For the past two years the Community Foundation has pivoted to make sure resources were getting to folks in need during the COVID pandemic. We addressed needs as they arose and partnered with other organizations to support emergency relief services. While rising to the occasion to meet pressing needs, we did not lose sight of all the other projects and initiatives that help our community thrive and grow.

Through the pandemic, the Community Foundation continued to support an array of local arts projects and programs. We know the arts are vital to the quality of life and are at the heart of Frederick County. And in fact, we were reminded during COVID just how important the arts can be in helping people cope with anxiety, fear, and stress.

Now that the COVID haze is lifting, it’s time to shine a light on a few of the many local art projects the Community Foundation supports.

Kristen Butler, director of programs at The Delaplaine Arts Center (right), delivers art kits to Maria-Teresa Shuck (left), director of Centro Hispano de Frederick and Damaris Jackson (center), Éxito STEAM program coordinator.
The Dan Crozier Music Trust Fund was established to promote music appreciation, grants to musical organizations, concerts and music scholarships. This year the fund provided grants to Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra, Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick Children’s Chorus, and YMCA of Frederick County.

“The Community Foundation helped us start our jazz program,” said Kimberly Peltzer, Orchestra Manager for Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra. “The orchestra currently offers five performance groups, and according to Peltzer, the fifth — the jazz program might not have been possible without support from the Community Foundation to purchase much-needed music. The organization typically serves around 100 youths, most of them residing in Frederick County.

“We give kids a place to play that might not otherwise have access to equipment, space and instruction,” Peltzer said. “[The Community Foundation] has made a big difference for our organization, especially for the jazz program. ‘We’ve been really fortunate.’

The Easels in Frederick Fund provides grants to support art-related events and instruction. This year the fund provided grants to The Delaplaine Arts Center, YMCA of Frederick County, and Family Partnership. According to Family Partnership’s Family Programs Supervisor Maria Dennis, the grant provides art supplies for parents and children who are receiving family support services.

“The easels project is focused on improving mental health and providing recreational activities so parents can relax, enjoy some artistic activity, and use the right side of their brain which helps to open their thought processes,” Dennis said. “We also have activities that include the parent and child in which the children are developing a whole array of developmental skills.”

The Sharon I. Hooper Fund for Children was founded by parents Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Hooper to support programs supporting youth in crisis. This year that fund provided a grant to The Delaplaine Arts Center to support The Art Kit Project. Delaplaine Arts Center CEO Diane Donen said The Art Kit Project is a way to provide creative expression to youth facing challenging situations, especially those experiencing crisis or homelessness. Each art kit contains basic quality art supplies and the kits are made available for distribution to Frederick County nonprofit and service organization partners serving youths.

“The project is a reflection of our vision that ‘everyone deserves art,’” Donen said. “We know from many studies that providing outlets for creative expression helps youth deal with trauma and difficult situations — art helps to heal and cope.”

Like every other part of the community, the arts community is in the process of finding its footing following the pandemic. The Community Foundation is excited to be a part of that process, both in supporting local artists and in helping youth achieve their musical dreams.

This year, The James M. Green Fund is funding its first grants — just over $17,000 will support stipends for local artists and almost $9,000 will support music scholarships for K-12 students. These are just a handful of the many arts-related grants and scholarships the Community Foundation supports all across Frederick County, year after year, even when a global pandemic disrupts life. To learn more about fund-supporting the arts, visit www.FrederickCountyGives.org.

A dood works on an art project while attending a program at Family Partnership. Members of Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra practice for an upcoming concert. Members of Frederick Regional Youth Orchestra perform at Barnes and Noble.

Fund Supports 47 Scholarships TO BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

For the past 20 years, Daniel Lajewski has often attended the Brunswick High School senior awards ceremony to announce several scholarships in his late wife’s honor. This year, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of The Lisa A. Orndorff Lajewski Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mr. Lajewski was thrilled to announce 47 scholarships to graduating seniors in memory of his wife.

Lisa A. Orndorff Lajewski was a lifelong Frederick County resident and was born and raised in Brunswick, graduating from Brunswick High School. She worked for the FBI for 18 years as a program analyst in the Records Management Division, and she was an active member of All Saints’ Episcopal Church. In 2002, Mrs. Lajewski passed away after battling brain cancer.

Lajewski established the fund with the Community Foundation in 2002. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to deserving post-secondary students with preference, but not limited to, Brunswick High School graduates or members of All Saints’ Episcopal Church.

“Lisa was a loving, caring, and compassionate person. Although she has been gone from this world for nearly 20 years, her altruism continues through this memorial scholarship fund,” Mr. Lajewski said. “I am grateful to the Community Foundation and Brunswick High School to allow me time to share memories about Lisa. Her memories will continue to live vicariously through each one of these scholars.”

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Widening Circles Society Reception
Community Foundation office
5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m., by invitation

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