As the Community Foundation continues its quest to “see things differently,” the scholarship committee, grants committee, donors, and staff have worked hard in FY2018 to continue to knock down barriers to education. What barriers have been tackled and how?

**Barrier: The high cost of education.** Most people are aware the Community Foundation is one of the leading sources of scholarships for Frederick County residents. For the third consecutive year, just over $1 million will be presented for the 2018-2019 academic year, thanks to generous donors. Most families, regardless of scholarships, apply for FAFSA funding — Free Application for Federal Student Aid – a rather daunting and complicated government form. Over the last two years, the Community Foundation, along with nine other sponsors, held “FAFSA Finish” events to assist families with completing the form. Events were held at most Frederick County High Schools with financial aid experts and trained volunteers on hand.
**Strategic Funding Partners**

Do you want to be part of helping people who need it most in Frederick County? The Community Foundation is seeking funding support for our children and youth, those who are homeless and precariously housed, and residents needing better access to healthcare. Last year, the Community Foundation received grant requests to specifically address these strategic areas totaling nearly $1 million, but was only able to fund approximately $427,000 of the requests. While huge strides are being made, we need help closing the gap.

In May 2017, The Frederick News-Post published an article about a woman named Rachel (pictured) who was a victim of domestic violence and who endured abuse and neglect in her youth. But her misfortunes continued. While attending Frederick Community College, she became unemployed and could no longer afford her rent. She and her daughter were homeless until a local church helped provide shelter. Rachel received services from Advocates for Homeless Families and now has permanent housing, an education, an income, and continues to be a devoted mother.

Other donors have a commitment to trade and technical training and have created funds that provide scholarships for tuition, tools, supplies, and testing requirements. The Thomas J. and Kathleen A. Madden Scholarship Fund helps students entering the plumbing field. The Compolecial Family Fund for Building Trades supports organizations seeking to help Frederick County residents learn construction trades, and The Donald and Lydia Falconer Scholarship Fund supports training in any trade or technical area.

**Barrier: Transportation, child care, and housing.** For some, tuition cost is not always the first or biggest barrier to higher education. Lack of reliable transportation, safe, affordable child care, and even housing, if a person or family is in temporary or transitional housing, are obstacles. Many nonprofits have recognized these hurdles and created programs to assist. In FY2018, The Women’s Giving Circle (WGC) of Frederick County Fund provided two grants to Frederick Community College Foundation for its Allied Health Academy and Project Step Forward programs. The grants helped cover transportation, child care, and educational costs for women in the program who qualified. Another WGC grant to the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick for its Women Succeeding in Public Education program covered similar expenses. A grant from the Community Foundation’s Basic Human Needs Strategic Initiatives Fund to Advocates for Homeless Families also helped with transportation and child care for participants in transitional housing and those who remained precariously housed.

Seeing things differently by eliminating or lessening the barriers to higher education remains a priority for donors, nonprofits, educational institutions, and the Community Foundation. Every successful college admission, every class attended, every child in safe hands while mom or dad acquires education, and every student with a roof over their heads providing a stable place to live and study are all barriers that come down and put steps up to a brighter future.

**Have questions? Ready to help?**

For more information on becoming a strategic funding partner or planned giving, contact Laura McCullough, Director of Philanthropic Services, for a confidential conversation. 301.695.7660 or l.mccullough@FrederickCountyGives.org.
Giving Your Way
Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

The Community Foundation can help bring your charitable intentions to life. We listen to your intentions, then a charitable giving plan comes to life. Rest assured that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you intend — your fund agreement will provide the specifics. If you wish to give and remain anonymous, we are happy to honor that request.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

There are a variety of ways to become involved with the Community Foundation.

Give now. Establish a fund to support one or more of your favorite charitable causes, or provide scholarships to worthy students pursuing specific careers or having certain characteristics or interests. Or, create or give to an unrestricted fund and the Community Foundation’s grants committee will direct it to the areas of greatest need.

Give now, to an existing fund. Not ready to establish a new fund now? Maximize the effect of your gift by giving to an existing fund that mirrors your interests.

Give later. Create or add to a fund through your estate plans to support charitable causes or scholarships, and be recognized as a Cornerstone Society Member.

CAN I GIVE GIFTS OTHER THAN CASH?

Gifts of cash are always welcome, but did you know that gifts of stock, real estate, life insurance, retirement assets, and more can be used as charitable gifts?

ARE MY GIFTS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We encourage you to consult with your professional advisor(s) (attorney, accountant, financial planner, etc.) before making a current or planned gift. The Community Foundation does not provide legal or tax advice.

Through the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick’s Neighborhood Support for Preschool Readiness, families in public housing were provided opportunities to engage their children in activities that increased learning opportunities and parent engagement. A grant from The Children and Youth Strategic Initiatives Fund supported the program.

Each year, more than 300 students receive post-secondary scholarships that help them earn degrees in nearly every area of study available. These students received scholarships from The Maryland Master Farmers Scholarship Fund for the 2017-2018 academic year. Generous donors have provided millions of dollars in scholarship money throughout the Community Foundation’s history.

The Converse Family Endowment Fund helps many animals find good health and new homes through The Frederick County Humane Society. Trixie, pictured here, was rescued from a family who no longer wanted her. A grant from the Converse Fund helped Trixie’s new family pay for her medical care.

Grants help provide training for individuals with Intellectual and developmental disabilities through organizations such as The Arc at Market Street. The Arc’s bakery training program teaches skills needed to work in a commercial kitchen and was supported with a grant from The H.B. and Thelma Duvall Fund for The Arc at Market Street.
HOW CAN MY PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR(S) BE INVOLVED?

We can work closely with your professional advisor(s) to design a gift that meets your needs and achieves your charitable goals. Advisors work with us because:

- We don’t represent a specific nonprofit or cause. Our mission is to help you support the causes you care about most.
- Charitable giving laws change. Your advisor(s) can consult with us at any time.
- There are no start-up fees, and management costs are low and assessed after you have received your full charitable deduction.
- Your gift is given the same due diligence as any other investment you make.

WHY NOT GIVE DIRECTLY TO MY FAVORITE NONPROFIT, SCHOOL, OR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION?

The advantage of creating a fund to support your charitable endeavors is that the Community Foundation will ensure your intentions are carried out exactly as you have specified, in perpetuity. Each year, your favorite charitable causes will receive a grant, and/or students pursuing their education will benefit from a scholarship, and you, or the person(s) you’ve named the fund in honor or memory of, will always be remembered. Working through the Community Foundation also means your charitable causes continue to be supported even when nonprofits change over time.

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions below, giving through the Community Foundation may be a good option.

- Are you looking for a simple, reliable way to support your favorite cause or charity?
- Have you had, or expect to have, a taxable event (selling a business, property, receiving an inheritance, etc.) where a charitable deduction would be beneficial?
- Would you like your name or the name of loved ones to be honored in perpetuity?
- Do you want to ensure Frederick County remains a vibrant, thriving community for your loved ones?

The Benefits of Working With Us

- We are community focused, helping to bring about positive change in a wide variety of areas, with deep knowledge of Frederick County and its needs.
- Our professional staff is a powerhouse of charitable giving expertise.
- Your gift will continue to impact Frederick County for generations to come.
- You’ll benefit from our decades of experience and excellent reputation for trustworthiness, accountability, and transparency.
- You’ll create a legacy that is uniquely yours.

Learn more about creating your legacy at www.FrederickCountyGives.org/Legacy.
CALENDAR LISTING

Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Widening Circles Society/Partners in Philanthropy Reception
Community Foundation office
5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m., by invitation

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
The 32nd Annual Report to the Community Sponsor Appreciation Reception
Ceresville Mansion
5:30 p.m.–7 p.m., by invitation

Thursday, November 15, 2018
The 32nd Annual Report to the Community
Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center
5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Public invited, R.S.V.P. required

OUR MISSION
The Community Foundation of Frederick County is dedicated to connecting people who care with causes that matter to enrich the quality of life in Frederick County now and for future generations.

Thank you for helping us maximize our resources! If you receive a duplicate newsletter or wish to be removed from our mailing list, please call 301.695.7660.

The Bess B. and Franklin S. Gladhill Fund
Founded by Bess Gladhill for discretionary grantsmaking and operating support.

The Deborah and Larry Grove Charitable Fund
Founded by the Groves to support Operation Second Chance.

The Kristopher Fielding Lewis Memorial Fund
Founded by parents Michelle E. and George E. Lewis in memory of Kristopher to support charitable endeavors that embody his passion of selfless service.

The Addie B. Null Health Care Fund
Founded by Ms. Null to provide grants to support health and wellness programs, with preference to Way Station, Inc.

The Preservation and Enhancement Fund of Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Inc.
Founded by its board of directors to assist in the conservation of the Cemetery’s natural beauty and history, and repairs to monuments and Key Memorial Chapel.

The Pritchett Family Foundation Fund
Founded by Jerry and Molly Pritchett to provide grants supporting programs for children with physical disabilities and/or children with financial need.

The James R. and Tamara L. Shoemaker Charitable Fund
Founded by the Shoemakers for grants to support basic human needs, mental health, or animal welfare.

Donor Impact
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