



THE GREATER GOOD

Summer 2021 A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer finds us in the midst of a 3-year strategic planning process at Delaplaine Foundation. Sometimes life can feel like a constant run-on sentence with no place for a comma, let alone a period in order to have time to reflect. Now in our 20th year of operation, we've intentionally invested



in an in-depth time of reflection as we sharpen our focus and assess creative ways to improve how we accomplish the ongoing work of our mission.

A private family foundation is a metaphor for what we build upon; where we meet human needs by finding how we can make a difference for the central characters of our story. You are an important part of that story. You are a valued stakeholder, whether your role is as a nonprofit partner, a civic or community leader, an applicant, a grantee, a fellow funder, or a community member. You are an agent in the work we are doing; an active co-author of our story. You play a critical role in helping us picture and shape tomorrow in an ever-changing world within the communities we serve.

To those who participated in providing community feedback by participating in a stakeholder interview recently, we sincerely thank you. Your feedback and insight are key in helping us chart our course for moving forward. As we proceed to mold the vision for tomorrow at Delaplaine Foundation, we remain resolute in being engaged and committed to community by continuously building relationships and community connections. Philanthropy is a journey, not a checklist where relationships are currency, and transparency is a must. To that end, we recommit to being purpose driven, focusing on increased impact and outcomes for community enrichment, while ever striving to support diverse, inclusive, equitable programs and services through our nonprofit grantee partners to meet community needs, for "The Greater Good".

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MARLENE B. YOUNG



An Army Staff Sergeant hugs his family after returning from a 10-month deployment. Service members will soon have the benefit of newfound local support offered at the Platoon Veteran Services Center. Photo: South Dakota Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee.

Veterans To Gain Needed Local Support Services

Delaplaine Foundation Dedicated To Veteran Support With The 2022 Opening Of The Platoon Veteran Service Center

More than 100,000 military veterans in Frederick County and the surrounding area will have access to a variety of much-needed support services with the opening of the Platoon Veteran's Service Center in early 2022. The Center is a project of Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley (GIMV) in partnership with Platoon 22, the latter, a county-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to the advocacy and support of our nation's veterans.

In partnership with several Veteran focused organizations, Platoon 22 and GIMV will provide a wide variety of support services to veterans, intended to help soldiers transition back into civilian life. These will include peer mentorship, readjustment counseling, access to benefits navigation, job placement and retention services, career counseling support, along with access to

housing programs, transportation services and the Canine Warrior Connection program—a specialized therapy program designed to help warriors reconnect with their families and communities.

The services will be delivered at the Platoon Veteran's Service Center, currently being constructed on Monocacy Boulevard in Frederick. The 14,000 square foot center will be located at the new 36,000 square foot main campus building for GIMV.

"Delaplaine Foundation acknowledges and appreciates the sacrifices veterans make to ensure the strength and safety of our nation," said Marlene Young, President and CEO of Delaplaine Foundation. "To that end, the Foundation is proud to support the partnership of Goodwill Industries of

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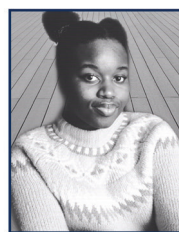
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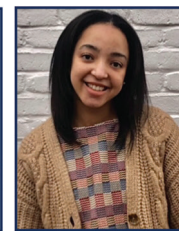
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Ten Frederick County Students Honored As Carson Scholars

Ten Frederick County students were recently awarded Carson Scholars Fund scholarships, underwritten by Delaplaine Foundation. The \$1,000 scholarship, to be used toward studies at a 4-year accredited college or university of their choice will help support them in their ambitions to become doctors, scientists, and other professionals.

The students will be honored in a ceremony this fall that will include family members, educators and community leaders. In addition to receiving the scholarship, the students will receive an Olympic-like medal and a trophy for their school.

"This is the first year of Delaplaine Foundation sponsored Carson Scholars in Frederick County. We are excited to recognize one outstanding student in each of ten Frederick County high schools who not only excels academically, but also in providing innovative and creative service to community. We celebrate these budding leaders of tomorrow," said Marlene Young, Delaplaine Foundation President.

When now retired world-renowned Johns Hopkins Pediatric Neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson, M.D. and his wife, Candy, read a research study about education in the United States, they were alarmed by the findings. The study showed that our nation's students ranked #21 out of 22 countries; next to the bottom of the list in science and math.

The Carsons also observed that many school display cases were filled with large trophies paying tribute to their sport teams' achievements, while honor students only received a pin or certificate.

CSF believes that when a student is recognized by their educators and community leaders for positive behaviors such as academic achievement and community service, the behaviors not only continue for the student, but they also influence their peers. The goal of CSF is to have a Carson Scholar in every school in the country. Delaplaine Foundation's funding plays a large role in accomplishing this goal locally.

CSF was able to award a scholarship at ten Frederick County high schools in 2021. Recipients include: Jeanelle Agyem, Urbana HS; Sarah Anderson, Oakdale HS; Armelle Bandeke, Tuscarora HS; Matthew Coffey, Linganore HS; Joshua Doyon, Middletown HS; Stella Henson, Frederick HS; Diya Jha, Governor Thomas Johnson HS; Evan Kelly, Brunswick HS; Lucia Runkles, Catoctin HS; and Willow Stewart, Walkersville HS.

Amy Warner, Executive Director, CSF, stated, "We are ecstatic to have a Carson Scholar in Frederick County high schools this year. Having the ability to recognize and honor them is rewarding."





The 36,000 sf building being constructed on Monocacy Boulevard will house the Platoon Veteran's Service Center and serve as the main campus for Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley. Completion of the building is slated early in 2022.

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Monocacy Valley (GIMV) and Platoon 22.”

“Through the generous support from Delaplaine Foundation, Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley has been able to develop best practices for veteran services,” said Holly Schor, Vice President of Operations, GIMV. “Specifically, our workforce development team was educated in providing for the particular needs of veterans so that we could offer quality services to the veterans that we have provided employment services to. We have also established new partnerships to connect veterans to resources.”

Approximately 400,000 veterans living in the state of Maryland will potentially be served by the local Center.

During the past five years, Delaplaine Foundation has awarded \$222,000 in grants for programs focused on veterans and active duty military.

Support has included the purchase of tickets for “Vet’s Night Out” in which veterans and their families are treated to free shows at Weinberg Center. Featured acts have included stand-up comedian Sinbad, a cappella musical group Straight, No Chaser, and Teelin Irish Dance Company.

“Since 2016, Delaplaine Foundation has provided tickets for 70-150 area veterans and their families per year to attend events at the Weinberg,” said Rebecca O’Leary, Mgr. Development, Weinberg Center for the Arts, “resulting in a wonderful arts experience for many of our local veterans and their families.”

Delaplaine Foundation also partners with The Foxy G Foundation, Star Community, Inc., and LifeHorse, Inc. These nonprofit organizations have created unique equine-based therapy programs to improve the emotional, social and physical well-being of veterans and people with disabilities.

In addition to therapeutic riding, veterans assist with farm maintenance by mowing pastures, fixing fences, and feeding and grooming horses. Laurie Calhoun, Executive Director of The Foxy G Foundation, stated, “Generous funding from Delaplaine Foundation provided funds for horses used in equine therapy programs.”



Top: Nationally-known comedian, Sinbad, was one of several acts that military veterans enjoyed at the Weinberg Center. Above: Volunteers assist sanctuary horses at The Foxy G Foundation farm.



IN BRIEF

George Delaplaine, Jr. Toasts Fellow WWII Comrades



George Delaplaine, Jr., is seen at the American Legion event held May 10, 2021.

George Delaplaine, Jr., who served in WWII, was among a group of WWII veterans from Francis Scott Key

Post 11 American Legion who, in 1955, formed the FSK Post 11 Last Man's Club.

They purchased a bottle of champagne with which the final member of the Club would toast all who proceeded him. With the death of Club member Ray Gafney in March, Delaplaine became the Last Man.

On May 10, Delaplaine toasted all his fellow members. The Past Commanders from Post 11 were in attendance at this ceremony and thanked Delaplaine for his service and dedication to the FSK Post 11 American Legion.

United Way Award

On June 10, 2021, George Delaplaine, Jr., received the 2021 United Way Red Feather, the highest award bestowed by United Way. The Red Feather is awarded to local philanthropic leaders and volunteer champions who have devoted time, talent and financial support to create long-lasting change in Frederick County. Delaplaine is only the second local recipient of the award—the first being the late Pete Plamondon, Sr.



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IN BRIEF

Rocky Springs School House History Interpreted With New Signs



Marlene B. Young, left, and Maria Callison, Trustee/VP, Historic Rocky Springs Chapel are seen near the interpretive signs.

A \$3,000 grant from Delaplaine Foundation has enabled the Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, Inc., (HRSC) to install two outdoor interpretive signs that offer the history of Rocky Springs School House. The signs interpret the impetus of the school's construction in 1839 and the many roles the school house has played in the community.

Last year, HRSC completed the first phase of the school's preservation, which was also supported by Delaplaine Foundation.

Debby Moone, HRSC Trustee and President, said, "We are sincerely grateful for the support rendered by the Delaplaine Foundation."

In addition to their interpretive value, Moone says the signs are creating a catalyst for increased financial support that will allow HRSC to proceed with Phase II of its preservation project.

Rocky Springs School House is located at 7817 Rocky Springs Road in Frederick.