



Representatives of several local organizations recently gathered for the annual distribution of funds by The Mason and Lula Cole Charitable Trust.

## Area organizations benefit from Cole Foundation distribution

The Mason and Lula Cole Charitable Trust recently made awards to 34 community organizations.

Contributions totaled \$240,000, reported Matthew Suttmiller, Chesapeake Bank director of marketing and assistant vice president.

Lula and Mason Cole, who enjoyed successful careers and were dedicated to the community, established this foundation by setting up trusts during their lifetime that would pass to a Charitable Foundation at

their death. Their desire and intent was to continue with their philanthropic mission for this community for many years to come.

Chesapeake Wealth Management, working with the Coles' attorney, Ray Britt, Esquire, helped Lula and Mason Cole through this planning process to ensure their goals would be reached. By establishing this Charitable Trust, the Cole family was able to save a significant amount of money in taxes. This money, in turn,

is being used to benefit agencies in our local community.

Through the following beneficiary organizations, the Coles' legacy will live on in the support for their community: Animal Welfare League, The Bay Center, Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of The Northern Neck, Camp Kekoka YMCA, Chesapeake Academy, Dream Fields, **Garfield's Rescue Inc.**, Hampden-Sydney College, The Haven, Healthy Harvest

Food Bank and Lancaster Community Library.

Also, Lancaster County Virginia Education Foundation, Lancaster Virginia Historical Society, Lancaster Players, Legal Aid Works, The Link, Northern Neck Family YMCA, Northern Neck Land Conservancy, Northern Neck Orchestra, Northern Neck Partners for Pets Shelter and Adoption Center, Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron, Northern

and Preservation Northern Neck.

Also, Rappahannock Art League, Rappahannock Concert Association, Rappahannock Foundation For The Arts, Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Foundation Inc., Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury Scholarship Fund, Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Shirley Perkins Memorial Fund for Animals, Smith Point Sea Rescue, Steamboat Era Museum and the Westmoreland Players.