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Henrietta Lacks Sculpture Dedication

11 o'clock in the morning
October 4, 2023

Lacks Plaza
410 3rd Street
Roanoke, Virginia, 24011

Welcome

- Councilmember Trish White-Boyd

Hidden in Plain Site: Roanoke

- Dontrese Brown

Comments by the Family

- Ron Lacks
- Attorney Ben Crump

Comments by the Artists

- Bryce Cobbs
- Lawrence Bechtel

Unveiling and Gifting

- Charles Price, Harrison Museum of African
American Culture
- Mayor Sherman P. Lea, Sr.





Together, we're telling overlooked stories of Roanoke's Black history. We're proud today to honor native daughter Henrietta Lacks, with the presentation of a sculpture by Larry Bechtel and Bryce Cobbs.

Henrietta Lacks was born Loretta Pleasant in Roanoke, Virginia, on August 1, 1920. Mrs. Lacks was the source of the HeLa cell line that has been critical to countless advances in medicine, saving and extending the lives of people around the world. Henrietta Lacks passed away on October 4, 1951, and today her cells continue their monumental contribution. In Virginia, October 4 is now recognized as Henrietta Lacks Day.

This sculpture is the result of our work as a community. More than 250 individuals and organizations contributed to the effort. The Hidden Histories Committee, under the fiscal agency and leadership of the Harrison Museum of African American Culture, thanks you for your contributions, your energy, and your work toward an ever more aware, just, and loving Roanoke. In that spirit, we present this sculpture as a gift to the people of Roanoke, Virginia.

Platinum

- Appalachian Power
- Carilion Clinic, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, and the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at Virginia Tech
- City Of Roanoke

Silver

- Diane and Bill Elliot
- Blue Ridge Cancer Care

Bronze

- American National Bank
- Delta Dental
- Heywood Fralin
- R. P. Fralin, Inc.
- Patrick Henderson
- Sam Lionberger
- Sue and Michael Nussbaum
- Suzanne Thorniley
- Mary Ann and David Wine

Champions

Sally Adams	Rajeyah Congleton-Rahman	Laura Hagan
Suzanne Alexander	Adams Construction	Brenda Hale
American Health Care	Hadassah Coolac	Patricia Hales
Susan Amos	Caryl Connolly	Elizabeth Hally
Brenda Anderson	Lily Corwin	Abigail Hamilton
Sheryl Ann	Patricia Cox	Brenda Hamilton
Erin Aukward	Elyse Crane	Daniel Harrington
Judy Aukward	Gary Crawford	Nelson Harris
Kirk Ballin	Gary Creasy	Joy Harris
Bank of Botetourt	Constance Crutchfield	In Memory of Pat Harrison
Maryke Barber	Rupert Cutler	Cheri Hartman
Leisa Barbour	Virginia Danz	Carey Harvycutter
Davida Basham	Larry Davidson	Sadie Hartzog
Pamela Baynard	Myra Dendy	Melissa Hays-Smith
Lawrence Bechtel	Jitendra & Varsha Desai	Thelma Haynesworth
Michael Belcher	Allison Divers	Heights Community Church
Marit Berntson	Helen Dixon	Michael Heller
Eva Best	Nancy & David Dixon	Deborah Helms
N.L. Bishop	Ruth Doan	Ericka Henson
Sharon Boggess	Jo Lynn Draper	Amy Hoots-Henderson
Jesse Bookout	Rebecca Dudley	Bill Hopkins
Jenny Bradley	Alice Duehl	Marcia Horn
Christine Brinckerhoff	Jenna Fidler	Kelly Hubka
Nancy Bourne	Dusty Fiedler	Catherine Hurst
Colbert Boyd	Craig Fifer	William Hutcheson
Buffalo Soldiers, Roanoke	Dr. William Fintel	Douglas Jackson
Alice Burlinson	Cathy Fisher	Cassidy James
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Karen Busher	Luann Fitzpatrick	Alan Johnson
Nora Carter	Frank Flippin	David Jones
Libby Pinel Casey	William Floyd	Evelyn Jordan
Brenda Chapman	James Fortuna	David Kasakove
Jim Cherney	Anne Fox	Sarah Beth Katz
Richard Chubb & Family	James Fralin	Matthew Keele
Judith Cline	William Fralin, Jr.	Stephanie Klein-Davis
Gloria Christen	Susan Jennifer Friedman	Decca Knight
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