



## WINDY HILL FOUNDATION SPRING 2022

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"Now that we are rebounding from COVID, Windy Hill is not able to just dream,  
we can look forward to enabling passions and actually doing those things that  
our families want."

Julie Coles, Volunteer Co-coordinator and member, Board of Directors, Windy Hill Foundation

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## **Windy Hill's New Resident Services Team is Ready For Action! Meet Our Newest Team Members**

Windy Hill started 2022 off on the right track. After an extensive search, a new Resident Services director, Lopa Shah, has hit the ground running! Lopa was drawn to Windy Hill's mission after a career managing low-income housing for WinnCompanies. She has several priorities in the coming months. Although the need for rental and other assistance continues, Lopa and her team are focused on resident outreach efforts and, after a Covid-forced hiatus, restarting an after school tutoring program for the students in all of Windy Hill's communities.

Assisting in Lopa's efforts are Cassie Hawkins, who is a familiar face to residents. Cassie's prior Windy Hill experience and relationships with our residents has been a great help to both Lopa and Kat Knoerl, who is new to the Windy Hill family. Kat's enthusiasm and past experience in the non-profit realm will be greatly appreciated as Windy Hill continues to connect residents to resources and develop new programming. Executive Director Bob Dale commented, "With the new team in place and the positive change in COVID restrictions, Windy Hill is ready to hit the ground running. I look forward to working with Lopa, Cassie, and Kat to come up with creative ways to improve both services and programming for our residents, young and old."

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*Windy Hill's kids are rewarded for their kindness and love*

## **A Visit to Middleburg Humane Foundation Brings Connection & Caring!**

Windy Hill board member Julie Coles recently introduced a group of young children from Washburn Place to their four-legged neighbors at Middleburg Humane Foundation in Marshall! While meeting the dogs, cats, horses, goat, and even a one-eared bunny, they learned more about all that Middleburg Humane does to care for homeless

animals. Julie is working to arrange monthly visits for the children to give them the opportunity to help out and learn more about their furry friends.



*Looks like everyone made a friend!*

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**BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUED GENEROSITY OF OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS, WINDY HILL FOUNDATION HAS CONTINUED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN NECESSARY WAYS, AS WELL AS RESPOND CREATIVELY TO CHANGING TIMES.**

*Your gift is foundational in Windy Hill's ability to address the housing, food, health, and other needs of those in our community. You are instrumental to Windy Hill's work.*

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Please support Windy Hill during [Give Choose](#) on Tuesday, March 29. Your gift will ensure that our neighbors are able to secure affordable housing and access needed programs and services. This year, we have a match from Windy Hill board member Amy Smith - meaning your donation will have twice the impact!

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## **EURA LEWIS**

### **Making a Difference in the Lives of Windy Hill's Children and Her Town**

Windy Hill's dear friend, the Honorable Eura Lee Hudgins Lewis, passed away earlier this year at the age of 92. A steadfast supporter of civil rights and venerable leader,

Eura was the first African American woman elected to the Middleburg Town Council in 1996. As a revered resident of Middleburg, the Town remembered Eura, "Her memory will forever live on through her family, friends and the many lives she touched as a selfless role model who embodied her Christian motto of 'may the life I live speak for me.'"



Eura Lewis, Family Development Committee Chairperson, helps several Llewellyn Village children apply for library cards at the Middleburg Library.

*Photo circa 1998*

### Meet: Eura Lewis

Eura Lewis has served on the Town Council of Middleburg for several years now, she taught elementary school in this area for more than 25 years, and she is both a mother and grandmother. But, her real secrets of success are prayer and volley ball.

When Eura first joined the Windy Hill Board in 1995, she and Sandy Shope met with all the mothers at Windy Hill to explore their family needs. What evolved from those meetings is the very active and successful Family Development Committee which Eura chairs.

"Those early meetings showed me that working with whole families made a difference not only in individual lives and families but in the life of the community as a whole," Eura said.

"But," she says, "that first meeting wasn't easy. The invitations went out, 100 percent of the residents came, but they were not comfortable answering personal questions. Their responses were mostly smiles or single words."

As she led that meeting, Eura prayed that she might find a way to gain the residents' friendship. And . . . the thought came, "Do you folks like to play volley ball?" The response was an immediate and resounding "yes!" As Eura recalls that moment her eyes shine, "the residents came alive!" "When can we play?" "Next week! Pick your captains, name your teams, we'll borrow some equipment." The following week those who couldn't play, brought refreshments and the very first Family Development Volley Ball Game down by the creek brought the group together. That day friendships were forged that endure today. Since the Family Development Program began, residents have become, self-supporting in the work place, registered voters, better students, visitors to the library, and active in the after-school and summer programs for children.

Eura Lewis sends her thanks to all those in the community who have helped so generously over the years whenever asked: Foxcroft, The Hill School, Notre Dame, Middleburg Elementary, the Aldie Schools, the Town of Middleburg, the Library, the Community Center, and The Middleburg Bank. All have been generous and helpful no matter what the project.



*From the Windy Hill Foundation newsletter Spring/Summer 2020 edition*

In addition to her work on the Council, Eura also gave generously of her time to Windy Hill. She served on the board of directors from 1995 to 2013, expending most of her energy for the benefit of Windy Hill's children. Well versed in education, Eura taught school for 40 years in Fauquier County, she was instrumental in starting the Family Development program which is at the heart of Windy Hill's mission to this day. Long time board member Mary Jo Jackson remembered that Eura did a great deal of work when there was little administrative staff. Fellow board member, Judy Washburn, recalls, "Eura Lewis was a role model for me. She was soft-spoken and kind, but there was no doubt that she was on a mission to do everything she could to give Windy Hill's children the education they needed to succeed. Her passion was obvious and she was an inspiration not only to me but to so many."

We are all reminded with Eura's passing that one person can make a world of difference in a community. Windy Hill Foundation is forever thankful for everything she did for her neighbors at Windy Hill and for her service to the Foundation.

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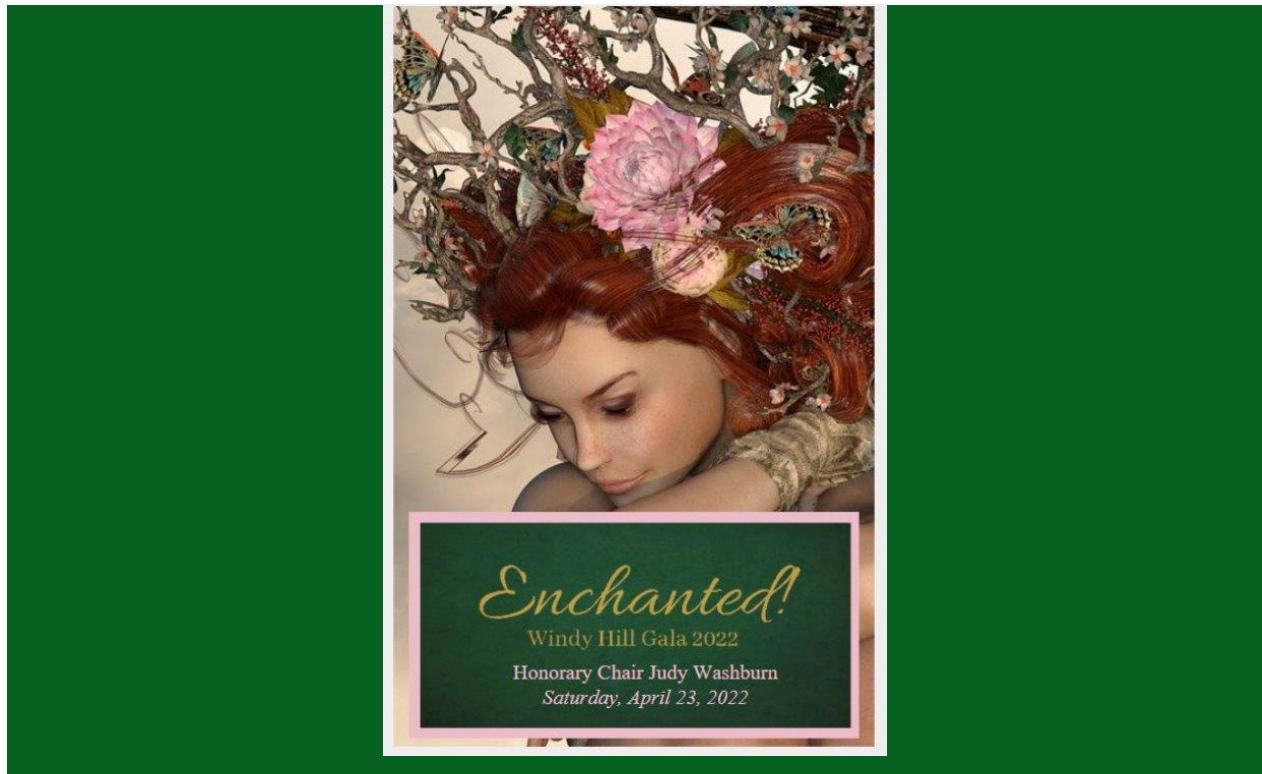
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### **Windy Hill Foundation's *2022 Enchanted! Gala***

Windy Hill Foundation's magical night is fast approaching! Our loyal sponsors have, once again, answered the call and we are looking forward to a beautiful *2022 Enchanted! Gala* on April 23rd at Salamander Resort & Spa. Along with Honorary Chair, Judy Washburn, Windy Hill is pleased to announce that our largest fundraiser is full thanks to our dedicated sponsors who support our Resident Services Programs at this yearly event.

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## One Shared Mission = Many Better Lives



Willisville Chapel United Methodist Church made Valentine's Day special again this year! Church members brought hot meals, personal care items, and loads of Valentines wishes for the residents of Levis Hill House.

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Calling All Foodies!  
Be a part of Friday Feast's wonderful legacy



*Friday Feast is a time-worn tradition for Levis Hill House residents.*

If you love cooking healthy meals for an appreciative audience, we have the volunteer opportunity for you! Sign up for Friday Feast, one of Windy Hill's longest running volunteer programs, and enjoy creating cherished meals one to two times yearly for our Levis Hill House residents. Friday Feast's devoted coordinator, Donna Gravely, invites your participation, "the residents of the Levis Hill House look forward to and enjoy the meals provided by Friday Feast. Many people in our community volunteer to provide these meals and do so with a generous heart."

If you are interested, please email Donna directly at [Donna Gravely](mailto:Donna.Gravely@windyhillfoundation.org)

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**For more information:** call us at 540.687.3997 or send us an email at [info@windyhillfoundation.org](mailto:info@windyhillfoundation.org)!

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