

# CenDel Foundation

2024 Annual Report



## A Message From the President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The CenDel Foundation has distributed over \$100,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations working tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Kent County residents over the past year. Each dollar granted has played a critical role in providing vital assistance to individuals and families facing challenges in our community. Our focus this past year has been on creating measurable impact and expanding our charitable footprint through three key initiatives: fundholder relations, enhancing our visibility in the community, and reinforcing our position as a nonprofit resource in Kent County.

The Community Impact Initiative has been central to our mission, helping to increase visibility and support community-driven projects that address the unique needs of vulnerable populations. By focusing on the homelessness crisis, food insecurity, and access to affordable housing, we've positioned ourselves at the forefront of making a meaningful difference in the lives of those most affected. The resurgence of the Kent County Nonprofit Forum allowed us to engage directly with our community partners, sharing insights into the challenges nonprofits face — particularly the gap between critical needs and limited resources. Many of Kent County's nonprofits are small or volunteer-based, and the Forum provided an opportunity to build relationships, share resources, and access the educational tools necessary to strengthen their programs. Collaborating with partners like the Chamber of Commerce, DANA, Spur Impact, Discover Bank, Philanthropy Delaware, and the Delaware Community Foundation, we delivered content that made a lasting impact on attendees.

Additionally, we've continued to support the tenants in our Cendel Community Building by reducing their operating costs by 50 percent. This reduction enables them to reinvest those savings into their missions, allowing them to expand vital programs that serve so many in our community. Looking back on the year, the success of the Cendel Foundation underscores the critical need for continued support, which will allow us to amplify our efforts and drive even greater change in Kent County. We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our fundholders, donors, and community partners. We invite you to join us in making an even greater impact in 2025!



*Tammy Ordway*  
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President, CenDel Foundation

# Who We Are

## Our Mission:

The CenDel Foundation's mission is to increase philanthropic giving and action in Central Delaware.

## Vision Statement:

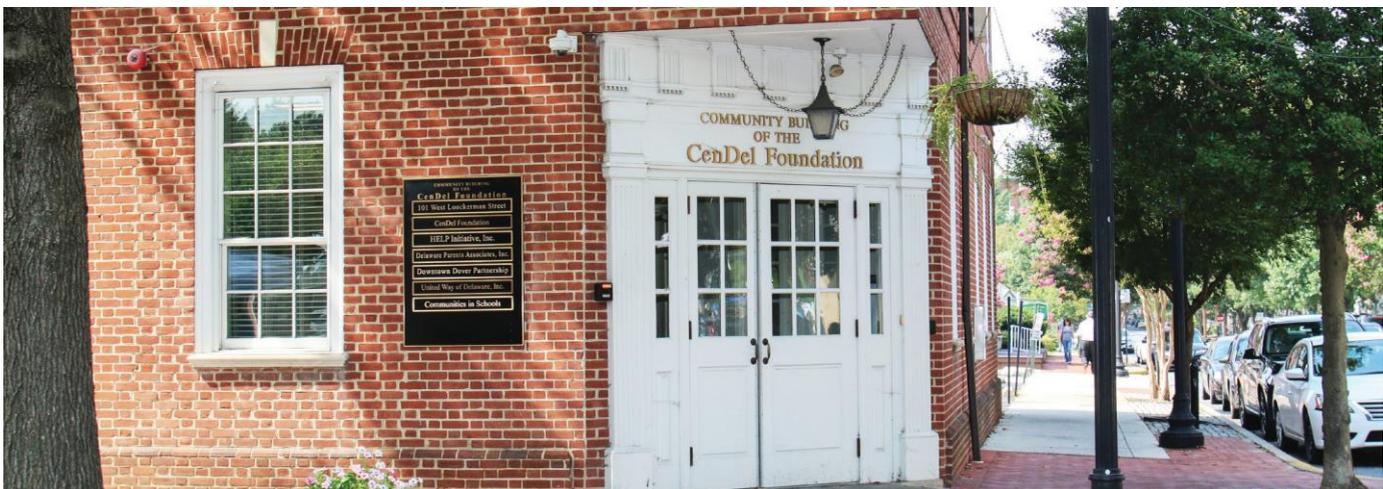
CenDel positively transforms lives by supporting charitable passions.

## Who Are We:

The CenDel Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to providing resources, education, and empowerment to underserved communities. We support charitable nonprofit organizations in addressing critical needs in our communities and beyond.

## What We Do:

- Foster collaboration – We support partnerships that drive meaningful impact.
- Empower nonprofits through education – Providing learning opportunities to strengthen their mission.
- Link donor passions with community needs – Connecting generosity with real change.
- Offer a safe, equitable office space – A welcoming hub for nonprofit organizations. Current CenDel tenants include the Green Beret Project, Help Initiative Inc., Communities in Schools, Downtown Dover Partnership and the Delaware Parent's Association.
- Stand with our community in crisis – Providing support in times of need and uncertainty.



# CenDel' s Impact: 2023-2024

In 2024, the CenDel Foundation raised, granted, and distributed \$575,658 to drive meaningful, lasting change in our community.

## **CenDel Fundholders:**

- Distributed \$24,901 in support to 13 nonprofit organizations, benefiting 6,957 participants and preserving the arts through education, performances, and concerts, fostering creativity and cultural enrichment.
- Distributed \$16,000 to organizations, equipping 277 young adults with essential soft skills, work-study opportunities, and workforce training for future success.
- Distributed \$29,100 in scholarships, empowering 12 students to pursue their higher education dreams while also investing in early childhood education to support future leaders.
- Distributed \$21,600 in critical aid support to various nonprofit organizations, providing food assistance, shelter, and emergency assistance.
- Established seven new charitable funds totaling \$420,257, expanding our support for local causes and strengthening our community—boosting our donor base by 33%.

## **Nonprofit Engagement and Community Outreach:**

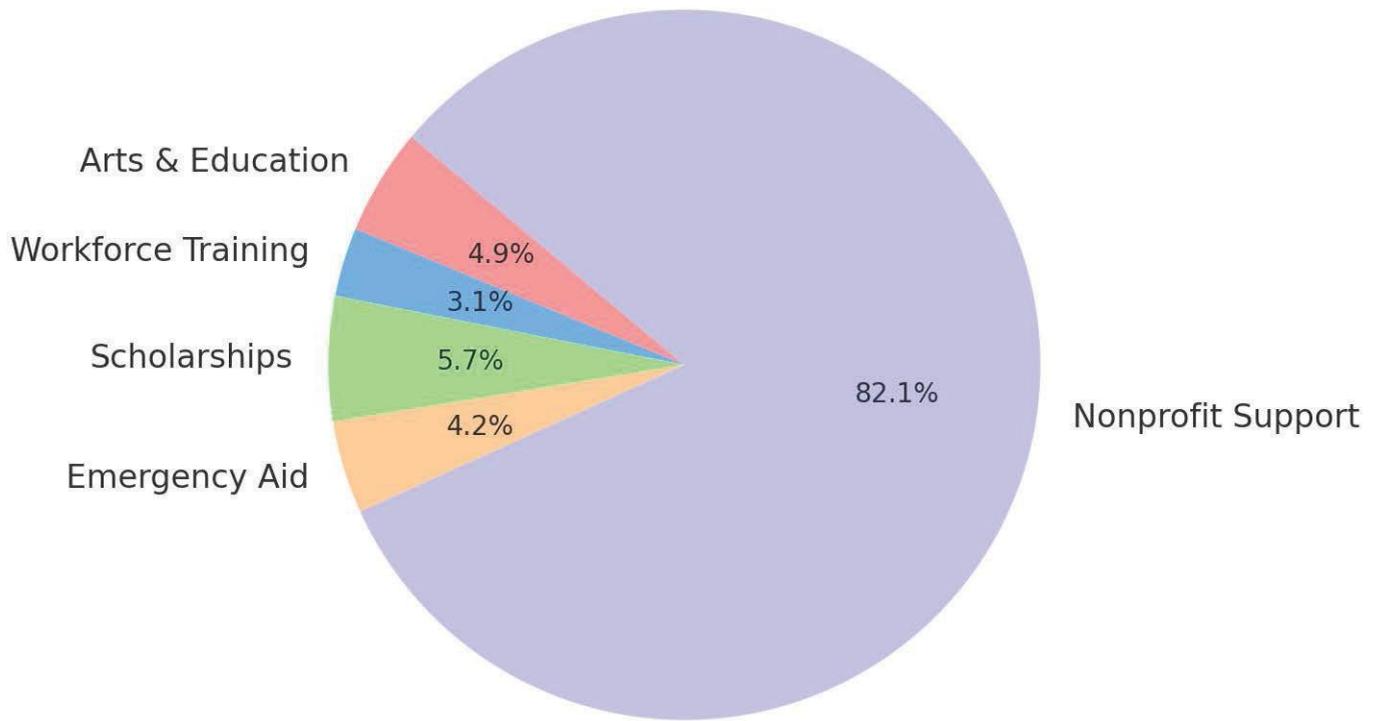
- Granted \$24,000 to community-driven projects tackling food insecurity, housing, homelessness, autism learning centers, Bikes4Kidz, holiday food drives, and health and wellness—bringing vital resources to those in need.
- We hosted monthly Nonprofit Forums, where 25-35 organizations collaborated, shared ideas, and accessed resources monthly. The forums featured dynamic speakers focusing on financial literacy, funding strategies, and storytelling, empowering nonprofits to thrive and maximize their impact.
- Funded \$4,800 to four Kent County organizations to participate in the Grant Writing Fellowship program with Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement (DANA), equipping smaller nonprofits with the tools and skills needed to secure funding and deliver critical aid to their communities.

## **CenDel Foundation Community Building:**

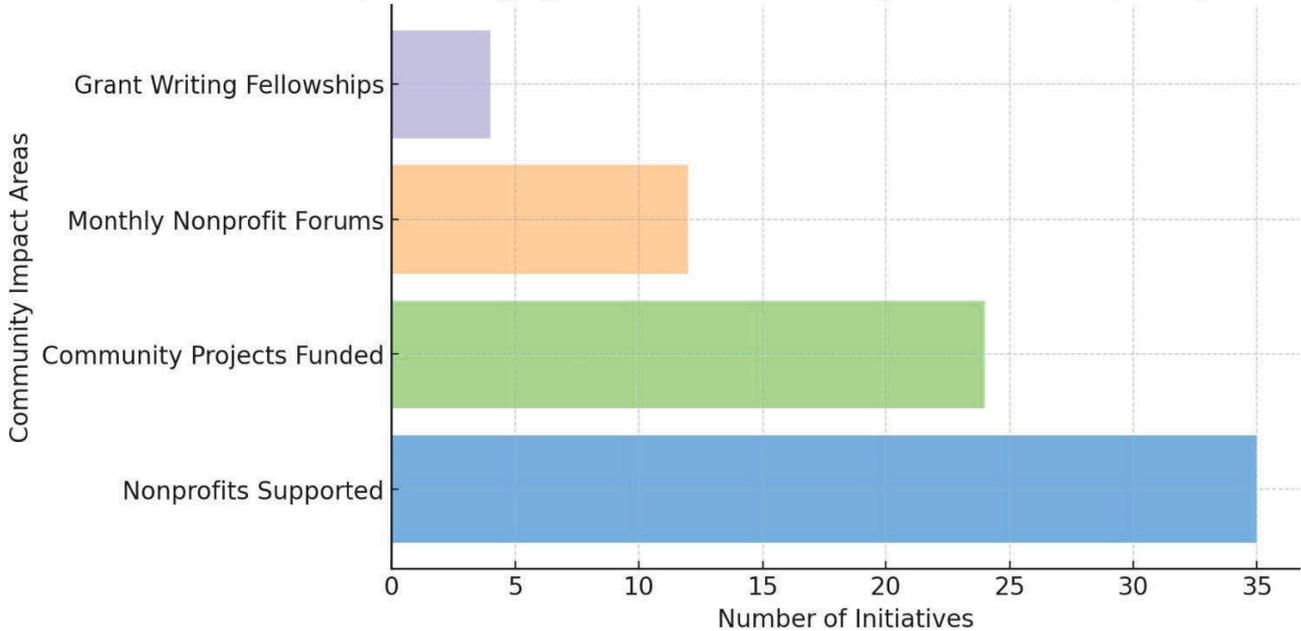
- Our community building has become the hub for collaboration in the heart of downtown Dover, where business meetings, grassroots operations, and planning sessions are held free of charge to drive community projects and amplify support.
- We continue to support our building tenants by covering all utilities, maintenance, cleaning, meeting space, and parking — an annual cost of \$35,000. That allows them to allocate more funds to their missions and amplify their philanthropic impact. The building is at full capacity with a waitlist of tenant occupancy.

# CenDel's Impact: 2023-2024

## Total Funds Raised & Distributed (2023-2024)



## Nonprofit Engagement & Community Outreach Impact (2023-2024)



## Meet Our Key Donors

Below are our March to 100 donors who have pledged a long-term commitment of \$5,000 to the Foundation, helping us expand our mission. Thanks to all who pledged their support!

Lisa & Jennings Hastings  
Gregory Moore  
Janet & David Clendaniel  
Lynn & Robert Edgell  
Betsy & Wayne Holden  
Peni & Melville Warren  
Angela & Robert MacLeish  
James & Kathleen Hawkins  
Theresa & Charles Sterner  
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Donna & LD Shank  
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Ali Stark & Frank Fantini  
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Rebecca & Scott Kidner  
Rosemary Twilley  
Okemah & Bill Strickland  
Elaine & Sherman Townsend  
Eugenia Thornton & Donovan Jagger  
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Carey & Michael Koppenhaver  
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Faw Casson  
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Christopher Smith  
Jennifer & Chris Cohan

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Terri & Scott Brown  
Bayhealth Medical Center  
Vicky & Abel Marquez  
Harrington Charitable  
Foundation  
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Angela & James Nartowicz  
Jim & Ann Stewart  
Judi Diogo & Eli Schrock  
Marilyn & Steven Smith  
Vicky & Jim Quirk  
Louisa Phillips

Donations through our March to 100 program are tax deductible. CenDel is a proud registered IRS 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## How to Get Involved

**Donate Financially** – When you support the CenDel Foundation, you help transform lives in underserved communities, empower our mission-driven tenants, provide critical resources, and strengthen nonprofits that rely on us to amplify their impact. Your generosity creates lasting change!

**Open a Charitable Fund** – Create a legacy of generosity by opening a charitable fund. Whether you are looking for short-term impact or long-term giving, we offer flexible options to fit your philanthropic goals at any stage. Be the change you want to see in the world!

**Donate Time & Service** – Volunteering is one of the most impactful ways to give back to your community. Share your talents and make a difference! Whether serving on a board, joining a committee, or helping at an event, your time and skills are truly needed. Join us in creating positive change!

**Attend or Sponsor a CenDel Event**- Taking part in a CenDel Event is a fantastic way to connect with new people, support a meaningful cause, and learn more about our Foundation. Join our mailing list for updates and more information!

For more information on supporting the CenDel Foundation, visit [www.cendelfoundation.org](http://www.cendelfoundation.org) or call our office at 302-724-7538.



*The annual Gourmet Dinner FUN'd drawing is CenDel's most important event of the year. Hosted by Joe and Tonda Parks, the event features a reception in one of the most spectacular gardens in Dover, where guests have a chance to win an incredible gourmet dining experience for eight.*

# Meet Our Team

## **CenDel Executive Committee:**

Tammy Ordway, CenDel President: Partner, Faw Casson

Courtney Duncan, CenDel Vice President: Vice President Connell Associates- Merrill Lynch

Rebecca Chance, CenDel Treasurer: Accountant-Honest Buck Accounting

Donise Cottman, CenDel Secretary: VP of Corporate Administration, Dover Federal Credit Union

Amy Strickland, CenDel Past-President: Professor, Delaware State University

Tenish Gregory, Director of Operations, CenDel Foundation

## **CenDel Board of Directors:**

Kathleen Hawkins, Senior Vice President, Hawkins & Associates-Merrill Lynch

Janie Libby- Retired, Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

Tonda Parks, Associate Publisher, Daily State News

Michael Rushe, Lawyer, Hudson, Jones, Jaywork & Fisher LLC

Tiffany Shipe, Asst. Vice President, Shore United Bank

Marilyn Smith-Executive Director, Dover Kent County MPO

Jeremy Tucker, Manager of Corporate Strategy & Engagement, Delaware Electric Cooperative

Doug Yorke, Senior Director-Marketing, Dover Motor Speedway

## **CenDel Foundation-Founding Members:**

Jennings Hastings, Retired, Partner- Faw Casson

Rebecca Kidner, Attorney, Rebecca Kidner, PA

David Clendaniel, Retired, CEO, Dover Federal Credit Union

Raymond Book, CEO, Book & Associates, CPA

From providing Christmas presents for local children, to supporting the addition of a sensory room for students in the CR School District, to hosting nonprofit forums, to supporting the arts in Kent County, to providing grants to nonprofits focused on workforce development, the CenDel Foundation worked hard in 2024 to improve the lives of those living in central Delaware!





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