

Delaplaine Foundation Receives Highest FCC Foundation Award

The Frederick Community College Foundation, Inc. has named Delaplaine Foundation, Chairman George Delaplaine, Jr., and President Marlene Young recipients of the 2020 Eagle Award.

The Eagle Award is the highest award given by the FCC Foundation and is awarded annually to a donor or donors whose generous gifts reflect their commitment to the College, to its students, and to the Foundation.

"Frederick Community College is fortunate to benefit from the generosity of the Delaplaine Foundation," FCC President Elizabeth Burmaster said. "George and Marlene have positively impacted our College in many ways and have helped our students reach their academic and career goals. We thank them for supporting public higher education, and all they do for our entire community."

Through their work on behalf of Delaplaine Foundation, George Delaplaine and Marlene Young support a wide variety of organizations that provide critical assistance. Just last year, the Delaplaine Foundation awarded 136 grants totaling \$1.9 million. Since its inception in 2001, it has awarded \$18 million in grant funding, much of which has gone to local nonprofits, including FCC.



George Delaplaine, Jr., and Marlene Young, recipients of FCC's 2020 Eagle Award.

The Delaplaine Foundation has contributed more than \$250,000 to FCC programs and funds. Through their contributions, they have supported the Student Success Fund, Parents Lead, the Allied Health Academy, the Building Trades program, Veteran services, Music education programs, and more.

"The Delaplaine Foundation has been a philanthropic leader in our community and region for nearly 20 years," said Deborah Powell, Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Advancement of the FCC Foundation, Inc. "Their work has enriched the lives of countless individuals, including many of our students, and has strengthened our community in ways that will have a lasting impact."



IN BRIEF

State Historical Society Rebrands Itself

After 176 years, the Maryland Historical Society is reopening its doors as the Maryland Center for History and Culture. This new identity reflects the organization's mission to define itself as a space where the community can come to discover and develop a deeper understanding of our nation's history and culture through a Maryland prism. The Center recently reopened to the public.



Marlene Young Named To MD Top Women's List

Marlene Young was named to *The Daily Record* 2020 "Maryland's Top 100 Women." The annual list, in its 25th year, recognizes outstanding achievements of women through professional accomplishments, community leadership and mentoring. Honorees are selected by a panel of business professionals and previous Top 100 Women honorees. This is the second time that Young has received the honor, having first been named in 2015.

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Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., is a private family foundation based in Frederick, Maryland, dedicated to the enrichment of communities and families within Maryland, nearby states and the District of Columbia by supporting programs to strengthen the arts and sciences, historical preservation, educational advancement, spiritual enlightenment and well-being.

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Philanthropic COVID-19 Collaborative

Awards \$1.8M To Local Nonprofits

As critical as the \$1.8 million in funding raised by the COVID-19 Collaborative was, so too was its distribution to the Frederick County non-profit organization applicants that in turn distributed goods or services to thousands of local residents—rapidly. "There was little discussion about who could best execute this effort," said Marlene Young, President, Delaplaine Foundation, regarding three of the primary areas of support: food security, eviction protection, and childcare. "Our community nonprofit partners each have long track records for being highly effective in their areas of service."

Frederick Rescue Mission coordinated the distribution and supplying of food. "In addition to serving our 40 residents, we provided 7,000 people each month with Food Distribution Center groceries, and another 8,000 monthly meals from the Bread Of Life kitchen," said Arnold Farlow, Executive Director. "We also provided 60 daily meals for Religious Coalition clients who were staying in hotels and at the

YMCA's family camp." Farlow says it also supplied food to Frederick County Food Banks, Community Action Agency, and others—supporting some 30 nonprofits in all.

Because of the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs had to quickly upend its approach to service—congregate shelter housing for the homeless—and secure client housing in local hotels, or private homes. Nick Brown, Executive Director, estimates that at the height of the outbreak, the Coalition found housing for some 120 clients each day. "These responsibilities continue, and also include facilitating the housing process for anyone locally who is tested or tests positive for COVID and needs a place to isolate."

Brown credits support from the Frederick Community Action Agency and Frederick Rescue Mission in providing wraparound assistance that was and will continue to be needed for the duration of this health crisis. "At present, we are working to keep

Top left: Frederick Rescue Mission staff delivers food to the Asian American Center where it will be distributed to clients; center, family receives emergency housing at YMCA's Camp West Mar, coordinated by Religious Coalition; above, YMCA provides full-day educational enrichment at five sites, including Frederick Community College.

hundreds of households stable, by providing vital emergency rental assistance in cooperation with the County and City governments." Brown says that the biggest challenge has been "the continued shifting of variables and dynamics. Things have thankfully slowed some, but changes have been experienced from hour to hour and month to month."

Stability in the household also required that the children of essential workers have daycare services. "The YMCA had to pivot from its traditional programming and ensure that it was meeting the most critical needs of the community," says Chris Colville, President and CEO. With large day care centers closed, the YMCA was able to adapt its facilities for the care of 75 school-age children and another 65 early learning (preschool) students in late winter and spring.

"The 'Y' also served as a hub for donations throughout the spring and summer seasons when drives were established," says Colville, noting the YMCA's role

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SPOTLIGHT

Goodwill Platoon Veteran Services Center Will Respond To Dire Need

A local Veterans Services Center is closer to achieving the funding needed to open following the *5th Annual Fighting For Another Tomorrow Golf Tournament* that was held on October 5. Proceeds will help to underwrite the opening of the Center, a 20,000 s.f. facility that will support veterans in a variety of vital capacities. The project is jointly spearheaded by Goodwill of Monocacy Valley and Platoon 22.

Platoon 22, a NPO based in Frederick is dedicated to combatting the ever-rising Veteran suicide rate. Each day, more than 20 Veterans are lost to suicide. When completed, the Center will offer job training and placement, counseling, mental health services, physical health services, benefits navigation, housing programs, and more.

The golf tournament event featured auction items, including an original oil painting of the American flag, signed by George Delaplaine, one of two remaining living members of the Last Man's

Club, veterans of WWII. The painting, created by Elkington Studios sold for \$800.

The painting was donated to the Center where it will be seen by program participants and the general public.



George Delaplaine signs a painting that was auctioned and sold for \$800 to support Platoon Veteran Services Center.



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During a 16-week period
from March-July 2020
Delaplaine Foundation
awarded
70 emergency relief grants
totaling \$539,000

Blair Wilson Joins Delaplaine Foundation

Blair Wilson has joined the staff of Delaplaine Foundation in the role of Technology/Program Associate. She will oversee database functions and support the general operation of the Foundation. A native of Texas, Wilson obtained her BS from Texas A&M University and has an extensive background in database management. A local volunteer who is also new to the area, the self-described "Frederick enthusiast," lives with her husband in downtown Frederick.



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government participants. Those calls are still being made to assess community need. The first checks from Delaplaine Foundation were mailed March 27 and would launch five months of emergency financial support. Funding was issued by the Collaborative over four phases. Thousands upon thousands of Frederick County residents are believed to have benefited from the support. "The amazing part is that the group had been preparing for this situation for years without realizing it," says Oldham. "Frederick is fortunate to have this level of cooperation among its philanthropic organizations."



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as a PPE distribution site. During the spring season, YMCA hosted several blood drives on behalf of Red Cross and transformed its Camp West Mar in Sabillasville into a shelter for homeless families, in collaboration with the Religious Coalition.

When asked how the general public can help as the winter season approaches, Colville, Brown and Farlow, all agree—*reach out to your favorite NPO, find out their greatest need, and give generously.*



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A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the inaugural edition of our newsletter. Here you'll find the latest Delaplaine Foundation news, updates and stories of inspiring grantee impact and meaningful outcomes. These stories tell the reason behind our mission to enrich communities, families and quality of life for all. We are keenly connected to a long legacy of service to community and a humanitarian spirit that keeps us mindful of the needs of others and fuels our passion



for making a lasting, positive difference.

We live in a time of urgent challenges. We never could have anticipated the abrupt disruption and hardships so many in our communities would experience as a result of the pandemic. From the onset of COVID-19, Delaplaine Foundation understood the urgency of the circumstances and we, along with other local philanthropic funders acted upon that urgency to form an alignment called the COVID-19 Collaborative. Collectively, we have channeled our resources, energies and philanthropic dollars to make a targeted force for meeting community need through our giving. You'll read more about this in our front-page feature article.

In these uncertain times, what gives me hope is the strength of community relationships that have moved people to step up and ask "How can I help?" We have listened to those who are most directly impacted and to our dedicated nonprofit partners who work closely with those affected by the health crisis, economic downturn, and are navigating social justice and equity concerns.

Within the Collaborative, we are continuing to assess community need and available resources in order to connect need with supply, knowing that joining together in pursuit of shared goals that focus on positive results, not credit, is the best course for achieving community outcomes for "The Greater Good."

Marlene
MARLENE B. YOUNG



Mission of Mercy is one of the 50 local non-profit organizations that received funding from Delaplaine Foundation under the COVID-19 Collaborative. Mission health professionals are seen at work.

Philanthropic Community Joins Forces To Respond to Pandemic

COVID-19 Collaborative Grants
\$1.8million to Frederick County NPOs in Four Months

In the same week that the national CARES Act was signed into law, Frederick County non-profit organizations began to receive the first of \$1.8 million in funds, assembled or contributed by six local philanthropic organizations. The COVID-19 Collaborative, comprised of Ausherman Family Foundation, Community Foundation of Frederick County, MD, Delaplaine Foundation, The Helen J. Serini Foundation and United Way of Frederick County, as well as the Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County and The Kahlert Foundation each dedicated its financial wherewithal to the local emergencies that would arise.

"Fortunately," says Ken Oldham, CEO of United Way of Frederick County, "the core group had been meeting for years on a regular basis. We would confer with each other to better coordinate among each other on projects like a universal grantmaking software to ease the burden of grant writing on our nonprofit partners." Oldham

reports the group teleconferenced in its first emergency session on March 24 during which time major areas of support were identified: food security distribution would be coordinated by Frederick Rescue Mission; eviction protection, Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs; and childcare, YMCA of Frederick County, MD, in addition to other local nonprofits who provide childcare programs.

"United Way was the face of the public campaign," said Oldham, "but the Collaborative foundations generated the majority of the funding." Oldham says the Community Foundation played a dual role in its contribution of funds, and in providing the online grant application portal through which all NPOs could submit and be reviewed by Collaborators in an expedited manner. "Ausherman Family Foundation and The Helen J. Serini Foundation were also instrumental in organizing calls that could have up to 30 Collaborators, NPO and

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