling experience that steered me in a positive direction and encouraged me to work within my community. I am incredibly grateful to VHF for creating Camp Youngblood. ~ Will George



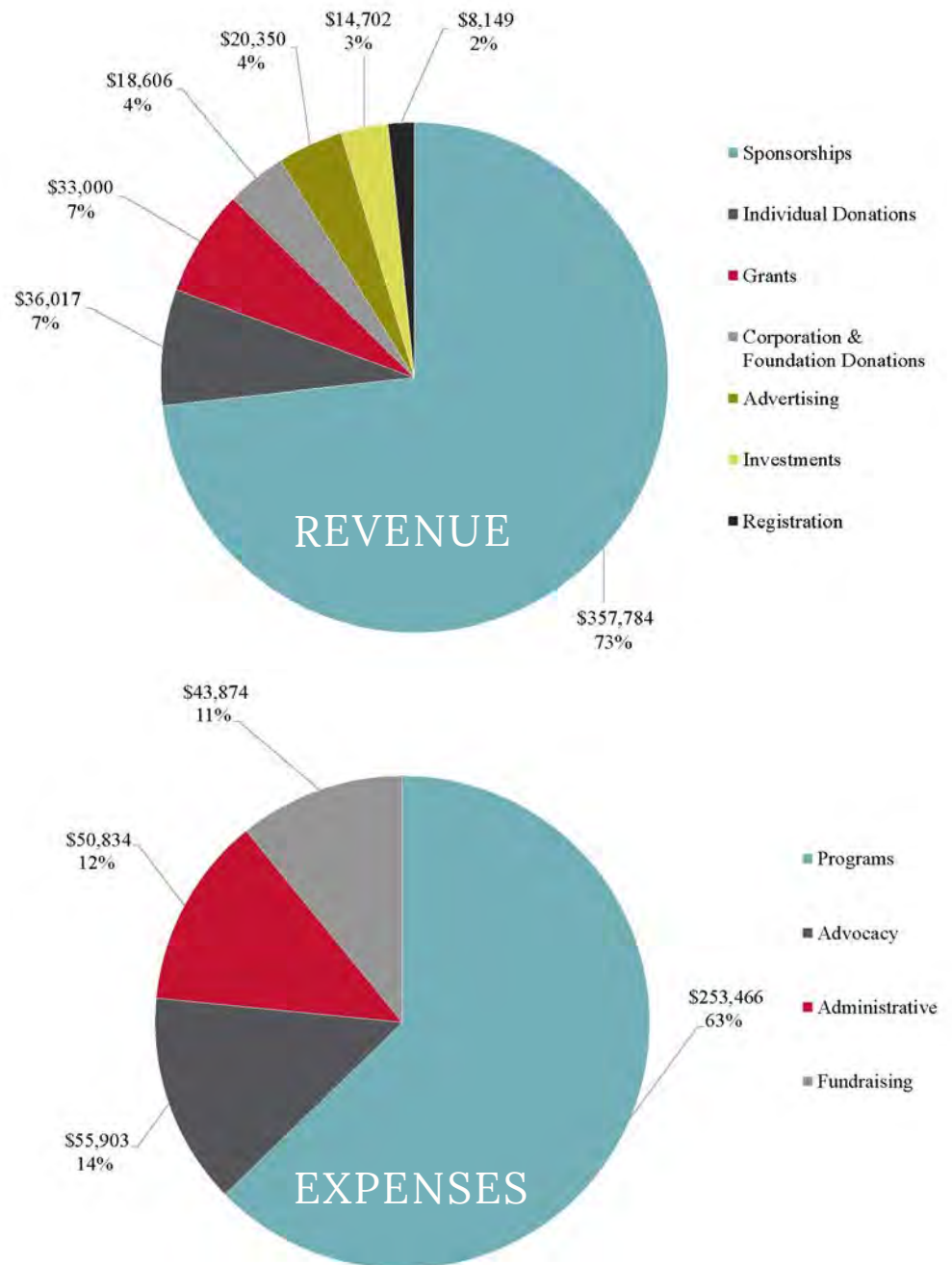
WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Bleeding disorders are a group of inherited conditions, which lead to a problem with the body's blood clotting process. Currently, there is no cure. Effective treatments are available, but they may require lifelong infusions of expensive drugs. Costs for an individual with severe hemophilia can be over \$200,000 per year.

Although inherited bleeding disorders can lead to chronic health problems, people can live a long, healthy life if the disorder is managed properly. This is why VHF is dedicated to serving the needs of the bleeding disorder community through educational programs, timely newsletters, and year-round advocacy efforts.

There are 286 patients enrolled in the Virginia Bleeding Disorders Program that live within the Central, Roanoke, Southwest, Hampton Roads, and Blue Ridge region (all territories served by VHF).

In FY 2017-2018, VHF served approximately 165 households and offered 33 events with a total attendance of 1,584 people. Events ranged in size from intimate retreats with 10 people all the way up to a family weekend with 239 attendees!



From Audited Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2018



77 cents of every dollar spent goes toward serving the inherited bleeding disorders community!

ADVOCACY

Our family is originally from Ohio, where we were members of the Northern Ohio Hemophilia Foundation. When we moved a few years ago, I knew it was vital to Cody's healthcare to find support in Virginia with VHF. Cody turned twelve in November and his health issues are lifelong. We will need the resources and support the foundation provides throughout his lifespan.

After the 2016 election, we felt at risk (and still are) of losing specialized healthcare for Cody. VHF empowered us to speak out to protect our healthcare. I believe that is when the spark for advocacy started in me. I felt compelled to do something, and joined the advocacy committee and attended VHF's Richmond Days and the National Hemophilia Foundation's (NHF) Washington Days. There are many new members beginning their journey with hemophilia, and with the country's evolving healthcare system, volunteering with the advocacy committee is one way to show support.

The best aspect of being part of Richmond Days and Washington Days was including our children in our advocacy efforts. I was reminded that our representatives work for us, and it was important to show our kids how to talk to their representatives if there is an issue that is important to them. Often, I had challenging views from my representatives, which made me feel less empowered. I was encouraged, however, to continue to stand up for what I believe in and what I was fighting for, no matter who the battle was with.

It's important for members of the bleeding disorders community to educate themselves on healthcare issues with help from organizations like VHF, NHF and Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA). Community members can be involved by attending legislative days, and reaching out to their local representatives. Calling or emailing your legislator is not difficult—losing your healthcare would be. This may sound simple, but just being involved with something bigger than myself has been meaningful to me. VHF gave our family a platform to speak up for Cody and we are so grateful! ~ Krista Davidson



CONTRIBUTIONS

Listed below are individuals who have made a financial contribution from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. VHF is so grateful to you all. If we inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name, please accept our most sincere apologies.

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Community Health Charities

Through CHC-VA, VHF participates in workplace campaigns throughout the Commonwealth. VHF has been approved to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign (CVC). The campaign will run through January 3, 2019. To donate to VHF with the state employee campaign (Local Government and Schools United Way) direct your donation to #06043.

Thank you to the following individuals who pledged support through the 2016-2017 statewide CHC Campaign:

Eileen Bunn
Jarrod Cady
Kelly Cartwright
Colleen Druzgal
Deborah Estienne
William Halverson
Wendy Jones
Kamala Lannetti

EDUCATION

I started attending VHF events when I was very young! It helped me meet and spend time with other kids my age with bleeding disorders like me. The first event I can remember attending was “Sleeping with the Fish” at the Virginia Beach Aquarium. My family and I spent the night at the aquarium, which was super cool for a kid my age, and my parents got to mix and mingle with other parents with kids with bleeding disorders. This was the first time we got to see first-hand how much VHF does for the community of people with bleeding disorders.

My all-time favorite program would have to be the Terry Lamb Batter Up Community Event with the Norfolk Tides and meeting the MLB players. VHF has given me and my family so many opportunities to meet great, courageous, strong people with bleeding disorders. These people and their accomplishments have encouraged and inspired me to be the best I can be with my bleeding disorder.

I am currently a sophomore at Thomas Nelson Community College and I play baseball for them as their catcher. I played baseball and attended Danville Community College (DCC) my freshman year and moved schools due to the baseball program disbanding at DCC. I have applied to many scholarships over the past 2 years and have been fortunate to get several, but this was my first hemophilia one. I would say I am most proud of this one because I know there were many applicants to choose from and you chose me! I am eternally grateful for VHF and their support and contribution to my education.

My plan for the future is to graduate with a Criminal Justice degree in January of 2020, then apply to the Virginia State Police Academy. I hope to work in the Suffolk, Newport News or Hampton area after completing the academy. ~ Chase Gardner

VHF offers many scholarship opportunities for members of the bleeding disorders community. A complete list and description of offerings is available on the VHF website, www.vahemophilia.org, under the services tab.



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Angela Mott Photography
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Chandler Chicco Agency LLC
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United Way of Greater Atlanta
United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg
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Make a monthly gift and be part of a special group of people who are committed to VHF's future by giving hope every day to those living with bleeding disorders. Your support will make a big impact with our families! To learn more, contact Megan Schowengerdt at megan@vahemophilia.org.

Thank you to our 2018 inaugural members:

Jeff & Christine Krecek
Barbara Wheatley



Join our Legacy Society by remembering VHF in your estate plan or will and directly impact the lives of people living with inherited bleeding disorders. You will also touch the lives of those who might someday be affected – your special gift to us will last forever. For more information call 804-740-8643 or email info@vahemophilia.org.



2019 CALENDAR

Please note that this calendar is not complete. Event dates and details are subject to change.

January

- 20th – 21st – Advocacy Training and Richmond Days (Richmond)

February

- 9th – 10th – Women's Retreat (Virginia Beach) **NEW THIS YEAR!**

March Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

- 9th – Medical Symposium (Richmond) **NEW THIS YEAR!**
- 10th – Community Event (Richmond)
- 27th – 29th – NHF Washington Days (Washington, D.C.)

April

- 4th – 6th – HFA Symposium (San Diego, CA)
- **14th – "Red Tie Soiree" Spring Fundraiser and Silent Auction (Richmond)**
- 17th – World Hemophilia Day | Educational Dinner (Richmond)
- 26th – 28th – Family Camp (Camp Holiday Trails - Charlottesville)
- 30th – Camp Youngblood Online Application Due

May

- 1st – Lyman Fisher & NHF Bleeding Disorders Conference Scholarship Applications Due
- TBD – First Step Program for New Families (TBD)

June

- 21st – 22nd – Annual Education Meeting (Natural Bridge)
- 23rd – Community Event (Natural Bridge)

July

- 7th – 12th – Camp Youngblood (Camp Holiday Trails - Charlottesville)

August

- 3rd – 4th – Young Adult Retreat (TBD) **NEW THIS YEAR!**

September

- 14th – 15th – Community Retreat Weekend and Unite Walk Pep Rally (TBD)

October

- 3rd – 5th – NHF Bleeding Disorders Conference (Anaheim, CA)
- 11th – 13th – Teen Retreat (Camp Holiday Trails - Charlottesville)
- **20th – Unite for Bleeding Disorders Walk (Midlothian)**

November

- 9th – 10th – Men's Retreat (TBD) **NEW THIS YEAR!**

December

- 7th – Winter Gatherings (Charlottesville, Norfolk, Richmond)



THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOUR SUPPORT
IN FISCAL YEAR
2017 - 2018.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE YOU IN 2019!

