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If you know the Community Foundation, you know that we are doing important work all across Frederick County. Last year alone, we distributed $2.2 million to more than 330 scholars and infused $6.3 million into the community through grants to nonprofits. But what many people might not realize is how ingrained volunteers are in the work we do every day.

The Community Foundation relies on a board of 25 trustees to steer the organization towards a sustainable future through sound, ethical and legal governance and financial management policies. Last year our trustees worked tirelessly with consultants and staff to build a new strategic plan that will help guide the organization through the next decade.
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By Dick and Sue Basford, Community Foundation of Frederick County Volunteers and donors, attend an event in June, 2019.

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February Star Sanctuary rehabilitates and provides a permanent refuge for cats and horses who have been abused or abandoned. Part of the sanctuary’s mission is to build a generation of animal advocates by teaching children compassion toward the animals. Grants from THE ROBERT AND CAROL SHARPE FUND, THE NONPROFIT SUPPORT FIELD OF INTEREST FUND, THE FELINE WELFARE FUND, and THE ANIMAL CARE FIELD OF INTEREST FUND supported this nonprofit.

The Literacy Council of Frederick County’s Parent Literacy Program focuses on improving the communication skills of parents of young children in Title I elementary schools in Frederick County. These parents worked diligently to receive their completion certificate and goal of leading their families to success. Grants from THE SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FUND and THE EDWIN R. CORNISH, JR. MEMORIAL FUND supported this program.

The Maryland Food Bank received an UNRESTRICTED GRANT which was used to support the Brunswick food bank. This is a vital program for elderly residents in Brunswick, as food costs have become a challenge for the senior population, who are very appreciative of the opportunity to save money and receive nourishment.

The Francis Scott Key Monument located in Mount Olivet Cemetery was recently refurbished using grants received from THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FUND. This fund was created to support the maintenance of the monument as well as educate the community about Key’s historical significance, ties to Frederick County, and impact on American history.

The Maryland FFA Foundation, Inc. received grants from THE C. RODMAN AND M. JEAN OGLE MYERS FUND, THE JOSEPH D. BYRD FUND, and THE MARYLAND FFA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND supporting the programs of Future Farmers of America in Frederick County and surrounding areas.

Clients participate in a workshop at Justice Jobs of Maryland, a nonprofit organization in Frederick dedicated to helping people overcome barriers including interactions with the judicial system, incarceration, substance use disorder and resume gaps due to related issues. Justice Jobs received grants from THE RESPONDING TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FUND and THE FREDERICK MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY DONOR ADVISED FUND.

Thanks to the support of donors, last year the Community Foundation distributed $6.3 million in grants to hundreds of nonprofits serving in the areas of health and human services, youth programs, historic preservation, basic human needs, the arts, elder care, animal well-being, the environment and so much more.
There is a way for you to help.

Last year, we saw too many critical staff positions desperately needed in our nonprofit workforce go unfunded. These positions provided important services for our community, such as mental health support.

Our Strategic Funding Partners are dedicated to helping those who need it most in Frederick County. We are committed to funding critical needs that will support Frederick County families with children, ensure seniors safely age in place, and reduce the number of those experiencing substance use disorder.

Your gift fills the gap. We can’t go another year with unfunded staff positions in the nonprofit sector. When someone needs help and is ready to seek that help, it needs to be there. You can ensure it will be there. Our community deserves better than closed doors. Will you help us open them?

THREE WAYS TO BECOME A STRATEGIC FUNDING PARTNER

Complete the form below and return it in the envelope provided by May 15, 2023, go to FrederickCountyGives.org/sfp, or scan the QR code here to make your gift today.

For more information, contact Becki DeLauter, Philanthropic Services Manager
301-695-7660 | b.delauter@FrederickCountyGives.org.

BECOME A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STRATEGIC FUNDING PARTNER

Name(s): _____________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________
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Phone: __________________________ Email: ______________________________________

I wish to participate in the application review process with the Grants Committee in the Fall of 2023 (date to be determined).

[ ] Yes  [ ] No

YES! I understand that a gift of $1,000 or more enables me to be a Community Foundation FY23 Strategic Funding Partner and gives me the option to participate in reviewing grant applications. I agree to commit funding to the following area(s):

$________________ Support to families with children
$________________ Responding to substance use disorder
$________________ Preparing for an aging population
$________________ An unrestricted gift supporting the greatest need

The name to appear in all publicity and printed materials is as follows: (please print clearly)

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You went from feeling sick with worry to feeling totally helpless. It is so defeating to do everything within your power to get someone the care they need only to find out help is not on the way. Sadly, this is the reality here in Frederick County.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, BUT AREN'T SURE HOW?
Help us widen our influence in the community by making a gift to the Widening Circles Society. Your gift helps us tell the great stories that show how grants and scholarships change lives in Frederick County. When we communicate all the good things happening, others are inspired to make a gift and our circle continues to grow.