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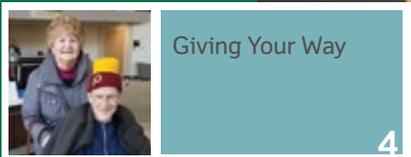
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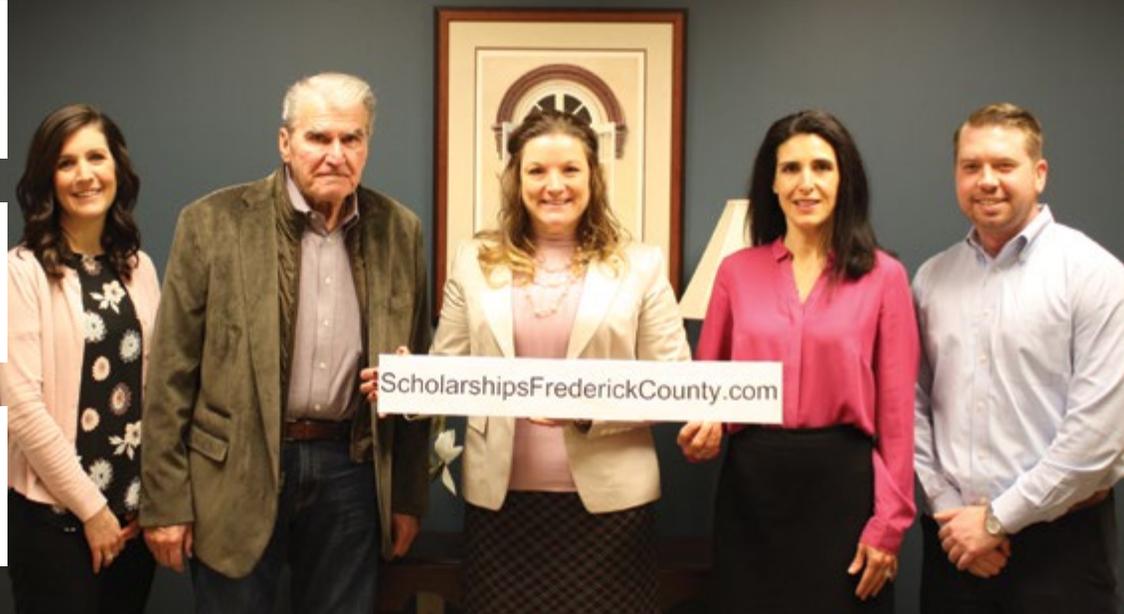
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The Scholarship Committee leadership team promoting the 2018-19 scholarship application period. From left, our volunteer leaders are: Colleen Chidester, Matt Wiley, Taitia Elliott, Cynthia Palmer and Brandon Cannon.

## Seeing Scholarships Differently

### Knocking Down Barriers

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.

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## Widening Circles Campaign Goal – We’re Almost There!

The FY2018 Widening Circles Society Campaign deadline is June 30, 2018, and we are \$23,000 away from our \$160,000 goal. Donors to this campaign “see things differently” by supporting the Community Foundation’s efforts to share wonderful stories about the impact that grants and scholarships are making right here at home.

In this photo, a grant supported children in Family Partnership of Frederick County’s Bright Futures program where activities promote growth and development to ensure kindergarten readiness. The arts, education, mental health programs, services for children, those facing homelessness, those in need of healthcare, historic preservation, elder care – the areas that benefit from grants exceed the space available here. Help us inspire others to participate in Frederick County’s future by making your gift today using the enclosed envelope. Or, give securely online at [www.FrederickCountyGives.org/WideCircle](http://www.FrederickCountyGives.org/WideCircle). Thank you!



A student and her mother input information into the FAFSA form at a FAFSA Finish event held at Governor Thomas Johnson High School.

Another donor took a different approach, knowing that SAT and ACT scores can sometimes affect the dollar amount of merit and academic scholarships offered directly from a college or university. **The Bob and Pat Gehrke Scholarship Fund for College Prep** provided financial assistance to high school juniors and seniors for classes that prepare them for college admission testing. (Note: college admission scores are not considered for Community Foundation scholarships.)

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 Compofelice 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. ♦

## Strategic Funding Partners



journey at <http://bit.ly/RachelsSuccess>. Thanks to our strategic funding partners and other generous donors, this story has a happy ending. Because of strategic grant funding, we provided grants supporting Advocates for Homeless Families’ mission.

**Please consider becoming a strategic funding partner this year and help create more happy endings.**

Together we have accomplished so much, but there is still much to do. By contributing \$1,000 or more, you become a strategic funding partner; participate in the strategic grants making process and provide funding to the greatest needs in Frederick County.

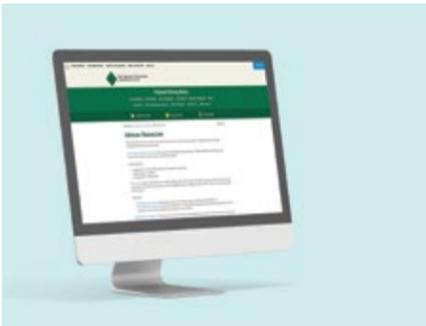
### Have questions? Ready to help?

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](tel:301.695.7660) or [L.mccullough@FrederickCountyGives.org](mailto:L.mccullough@FrederickCountyGives.org).

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. You can read about Rachel’s

## The Community Foundation’s “Legacy” website



[www.FrederickCountyGives.org/Legacy](http://www.FrederickCountyGives.org/Legacy)

Recently, the Community Foundation’s website was enhanced with new charitable and planned giving resources. Even if you’ve already decided to include the Community Foundation in your estate, you may be interested in:

- Free e-brochures and guides, such as a complimentary wills guide, that assists you in gathering information your attorney will need to successfully plan your estate.
- The Planned Gifts calculator tool that will show you the details of different gift types and the possible associated tax savings.
- Other resources, such as detailed pages on what to give and how to give, our mission video, and donor stories.

If you’d like to learn more about planned giving options, this is a great “go-to” spot that you can use in the privacy of your home.

# 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.



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.

*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?

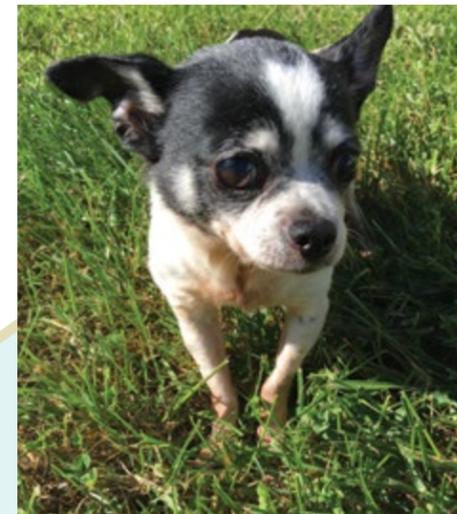
Gifts of cash are always welcome, but did you know that gifts of stock, real estate, life insurance, retirement assets, and more can be used as charitable gifts?

### 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.



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**.



A variety of funds support services to Frederick County's senior population, such as providing equipment that improves a senior's quality of life. Because of this volunteer and a grant from **The Partners in Care Fund**, the gentleman pictured received cancer therapies several times a week.



Historic preservation is important to many donors. A construction crew maneuvers a heavy timber piece through the door at Schifferstadt House as they work to repair a rotted beam. Grants from **The Friends of Schifferstadt Fund** and **The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Fund** supported the preservation work.

## 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](http://www.FrederickCountyGives.org/Legacy).



Grants support a wide variety of music and arts programs in Frederick County. Full and partial scholarships were provided to youth from **The Robert Randall Memorial Endowment Fund** for summer art camps at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. The camps offer hands-on experiences led by professional instructors in a variety of media.



Grant funding from **The Walter W. and Catharine Prentiss Plummer Endowment Fund** helped volunteers with Chesapeake Bay Foundation plant hundreds of trees to create a buffer between agriculture fields in Woodsboro, Maryland and Israel Creek (a tributary of the Monocacy River) to prevent harmful nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment from moving downstream.

## 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.

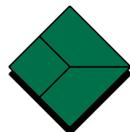
**The Kristopher Fielding Lewis Memorial Fund** Founded by parents Michelle E. and George E. Lewis in memory of Kristopher to support charitable endeavors that embody his passion of selfless service.

**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.



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