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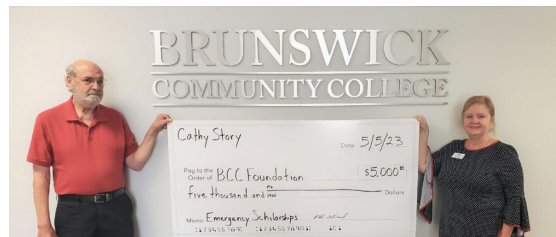
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When Emergency Strikes



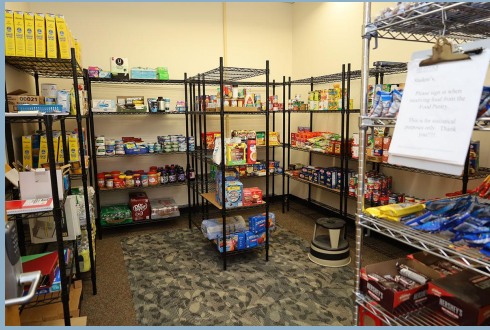
This month we share a remarkable story of philanthropy that exemplifies the profound impact one individual can make in the lives of students facing unexpected hardships. We are pleased to introduce Mr. Philip Fravel, a first-time donor who generously donated \$5,000 to The Foundation of Brunswick Community College for Emergency Scholarships. Mr. Fravel made this heartfelt contribution in memory of his late wife, Cathy Story, a dedicated middle school educator in North Carolina for over three decades.

Cathy Story was an extraordinary individual who devoted her life to nurturing young minds and empowering children to reach their full potential. Recognizing the many unexpected challenges students face, Mr. Fravel honored his wife by supporting those who need extra help when emergencies strike.

"Needing extra money for a sudden medical expense, gas, textbooks, exam fees, an overdue bill, and even to put food on the table can often derail our students and entire families," said Teresa Nelson, Executive Director of The Foundation of BCC. "At BCC, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to thrive academically, regardless of the challenges that life may throw their way. The Foundation created Emergency Scholarships for this reason. We thank Mr. Fravel for his thoughtfulness and generosity."

Nelson explained that the Foundation closely manages all Emergency Scholarship payments. "Rather than dispensing cash, we pay bills directly to vendors," said Nelson. "Even if it means going with a student to fill a gas tank or purchase a book, we work with them every step of the way to ensure they have what they need to get back on track."

As we celebrate Cathy Story's legacy, we invite others to follow in Mr. Fravel's footsteps. No gift is too small. With your help, we can expand the reach of our Emergency Scholarship program, ensuring that students always have what they need to succeed.



How to Help

While it all too often goes unnoticed, one of the most costly unexpected hardships is being without enough funds for food. For that reason, BCC established a food pantry open to students. Whether it's a snack, dinner, or a week's worth of meals, the pantry is available to those who need it.



Housed on the first floor of Building A on the main campus, the food pantry offers ready-to-eat and non-perishable items, as well as feminine hygiene products and basic toiletries.



The Food Pantry does not require any documentation of need. It operates on the honor system. Shoppers will be asked to sign in upon entering in an effort to continually improve our offerings.

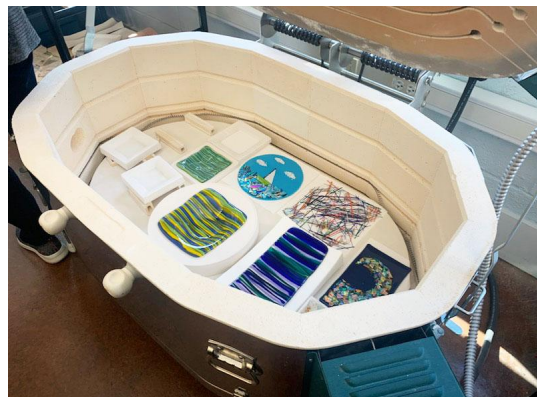
Keeping the pantry stocked is no easy task. BCC is grateful to organizations like [PORCH](#) that help but always needs donations of food or funds. If you'd like to help, contact Student Activities and Event Coordinator Brooke Goff at (910) 755-7366.

Donor Spotlight

Meet Allison Fox



Teresa Nelson, Donor and Southport Center student Allison Fox, BCC President Gene Smith.



Samples of glass art created by students at BCC's Southport Center for Heritage Arts

If you've visited Brunswick Community College's Southport Center for Heritage Arts, you know it is a treasure trove of creativity, talent, and opportunity. Instructors and students spend countless hours working with clay, glass, wood, metal, and more, channeling their energy into priceless works of art. For some, their art is a source of income. For others, it is therapeutic. Still, others love learning something new and having fun with friends old and new. For Allison Fox, it is an opportunity to give back.

Southport Center student Allison Fox, a newcomer to the area, found her passion in working with glass. Having already shared her time and talent, Fox decided to make a gift that would fully renovate and add new equipment to what was dedicated recently as the Allison Fox Glass Studio. The Foundation of BCC Executive Director Teresa Nelson, joined by BCC President Gene Smith and Vice President Continuing Education Economic & Workforce Development Greg Bland, unveiled a new sign in honor of Fox.

"Allison is genuinely lovely," said Southport Center Director Barbara McFall. "She fell in love with what she saw here and gave generously to help ensure that others could enjoy it too. We are thrilled to have Allison with us and will be forever grateful to her."

The Foundation of BCC Executive Director Nelson echoed McFall's sentiment. "I continue to be humbled by the generosity of the many individuals, families, and organizations that give of themselves to support our students and college," she said. "Thanks to Ms. Fox, Southport Center has more to offer local artisans than ever before. What a wonderful way to fuel your passion for art."

If you share a passion for art, please visit brunswickcc.edu for a complete list of summer

courses, including those on mosaics and fused and stained glass held in the Allison Fox Glass Studio. Summer courses begin May 25. To learn more about The Foundation at BCC and how you can help further our college's mission of helping every student succeed, contact Teresa Nelson at nelsont@brunswickcc.edu or (910) 755-6530.



Foundation Fact

Membership to the Brunswick Community College Alumni Association is free of charge and activated upon graduation. Contact Craig Doshier to learn more about how you can get involved.

GIVE BACK NOW

Foundation Photos

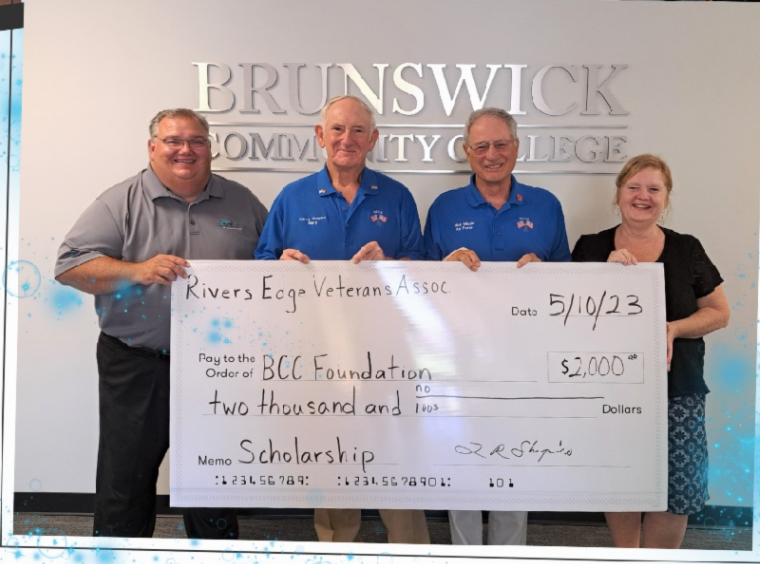


Photo Captions

Top left: Members of the Southport Presbyterian Church present a \$5,000 check for two student scholarships to BCC President Gene Smith (far left) and Teresa Nelson (far right). Others (l to r) include SPC Mission Ministry Chair Bob Lambert, SPC Associate Pastor Rev. Joanna Hipp, SPC members Julia Hill and Jane Henderson.

Top right: The South Brunswick Islands Rotary Foundation donated \$2,500 to the Dr. Joseph A. Gore Scholarship Fund. This gift was presented during a recent club meeting at the Douglas Terhune Center for Culinary Arts at BCC. Pictured (l to r) South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club President Timothy Daniels, Teresa Nelson, Club Service Chair Mike Hebert, and BCC President Dr. Gene Smith.

Center left: Thank you, Brown's Outdoor for your gift in support of student scholarships at BCC!

Center right: Thanks to your support, the 444 bright men and women of the Class of 2023 earned a total of 587 degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Bottom: Members of the Rivers Edge Veterans Association presented the foundation with \$2,000 for student veterans or family members of veterans. Pictured with BCC President Gene Smith (far left) and Teresa Nelson (far right) include Association members Larry Shapiro and Nick Micale.

The Foundation of Brunswick Community College's Mission is to raise funds on behalf of the College, which assures open access to higher education for all prospective students and enhances the campus community by supporting the identified needs of the College.

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