



**Guil Ware**  
**Honored for Service**

Guilford D. Ware is in his 58th year of practicing law in Norfolk. His firm Crenshaw Ware & Martin is the successor to the law practice where he began his career in 1952 after graduating from the University of Virginia Law School. Back then the Essex County native occasionally ended up on the other side of the courtroom from Barron F. Black, one of the most esteemed attorneys in Norfolk. The two had a collegial relationship, and Ware was pleased to call Black “a friend and a neighbor.”

In November Ware was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Barron F. Black Community Builder Award. The Hampton Roads Community Foundation presents the award annually to a professional advisor who exemplifies the role Black played in improving his community. Black was a founder and first board chair of The Norfolk Foundation, which is now the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. He led the Foundation from its start in 1950 until his death in 1974 and also worked to create libraries, save historic houses and enhance the arts in Hampton Roads.

Like Black before him, Ware is a seasoned attorney held in high esteem by his colleagues. His areas of expertise range from maritime law to estate planning. Ware is also a retired lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and a past president of the

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association and the YMCA of South Hampton Roads. As a volunteer Ware has helped create foundations and endowments for organizations as diverse as the Virginia Symphony and the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association.

In the 1980s Ware traveled to Germany to secure family assets for his client, composer F. Ludwig Diehn, who settled in Norfolk during World War II. In 1987 those reclaimed assets helped start the F. Ludwig Diehn Fund at the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. Ware currently serves as an advisor to the fund, which has helped create a music library at Old Dominion University, provide scholarships for music students at various universities and fund a classical music concert series at ODU.

Like Barron F. Black before him, Ware has his own charitable fund at the

Hampton Roads Community Foundation. Through their generosity both men will be remembered forever for their commitment to enhancing life in their community.

Ware’s award included a \$5,000 grant made to the charity of his choice – the YMCA of South Hampton Roads.

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**Funds started by our generous donors help our community in three main ways:**

- Grants to nonprofit organizations working in Hampton Roads
- College scholarships for students
- Supporting regional initiatives

**Since 1950 our two predecessor foundations have provided more than \$140 million in grants and scholarships** – more than \$14 million in 2009. We are Hampton Roads’ largest grant and scholarship provider.

**We typically award grants four times a year** in specific program areas. Scholarships are awarded annually to students primarily from Hampton Roads.

**Grant information is posted at [www.hamptonroadscf.org/nonprofits](http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/nonprofits).** Representatives of nonprofits can stay up-to-date with grant opportunities by signing up on our website for

our monthly e-newsletter, Grant Seekers Gazette. We also hold a monthly drop-in day for nonprofits to meet one-on-one with a program officer. Dates are on our website.

**Scholarship information is posted at [www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships](http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships).**

We accept scholarship applications annually starting December 1 for the following academic year. Completed applications are typically due March 1. Details, deadlines, applications and other helpful information for students are available online.

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At the Hampton Roads Community Foundation it's easy to become a philanthropist even without vast amounts of wealth. Our donors include teachers, attorneys, physicians, business leaders, a seamstress, a composer, an inventor and a grocery buyer.

Some people give during their lifetimes; others arrange for a future gift through bequests from their wills, trusts or retirement accounts. All of our donors are generous people whose gifts make a difference today and for generations to come.

We welcome gifts of all sizes to existing funds, including our family of Community Funds, which support a variety of grants and scholarships. With a gift of \$25,000 or more, you can create your own permanent, named fund.

## Your gift can help others forever by:

- Providing grants to nonprofits that are special to you
- Helping students attend college with help from your scholarship fund
- Providing grants for regional initiatives or areas of concern such as the arts or human services

## Why Donate Through Us?

**As a regional community foundation, we can offer you:**

**Flexibility** – You can choose from six different fund types that provide grants to nonprofits or scholarships for students.

**Simplicity** – You can create unique charitable funds, usually in 24 hours or less with a simple agreement. You can start a fund now or arrange for a future gift through your estate plans.

**Efficiency** – We professionally administer nearly 400 funds according to donors' wishes. Your gift is invested in a master investment pool, achieving economies of scale in custodial and investment fees.

**Benefits** – Besides the satisfaction of being philanthropic, you receive maximum tax benefits and can donate a variety of assets, including securities, real estate and business interests.

**Community Focus** – We can connect you with nonprofits working in areas you care about the most.

**Permanence** – Your gift lasts forever as we carry out your charitable intentions. Through our permanent funds, we are committed to benefiting our community today and forever.

## Choosing a Giving Plan

We can help you decide which type of permanent fund work best for you and your charitable goals:

**Unrestricted Funds** let you provide grants to nonprofits to address changing community needs. These funds come with no strings attached so we can award strategic grants now and in the future.

**Field of Interest Funds** let you address areas such as arts and culture, education, the environment, health or human services. Your fund will enable our board to award grants to help organizations working in the chosen interest areas.

**Donor Advised Funds** let committees of up to two generations of family recommend grants. Our staff can provide information on nonprofits and community needs. These funds can simplify charitable giving and are an alternative to private foundations.

**Scholarship Funds** help students with financial resources for education. As a donor you establish the criteria for the scholarship. Our staff publicizes the scholarship, handles the application and selection process and pays the scholarship to the student's school.

**Designated Funds** let you select specific nonprofits to receive annual grants. If an organization ceases to exist, we ensure that your intent is met by helping a similar organization.

**Organizational Funds** are established by nonprofit organizations to generate funds for their own uses through annual grants.

## Starting a Fund

With a gift of \$25,000 or more you can establish a permanent, named fund during your lifetime. You also can arrange for a future fund through a bequest in your will, trust or retirement plan. To learn more please contact Nan C. Edgerton at (757) 622-7951 or nedgerton@hamptonroadscf.org.

You can make a gift of any size to an existing fund or to one of our Community Funds, which address a variety of interest areas ranging from scholarships to the arts and human services.

More information on charitable giving is available at [www.hamptonroadscf.org](http://www.hamptonroadscf.org)

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