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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Autumn is upon us, the season that perhaps best reminds us that change is constant and consequently, of the need for reflection that equips us to assess and address the ever-changing needs, challenges and opportunities of our diverse community.



In this edition, you'll read of the Frederick Funders Shared Data Project that provided a concise analysis of the 2020 grant funding of 11 local philanthropic organizations, including Delaplaine Foundation. The business of philanthropy recognizes that grantmaking remains one of the most powerful ways to create impact, and that collectively, we can do more than we can do individually. While each Funder has its own mission, collaboration among funders can be an incredibly powerful tool. When grantmaking organizations share ideas and learn together, doors open to increase financial support for grantees, and to discover and respond to unmet needs.

Autumn also ushers in the beginning of the holiday season when thoughts turn to gratitude, joy and giving. I leave you with these words "Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life." – Rumi. The investments we make through grant funding are grounded in gratitude to be part of such a caring and dynamic community and we find great joy in embracing the privilege of doing good for a Greater Good.

Marlene
MARLENE B. YOUNG



Shari Ostrow Scher, Director of Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership is seen filling a Family Resources Box with Tom and Marlene England, owners of Dancing Bear Toys and Gifts, and Curious Iguana, bookstore. The Englands contribute a portion of the costs of the toys and books for the Boxes.

COIPP Supports Children And Caregivers

Children with a parent who has been incarcerated often experience instability and trauma. The emotional, social and economic consequences of that loss also impact people who act as caretakers to these children. Seventeen years ago, Shari Ostrow Scher founded Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP), an all-volunteer nonprofit organization seeking to foster the growth of strong, resilient and hopeful children in Frederick County impacted by incarceration. Using a comprehensive "whole-family" approach, COIPP's programs are designed to serve children, caregivers and incarcerated family members.

Caregivers of children whose parents are jailed bear numerous burdens including stigma and shame, increased financial strain, physical and emotional stress, isolation, and lack of external resources. To address these issues COIPP has designed Respite Meetings—in person

and virtual—to support people who find themselves with financial and physical custody of a child or grandchild. These meetings bring caregivers together, often around a topic of mutual interest, and encourage sharing of solutions to problems. COIPP also hosts quarterly "Sharing Fairs" outside Frederick County Adult Detention Center (FCADC) to distribute free family hygiene supplies, clothing and shoes for children, school supplies, children's books, and other needed resources to impacted families. During the pandemic these events became monthly Emergency Giveaways.

Support for incarcerated individuals is provided by teaching classes at FCADC that focus on parenting, reconnecting with family upon release, and managing emotions. Due to COVID and the temporary end of volunteer programs at the jail, these weekly classes now take place at Wells House for those in residential drug rehabilitation. During the

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Rendering of William F. Moran, Jr. Forging and Educational Facility, to be located in Middletown.

Legacy of Bladesmith Bill Moran To Be Celebrated at a New Facility

Known as the father of the modern knife-forging movement, William F. Moran, Jr. was a Maryland native who taught himself how to forge a blade, using a coal forge and techniques common to blacksmiths. Moran gained notoriety in the mid 1970's by reviving the ancient art of forging Damascus steel. In the early 70's he was elected President of the Knifemakers' Guild before founding the American Bladesmith Society in 1976, a group dedicated solely to preserving the forged blade and educating others about traditional methods of bladesmithing. His knives were so in demand that people waited decades to have one custom made, some selling for thousands of dollars.

Bill Moran's legacy is celebrated by the William F. Moran, Jr. Museum & Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit group dedicated to the education, preservation and promotion of the ancient art and craft of hand forged knives and tools. The organization is currently headquartered in Bill Moran's Forge, located on Old National Pike Road in Middletown. This distinctive building houses a working shop on the lower level and a museum on the second floor which displays knives made by Moran. At this time, due to the pandemic, it is open by appointment only.

During this past summer, drivers in Middletown, Maryland may have noticed the large sign announcing the opening of the William F. Moran, Jr. Forging and Educational Facility. Over the past couple of years the WFM Foundation has raised funds to construct a new facility which will serve as a tribute to Bill Moran, and also to operate as a teaching facility. The 3,200 square foot building will have eight work stations with gas forges, grinders, presses, power hammers and more. Future classes of 6 to 8 people will allow the next generation of bladesmiths to hone their skills.

As this special project falls under the category of historic preservation, Delaplaine Foundation is pleased to have helped fund the construction of the William F. Moran, Jr. Forging and Educational Facility. Anyone who is interested in supporting the WFM Foundation, the construction of the William F. Moran, Jr. Forging and Educational Facility, and Bill Moran's legacy, can go to www.williammoranmuseum.com and learn about memberships, merchandise and upcoming demonstrations.





Local Frederick Funders Collaborate To Assess Community Funding

Delaplaine Foundation, in collaboration with ten other local foundations and philanthropic institutions in the Frederick County area, has participated in a shared grant data project to gain a greater insight into the big picture impact of local non-profit funding. The collaboration concept was based on a desire to make sure the needs of Frederick County residents are being met, and to uncover any gaps in community funding that might not be evident without the sharing of information. While this project has been in the works for a number of years, in September a milestone was reached when consultant Erik Devereux, of Devereux Consulting Inc., formally presented a compiled and analyzed report showing figures and trends based on the funding information supplied by the participants.

The data project report covers the nearly \$14M awarded by funders in 2020 and how the grant dollars were distributed based on categories of giving, such as Arts and Culture, Human Services, Education, Historic Preservation, etc. Pandemic emergency relief comprised approximately \$2M. Over half of all giving targeted organizations and programs focused on Human Needs, in part a result of COVID-19, followed by educational-related grants, with approximately 92% of all funds directed to efforts within

Frederick County. The collected data was compared against the 2018 Frederick County Human Needs Assessment and the 2019 Frederick County Community Health Needs Assessment reports to further ascertain the most pressing needs as well as underfunded areas of need. Beyond the \$12M in regular grants, and the nearly \$2M in Covid emergency grants, an additional \$3.5M of Covid Relief funds was provided by Frederick County Government to nonprofits, which is not included in the report.

Additional participants in the data project include the following organizations: Ausherman Family Foundation, The Community Foundation of Frederick County, Frederick County Government, Helen J. Serini Foundation, The Kahlert Foundation, Loats Foundations Inc., The Will Group Foundation, Inc., United Way of Frederick County, William E. Cross Foundation, and The Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County.

A virtual forum open to nonprofits who wish to discuss the details and findings of the data project is planned for November 4, 2021, at 11:30 – 12:30 via Zoom. Several funders, including Delaplaine Foundation, as well as consultant Erik Devereux, will participate.



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pandemic, pre-stamped postcards were distributed at the jail allowing inmates to stay in touch with their families by mail.

COIPP families often need support in order to build successful futures. Older children impacted by incarceration, caregivers, and parents who have been released from jail, are eligible for scholarships at Frederick County Community College. This program may be the only one of its kind in the nation.

An enormously successful COIPP program is the creation and distribution of Family Resources Boxes, operated in partnership with Dancing Bear Toys and Gifts and Curious Iguana Book Store. COIPP fills boxes with new books, art supplies and high-quality toys and games which provide meaningful educational opportunities and outlets for creative expression. The boxes are curated specifically for each child and designed to serve as an engagement tool for caregivers. During the past year, COIPP distributed over 110 boxes to families.

Delaplaine Foundation helped provide funding for the Family Resource Box program. "One of Frederick County's strengths lies in its caring, concerned citizens who see a need and take steps to address it. Shari Scher and her team of volunteers epitomize this in the grassroots program she founded to address the critical needs of children who have been traumatized by the incarceration of a loved one," said Marlene Young. "We have been proud to partner with COIPP in providing funding for Family Resource Boxes that provide educational, uplifting, hands-on activities."

"I don't know where to begin to say thank you," said Scher. "Thanks to our amazing board members who work tirelessly as well as the support of community organizations like Delaplaine Foundation, I know our children and their families will flourish and never feel forgotten."



Delaplaine Foundation Supports Frederick County Education Initiatives

Delaplaine Foundation is committed to educational advancement in Frederick County, and to the support of students, educators, academic programs and institutions through the funding of education initiatives, tuition assistance programs and operational support. Funding for these additional learning opportunities supplements traditional school curriculum, and the hope is for students to have access to an enhanced educational journey that will benefit themselves, their future career paths, and Frederick County overall.

As part of a diverse funding initiative, Delaplaine Foundation has partnered with Junior Achievement of Central Maryland to create financial literacy classes for middle school students. Through the JA Finance Park Virtual Program, class participants use a computer program to simulate “real life” economic situations that factor in education levels, marital status, number of children, etc. Students gain crucial critical-thinking skills by deciding whether to spend or save, and then learn whether those choices lead to wealth generation in a virtual environment. The program exposes



Delaplaine Foundation underwrites the cost of admission for FCPS students to regional museums and galleries. Students seen learning about a painting at Walters Art Museum. Photo: Jill Fannon, Walters Art Gallery

students to standard-of-living possibilities that encourage the pursuit of higher education and an appreciation for making calculated financial decisions.

Funding free admission programs for Frederick County Public Schools students and their teachers to organizations such as the Maryland Science Center, National Aquarium, and the Walters Art Gallery creates opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. While the pandemic has

prevented recent travel to Baltimore to experience these institutions first-hand, virtual programs have been developed so that students can still learn about scientific innovation and environmental stewardship, as well as experiencing a vibrant art collection in a safe manner.

Delaplaine Foundation has also sponsored the Library Virtual ZOOMobile Outreach program. In partnership with the

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A teen is seen guiding an elementary age student in formulating a healthy lunch at the Maryland Science Center. Courtesy: Maryland Science Center

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Marlene Young
President, Delaplaine Foundation

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Left: Since 2012, Delaplaine Foundation has awarded grants to Hood College in support of its Summer Reading Clinic. These funds allow for Hood students enrolled in its Master of Science in Reading Specialization program to have paid internships—who in turn, instruct students in grades K-12. Marlene Young is seen speaking with a young student enrolled in the clinic during the 2017 program. Courtesy: Hood College

Frederick County Public Libraries, the Maryland Zoo has created a virtual learning and science interactive presentation that features encounters with live Animal Ambassadors from one of the largest traveling animal collections in the country. Students benefit from educational content about nature, science and conservation that is delivered in a fun and accessible manner.

A program that benefits Frederick County K-12 students and college students alike is the Hood College Summer Reading Clinic. Delaplaine Foundation has awarded grants to Hood College to create an internship for students enrolled in the Master of Science in Reading Specialization program. These students serve as clinicians for children in elementary and secondary schools who struggle to read at grade level. The six-week clinic is designed to improve reading, writing, and spelling skills. An analysis of reading comprehension, fluency, writing, and spelling is followed by prescriptive instruction designed to meet each child's academic success needs.

For Frederick County students who are planning to pursue higher education, Delaplaine Foundation has supported the Carson Scholars Fund, an organization

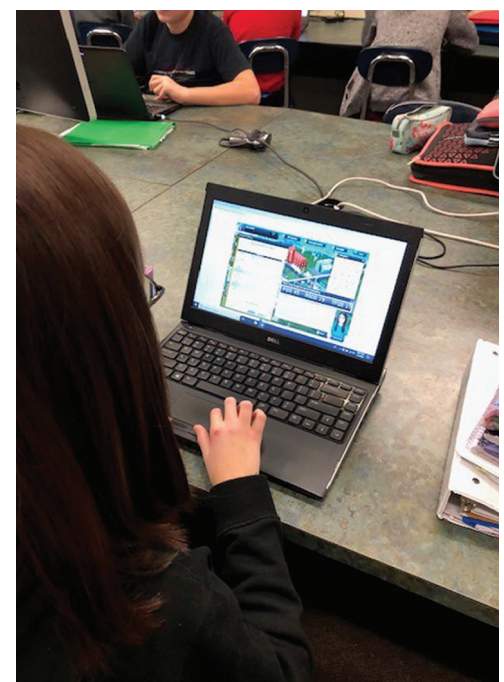
founded by now retired world-renowned Pediatric Neurologist Dr. Benjamin S. Carson and his wife Candy Carson that recognizes exceptional students across the nation. Teachers nominate academically high-achieving 4-11th grade students who participate in their community in meaningful ways. Selected students are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and recognized at a banquet.

Education-focused grants have been and will continue to be awarded to a variety of efforts that benefit Frederick County students. By funding diverse programs that target students of all ages, Delaplaine Foundation hopes to maximize beneficial impact, both to Frederick County students, and to the community at large.

"We are proud to fund programs and initiatives that strengthen and enhance the educational experience of students in Frederick County. We see this as an investment in our youth by affording them additional opportunities to use and strengthen their intellectual and leadership skills and abilities to contribute to their community and society, recognizing that today's students become tomorrow's responsible citizens and leaders", said Marlene Young.



Above: Carson Scholar, Joshua Doyon, Middletown High School, displays his certificate and Delaplaine Foundation tote bag.



Students are seen making financial decisions using the Junior Achievement Finance Park Virtual Program, created to assist young people in attaining financial literacy as well as personal decision making they will have to utilize later in life. Courtesy: Junior Achievement

Federated Charities Celebrates the Restoration of Charity



Elin Ross, Executive Director of Federated Charities, celebrates the unveiling of the restored statue known as "Charity."

"Charity," the beloved, black dog who stands guard in front of the Federated Charities building located at 22 S. Market Street has been reinstated following a major restoration of the statue's feet and base. Installed during Frederick's tumultuous Civil War years, Charity was named in 1989 to reflect the work of the nonprofit organization and its many tenants. Federated Charities rents its 23,000 square feet of commercial office space to nonprofit organizations at a discounted rate.

The historical preservation project was made possible through funding provided by Preservation Maryland, Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., a *Go Fund Me* campaign, and others. "Federated Charities take seriously all aspects of the preservation of our building, which included the dog in 2020/2021," said Elin Ross, Executive Director of Federated Charities, "and we do not pass along these costs to our nonprofit partners." Learn more at: federatedcharities.org.



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