



The Catalyst

September 2026

Development Opportunities



FREE Opportunities for All Nonprofit Organizations in Our Region

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation and Mightycause are pleased to offer **free** development opportunities for all of our region's nonprofit leaders!

At **2:00 PM on September 1**, Mightycause is hosting a live webinar where they will provide a demo of the exciting **free** advanced fundraising and donor management tools your organization now has access to (year-round!) on Give Local Piedmont. From embedded donation forms to Contacts (a built-in CRM tool) there's lots to explore, all at no charge to your organization. Bring your questions and learn how you can make the most of these tools.

Mightycause Webinar

GLP Strategy Sessions

NPCF is kicking off **GLP Strategy**- a series of opportunities designed to help enhance the Giving Day experience and use the energy, excitement, and visibility of Give Local Piedmont as a springboard to year-round funding strategy. Topics include using Give Local Piedmont data to plan for next year, using social media to engage the public, strategy, matching grants, and more!

Using GLP Data to Plan Your Next Steps

September 21, 2:00 PM

The Fauquier Room, 2nd Floor of the PATH Building 321 Walker Drive, Warrenton

Learn tips for navigating the Mightycause platform, use reports to learn about Giving Day and donor trends, and develop a strategy for next year.

You'll also have an opportunity to explore new Mightycause advanced tools that can be used year-round!

September Registration

Using Social Media to Tell Your Story

October 27, 2:00 PM (Updated date!)

The Fauquier Room, 2nd Floor of the PATH Building 321

Walker Drive, Warrenton

Presented by Cody Banks of Banks Marketing and Design in Culpeper

Engage the public by utilizing social media to tell your organization's story. Learn best practices, effective social media strategies, and how to adjust for organization capacity.

October Registration

GLP Timeline and Strategy

November 17, 2:00 PM

The Fauquier Room, 2nd Floor of the PATH Building 321

Walker Drive, Warrenton

Learn the important dates for Give Local Piedmont and receive a timeline for running an effective campaign. You'll also learn how to utilize prizes, matches, and business partnerships to form a strategy that matches your organization's capacity.

November Registration

Coming up in 2027, watch your email for details...

January- Build Your GLP Team: Mobilize Your Board and Volunteers

February- Matching Grants

March- Business Partnerships

April- Gratitude

Contact Tammy Buckalew with questions.

Tammy Buckalew

Youth in Philanthropy



Youth in Philanthropy 2026 Applications Due September 11

Applications for Youth in Philanthropy 2026 are due by **5:00 PM on Friday, September 11.**

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock counties are invited to apply. Students in public school, private school, and homeschool settings are welcome!

Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) is a youth leadership program that gives area teens hands-on experience with philanthropic giving. Students receive guidance, mentorship, and money to support a local nonprofit organization following a grant evaluation process. The YIP program challenges participants to demonstrate leadership, solve problems, study proposals, manage budgets, work collaboratively, and present their views to an audience of peers and adults.

Please share the application link with any eligible youth in your organization.



Upcoming Grants



Culpeper and Lykes Grants

The Culpeper Foundation Fund Grant

Window: **August 28-September 18, 2026**

The Culpeper Foundation Fund Grants provide funding to strengthen the fabric of the Culpeper County community and are open to organizations that serve its residents.

Richard Lykes Community Fund Grant (Rappahannock County)

Window: **October 7- October 30, 2026**

The Richard Lykes Rappahannock Community Fund Grants provide funding to strengthen the fabric of the Rappahannock County community and are open to organizations that serve its residents.



Please ensure all contact information is current to prevent delays in grant notifications and fund disbursement.

All organizations are strongly encouraged to speak with NPCF staff prior to submitting a grant application.

Culpeper Grant

Lykes Grant

General Grant Guidelines

Nonprofit Spotlight



It was a great day for a picnic when NPCF staff had the opportunity to visit with the SPARK summer camp at their celebration picnic. SPARK (Summer Program for Adventure, Recreation, and Knowledge) is a partnership between **Headwaters** and Rappahannock County Public Schools that offers students in grades K-7 full-time programming for two months during the summer. SPARK provides students with an immersion in academic enrichment activities, workshops, swimming, and much more!





Nonprofit Spotlight



NPCF staff visited **The Chapman-Beverley Mill Historic Site** to learn more about the on-going restoration on the pre-Revolutionary mill. At five and a half stories, the mill is the tallest stacked stone structure in the United States.

Established as a grist mill, the Chapman-Beverley Mill ground cornmeal and flour for American troops during seven wars: The French and Indian, the Revolutionary, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II by the time operations ended in 1946.

Work now is focused on stabilizing and restoring the mill following a devastating fire in 1998 while working to mitigate vibration damage caused by the mill's proximity to I-66 and the railroad.





Nonprofit Spotlight



BLUE RIDGE CENTER
FOR MUSIC
— & CREATIVE ARTS —

NPCF staff had an opportunity to see a program in action this month. The **Blue Ridge Center for Music & Creative Arts** in Madison hosted a Creative Music experience, a week-long opportunity for students to develop their musical performance and planning skills. Students in the Creative Music experience work with professional musicians to develop their skills and to learn about working in the music industry culminating in a performance the students plan and perform. This program provides promising young musicians with the training, knowledge, mentorship, and connections they need to pursue coveted positions in conservatories and prestigious music programs, or to pursue careers in the music industry.

In addition to the music programs, Blue Ridge Center for Music & Creative Arts also provides a visual arts program for promising students, and provides facilities, programs, and supporting services for professional musicians and other artists.



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Impact Stories



We want to highlight the important work our nonprofit organizations are doing in our community. If you have programs, events, or news you want to share with the NPCF community in the next newsletter reach out to Tammy Buckalew by the 20th of each month.

Tammy Buckalew

Thank you!

Thank you to our community partners!



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