



BELLE HAMPTON LEGACY CENTER

Where the Past Lights the Path Forward

Helping to answer the hardest question of all: what happens next?



Some things are worth passing down

The Belle Hampton Legacy Center is a nonprofit dedicated to working with family businesses and family farms to answer the hardest question of all: ***What happens next?***

Operating from historic Belle Hampton Farm in Virginia's New River Valley, the Center combines family succession planning, peer community forums, and multi-generational programming — helping families preserve not just their property, but their values, their stories, and their enterprise across generations.



A photograph of Belle Hampton, held against the farm as it stands today.

1767 In the Hoge family since — over 250 years of living history.

THE CHALLENGE

Without action, legacies disappear

70%

of family businesses don't
survive past the second
generation

90%

of family businesses are gone
by the end of the third
generation

80%

of farmers intend to pass their
farm to the next generation

20%

of farmers have a succession
plan they believe will succeed

When family enterprises are lost, we lose more than livelihoods; we lose heritage, values, and community identity. Families need more than good intentions. They need tools, community, and a plan.

OUR MISSION

Preserve. Educate. Inspire.



PRESERVE

what families have built: their business, wealth, property, values, and stories.



EDUCATE

the leaders who carry it forward through succession, governance, and stewardship.



INSPIRE

the next generation to carry the legacy forward and build their own.

The Belle Hampton Legacy Center offers the education, peer community, and leadership development that family farms and family businesses need to survive and thrive across generations.

WHAT WE OFFER

Our programs



Family Business Education

Programs focused on next-generation development and growth.



Peer Community Forums

Roundtables for family business owners navigating shared challenges.



Stewardship-Based Learning

Workshops on succession, governance, and generational leadership.



Family Conferences

Discussions on governance, succession, family dynamics, and legacy management.



OUR STORY

Our Story becomes a mission

For more than 250 years, Belle Hampton Farm has stayed in the Hoge family through war, hardship, and the slow work of generations. By restoring it and founding the Legacy Center, Tom and Madeline Hoge turned a family's survival story into a resource for others facing the same crossroads.

"We are planning for the next 250 years as stewards of the Hoge family legacy."

— Madeline Hoge, Founder & Executive Director

GET INVOLVED

Three ways to make a lasting difference



Mission Partner

Invest in the shared vision by making a financial commitment that preserves history, inspires generations, and creates lasting community impact.



Legacy Fellow

Share your expertise as a family business mentor, family guide facilitator, or subject matter expert by volunteering.



Membership

Join a growing community of family business owners and leaders committed to building something that lasts.

Invest. Volunteer. Become a Member.

You can make a lasting difference right here in the heart of Virginia.



Carry the legacy forward

Where education meets heritage, and generations meet hope.

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