

FREDERICK COUNTY GIVES



Community Foundation trustees Earl H. Robbins, Jr. and Veronica Lowe pose for a photo with Kelvin Gathers.

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Volunteers Play Vital Role in Community Foundation's Work

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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We also rely on hundreds of volunteer committee members that support varied programs and initiatives like the Audit Committee, Development Committee, Governance Committee and Investment Committee, to name a few.

Veronica Lowe joined the Community Foundation as a trustee in 2019. She is one of more than 200 trustees that have helped build and steer the Community Foundation since its founding in 1986.

"I think volunteer opportunities shaped me when I was younger," Lowe said.

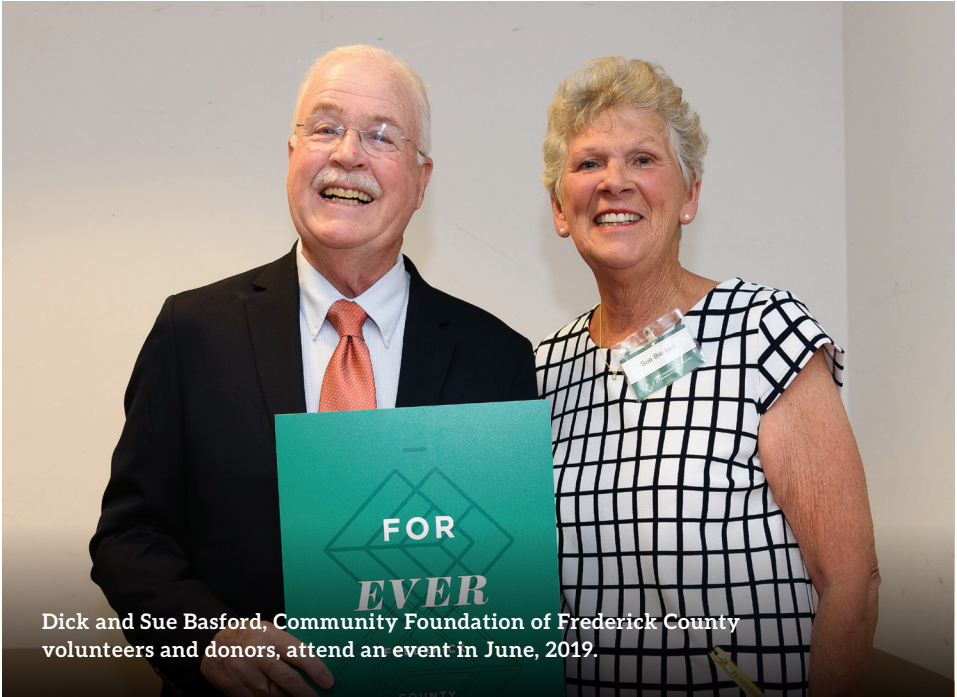
Lowe, who is the deputy director of labor relations for the Maryland Department of Transportation, explained that she finds her work with the Community Foundation to be really rewarding, especially working on the Grants Committee.

"It's a lot of work, but I walk away every time feeling really good about what we're doing for the community, especially during COVID when all the money came in to help organizations," Lowe said. "You just feel good that you're giving your time to help other people."

The Community Foundation's largest volunteer committee, the Scholarship Committee, relies on the efforts of about 75 individuals who give upwards of 20 hours in the spring to review more than 1,000 scholarship applications. The demanding work ensures that each application is reviewed with care and diligence in a process that includes



OVER 1,000 APPLICATIONS
are reviewed and awarded thanks to the volunteers of the Scholarship Committee.



Dick and Sue Basford, Community Foundation of Frederick County volunteers and donors, attend an event in June, 2019.

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donor participation and compliance with the IRS. The Grants Committee has fewer volunteers but also has a great impact, giving countless hours to review grant applications. These volunteers make difficult decisions knowing the need always exceeds the amount of funding available.

Dick and Sue Basford have both had their feet solidly planted in Frederick County for their entire lives. According to Dick, they were both farm kids, "for both of us, our heritage goes way back in Frederick County - back to the 1800s." Sue added that they both "quit the ag life" after high school. Dick went on to become the Funeral Director at Keeney and Basford Funeral Home where he worked for 44 years, and Sue's career was spent in the classroom as a teacher.

Between careers and raising three children, the Basfords had their hands full. But community service was always important to them. Dick learned firsthand the importance of volunteers at the Community Foundation in the early 1990s when he served as one of our trustees. Both Dick and Sue have served on the grant and scholarship committees on and off for nearly two decades.

It goes without saying that volunteers are invaluable in supporting and guiding the Community Foundation. Volunteers bring a range of diverse voices and lived experiences to the table, critical to making smart and informed decisions about the important work we do throughout the community. Additionally, having engaged citizens involved in determining how and where our grant and scholarship dollars are spent adds a layer of transparency to our processes.

To learn more about making an impact in the community by partnering with the Community Foundation, as a donor and/or a volunteer, visit our website at FrederickCountyGives.org.

Do you know someone worthy of a Wertheimer?

WERTHEIMER NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN MAY

The Wertheimer Fellows for Excellence in Volunteerism Award honors the legacy of the late Janis Miller Wertheimer, a well-known Frederick businesswoman and prolific volunteer. The awards program is made possible through The Janis Miller Wertheimer Endowment Fund. Since it was started in 2003, more than 61 individuals have been celebrated for their commitment to community service.

Anyone can make a nomination and only individuals who are at least 18 years old are eligible for the award. The award is not for couples, groups, clubs or organizations.

The Wertheimer Youth in Action Award, now in its 12th year, recognizes youth under the age of 18 who are positively impacting the community by volunteering their talents and energies in extraordinary ways.

The Community Foundation of Frederick County will accept nominations for the 2023 Wertheimer Fellow for Excellence in Volunteerism and Youth in Action Awards from May 1 through May 31, 2023 via our website at FrederickCountyGives.org. Late entries will not be accepted, and nominations can only be submitted online.

The honorees will be recognized at the Community Foundation's Annual Report to the Community in November 2023. Wertheimer Fellows are awarded \$25,000 to establish or add to a permanent fund with the Community Foundation for the nonprofit or charitable endeavor of their choice. The Wertheimer Youth in Action honoree will receive a \$2,000 grant to support a Frederick County nonprofit organization of their choice.

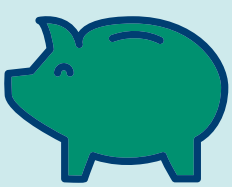
Learn more about Janice Wertheimer and the Wertheimer Awards at FrederickCountyGives.org/Wertheimer.



Janis Miller Wertheimer

Make the Most of your IRA

New legislation provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to generate retirement income using a tax-free distribution from your IRA!



Your IRA



Charitable Gift



Income for Life

IRA owners who are 70 1/2 or older can transfer up to \$50,000 (\$100,000 for married couples) to the Community Foundation to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity. This transaction avoids taxes while generating income for life.

For more information or a personalized and confidential meeting, contact Laura McCullough, Director of Philanthropic Services, at l.mccullough@FrederickCountyGives.org or 301.695.7660.

The Community Foundation's GRANT SNAPSHOT

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.



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 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 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 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**.



Strategic Funding Partners Improve Lives for those with Mental Health Issues

Do you know the feeling you have deep in your stomach when something isn't right? Imagine seeing your loved one struggling, first with physical symptoms like weight loss and fatigue. Then, seeing them losing interest in friends and activities they used to enjoy. Later, you watch them withdraw and sink into a smaller version of who they were.

And then it hits you. Your loved one needs mental health services. It takes so much courage to talk with your loved one about finding help. You call provider after provider to find the treatment they desperately need, with no luck. You search for days and the best option you can find is a waiting list over six months long. There is no help to be found.

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.

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: _____

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):**

\$_____ Supporting 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)

Signature of name as written above:

DONOR IMPACT | New Funds

To learn more about starting a fund and to view all of the Community Foundation's funds, visit FrederickCountyGives.org/Give.

THE ADVOCATES FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES LEGACY FUND

Founded by Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc. to continue their mission of empowering motivated families to overcome homelessness.

THE BRIAN AND BETH BELL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Founded by the Bells for organizations doing important HPV positive HNSCC (HPV+ Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma) cancer research.

THE FRIENDS OF ALICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded by John and Mary Ellen Menke for residents of Frederick County within ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households to assist with higher education costs.

THE FRIENDS OF SOAR FUND

Founded by Mary Giles Ellis with her 2022 Wertheimer Fellow for Excellence in Volunteerism Award to provide ongoing support for Supporting Older Adults Through Resources' efforts to assist lower income seniors.

THE KEVIN AND JEANNIE HESSLER FUND

Founded by the Hesslers as a donor advised fund to provide support for the immediate needs of the community as they arise.

THE LAURA YINGER LINDLEY MEMORIAL FUND

Founded by parents Robert and Barbara Yinger for graduates of Catoclin High School pursuing a post-secondary education with preference given to nontraditional learners.

THE WILLIAM J. AND HELEN I. MAHYLIS FUND

Founded by Helen Mahylis, in memory of her husband, to provide grants for organizations who assist members of the community with quality-of-life support.

THE MIDDLETOWN VALLEY TRAILS FUND

Founded by Tod P. and Barry K. Salisbury as a donor advised fund for grants to purchase land and construct community trails in the Middletown Valley area.

THE NATELLI COMMUNITIES CHARITABLE FUND

Founded by Natelli Communities, LLC as a donor advised fund to support local nonprofit organizations.

THE NANCY DEYLE RANDALL AND MYRON W. RANDALL, JR. FUND

Founded by Mr. and Mrs. Randall as a donor advised fund to create lasting and positive change in Frederick County.

THE REFUGEE SUPPORT FUND

Founded by Covenant Capital, LLC to support nonprofit organizations that provide services for refugee programs.

THE MAE RETHA M. RIPPEON AND VERNON R. RIPPEON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded by Mr. Rippeon in memory of his wife, Mae Retha, for students pursuing an education in the nursing field.

THE JAMES A. AND CARMEN B. SCHMERSAHL CHARITABLE FUND

Founded by Mr. and Mrs. Schmersahl as a donor advised fund to provide grants to Frederick County nonprofit organizations.

THE KAY F. AND DOUGLAS K. SHEISS FUND

Founded by Mrs. Sheiss in memory of her husband as an unrestricted fund to support the greatest needs of the community.

THE SIMPSON FAMILY FUND

Founded by Randall Simpson as a donor advised fund to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations.

THE ROBERT AND LORRAINE STUP FUND

Founded through Lorraine Stup's estate provisions for nonprofit organizations providing emergency services to individuals and families.

THE KENNETH (BOB), MILDRED (MILLIE) AND DIANE MILDRED TAYLOR FUND

Founded through Mildred Taylor's estate provisions for need-based scholarships for Frederick County students.

THE WILLIAM "WOODY" E. AND NANCY MOTTER THRASHER FUND

Founded by Mrs. Thrasher in memory of her husband to provide scholarships for students studying agriculture.

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.



Please make your gift today!



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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.

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