

THE GREATER GOOD

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A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've always considered myself a fan of all four seasons and yet I'll admit I'm partial to Spring. It signals renewal, refreshment and recalibration in nature and in life.

Without doubt, we're all looking at a different landscape than the one of just a couple of years ago. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon all of us who are involved in the vital work of philanthropy to "refresh" our perspectives and take inventory of the programs we support and examine how needs have changed and what new strategies may be required to meet emerging needs.



At Delaplaine Foundation, we're looking under the hood of our operations to ensure that our funding priorities continue to adapt to changing needs in a changing world. A few practical means by which we're doing this is through defined metrics for gauging impact; by revamping our application process so that first time applicants will complete a full-length application, while those who have received funding from us previously will have a more abbreviated, succinct application. We're checking in with grantees to gauge how the needs of their organizations and the clients they serve are changing. We're engaging in open dialog with community leaders, stakeholders and other community funders on changing community needs while assessing past community wide grant funding outcomes.

In this season of renewal, we renew our commitment to the enrichment of communities, families and quality of life for all. We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with those whose mission aligns with ours to make a positive difference. Together, we rise for a Greater Good.

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Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs

Emergency Family Shelter Opens

The long-anticipated grand opening of Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs' (RCEHN) Emergency Family Shelter took place Sunday, February 27 before a gathering of more than 100 people. Religious Coalition Executive Director Nick Brown officially opened the 8,300 sf facility that provides 10 family suites.

"The Shelter will insure a level of normalcy for families that is important to emotional and physical stability," said Brown.

Completion of the \$3 million project took place after years of planning and fundraising under the leadership of campaign Co-Chairs Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel and Dr. Greg Rausch, MD, RCEHN board leadership, volunteers, and the dedicated commitment from the multi-denominational faith community. Other partners included The City of Frederick, Frederick County Government, the State of MD, community funders, public, private and individual donors. Delaplaine Foundation provided a \$250,000 grant for the Shelter at the start of the project.



The 8,300 sf Shelter located on Hayward Road in Frederick will serve families in temporary need of emergency lodging.

"Our thanks to everyone in the community who helped make this possible," said Brown, with special acknowledgement to Megan Elizabeth Kula, RCEHN Director of Philanthropy for her leadership of the project, and to Neil Donnelly, Shelter Director.

In addition to the family suites with private baths, the Shelter includes a large community kitchen and living area, a children's play area and counseling rooms. "Parents can prepare meals with their children to be enjoyed in the dining room," said Brown.



Seen left to right: Gregory Rausch, MD, Campaign Co-Chair; Dr. Rev. Eliezer Valentin-Castanon, Board President; Nick Brown, RCEHN Executive Director; Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, Campaign Co-Chair; Marlene B. Young, President, Delaplaine Foundation; and Neil Donnelly, Shelter Director.

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Empowered to Live’s “Project GUIDE” instructs students in a wide range of classroom and practical skills that are related to the construction and trades industries. Courtesy photo.

Empowered To Live Program Supports Youth With Job Skills

Empowered to Live (ETL) is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of empowering youth and families to lead purpose-driven lives through programs designed to educate, provide resources, increase economic mobility, strengthen families, and build stronger communities. ETL was founded by Tiffany Green, President and CEO, in direct response to the 2016 Frederick County Community Needs Assessment in which over 62% of respondents said there are not sufficient programs or services available to help young people in need.

One of the ETL's programs targeting youth ages 16-24, is “Project GUIDE,” a pre-apprenticeship program that teaches job readiness, specifically through technical training in construction and the skilled trades. The purpose of the program is threefold: 1) to decrease the skills gap amongst today’s youth through job readiness and technical skills training and hands-on work experiences; 2) to improve Frederick County’s economy by increasing employment opportunities for young people; 3) to assist employers with eliminating the labor shortage in high-demand industries.

“Project GUIDE” includes eight weeks of classroom instruction and hands-

on projects covering topics such as job readiness skills, financial literacy, forklift operation, using hand and power tools, job site clean-up, and construction math and measurements. To supplement the classroom training, youth participate in beautification and home improvement community service projects for low to moderate income households. Upon completion of the classroom training, trainees can receive several industry recognized credentials. Participants then transition to an internship with a local business. “For instance,” says Green, “last year five trainees received their forklift operator certification. Additionally, all seven trainees are now OSHA-10 certified. These industry credentials created a pathway for our youth to gain access to entry level employment opportunities with local businesses.”

ETL was one of several new first-time applicants to apply for funding from Delaplaine Foundation in 2021. “Empowered To Live's mission aligns well with our focus on enrichment through education,” said Delaplaine Foundation President Marlene Young. “We are excited to support it as a new grantee.” Learn more about this and other ETL programs at www.empoweredtolive.org.



Heartly House Programs Respond To The Needs Of All Who Are Impacted by Domestic Violence



Citizens gather on October 2, 2021 in Baker Park in Frederick, MD, to participate in the annual Heartly House event “Walk A Mile In Their Shoes,” which raises awareness for domestic violence. Heartly House Community Engagement & Prevention Manager, Jenn Metcalf, is seen below.

Delaplaine Foundation has partnered with Heartly House for many years in support of their Medical Accompaniment Program, in addition to other programs serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Delaplaine Foundation Technology/Program Associate, Blair Wilson spoke with Jenn Metcalf, Heartly House Engagement & Prevention Manager to discuss the organization’s many programs.

Blair: For someone who is unfamiliar how would you summarize the mission of Heartly House?

Jenn: Our mission is to end intimate partner violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking, and to provide survivors with safety, shelter, and supportive services. We are the only agency in Frederick County that provides comprehensive services to victims and survivors of these types of violence. We want to be known as a place that serves everyone in Frederick County who needs our services (which includes those in immediate danger) regardless of gender, race, orientation, education, or income. While our shelter is essential for our clients who need it, they make up just 15% of our total client base.

Blair: What other services does Heartly House offer?

Jenn: We offer legal services, individual and group counseling, hospital accompaniment for anyone who has experienced a sexual or intimate partner assault, crisis intervention, support for children and adult survivors of sex trafficking, and community education and trainings. Heartly House also facilitates an abuse intervention program, which is for male offenders of intimate partner violence. This last program is the only service we offer that includes a fee.



Blair: Can you talk about the “Take Back the Night” event.

Jenn: “Take Back the Night” is a national nonprofit organization with the mission of ending sexual, relationship, and intimate partner violence in all forms. On Friday, April 1st, Heartly House will host its first annual “Take Back the Night” in Baker Park. It is intended as a supportive and empowering event for survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence, and their allies. The evening will include live music, survivor speakers, and a march around the park. We are also in the process of planning

our third “CAPES” event, this summer, and our “Walk a Mile in Their Shoes” event in October.

Blair: As a member of the Leadership Frederick Class of 2022, I had the privilege of working with you to create an Ambassador Volunteer program for Heartly House. What other volunteer opportunities are there?

Jenn: Like many organizations, Heartly House’s volunteer program was deeply impacted by the pandemic. Pre-pandemic, our volunteers would watch children while their parents attended counseling and other appointments, as well as picking up donations and supporting our events. We still aren't seeing clients in person, but we are opening up volunteer opportunities again. We are excited to launch the Ambassador Program, which will offer opportunities for people to volunteer online and in person. Ambassadors will be equipped to share the message of Heartly House’s mission and services with the Frederick community in ways beyond that our staff are able to do. We believe this type of volunteer program has the potential to expand our reach in new and exciting ways.

Blair: What about funding? How is Heartly House supported financially?

Most of our funding comes from federal and state grants. While they provide needed funds, they can be limiting. We are always in need financial support from the private sector. We offer opportunities for peer-to-peer fundraising. We are always accepting donations of gift cards so that our clients can have more agency and flexibility in choosing things they need for themselves and their families.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, email us at Engage@HeartlyHouse.org or learn more about us at HeartlyHouse.org. Our 24-hour Hotline, 301-662-8800 is available to anyone who may need support or wants to know how to support a loved one. Our staff is also available at this number from 8am-10pm, M-F, to answer general questions.



MEET THE BOARD

Edward S. Delaplaine II



Edward S. Delaplaine, II, a.k.a. “Ted,” serves as Vice President of Delaplaine Foundation. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University’s engineering school, and also holds a Masters in Science Degree in applied physics from the Johns Hopkins University.

Ted worked as an engineer for 28 years before retiring in 2017. In addition to his role with the Foundation, he serves as a member of the Delaplaine Arts Center

Board of Trustees, and a board member of the Severn River Association. For nine years he served on the Enoch Pratt Free Library Board of Directors, in Baltimore.

Ted is passionately involved in oyster restoration efforts on the Severn River near his home in Crownsville, MD. Like his father and grandfather, he is an Eagle Scout. His many interests include bird watching, photography, French language, astronomy, crabbing, and the arts.



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Leadership Frederick 2022 Classmates, Blair Wilson, Danielle Adams, and Amber Smith get framed on Random Acts of Kindness Day, February 17, sponsored by the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, which supported families of The Frederick County Judy Centers.

Interpretive Studies Program Informs Participants and the Public of Seton’s Life



A JHI participant is seen painting at one of the living history events hosted at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, MD.

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton offers a unique program that educates girls about Seton and life in 19th century Emmitsburg, MD. As part of the Junior History Interpreter’s Program (JHI) curriculum, students participate in classroom instruction, workshop activities, and research projects. One such project includes delving into archival research concerning the life of a student enrolled at Mother Seton’s early 19th century school with the goal of accurately portraying the student in costume, mannerisms and skills during living history tours at the Shrine.

This immersive experience is designed to strengthen a student’s communication, public speaking and presentation skills, while learning more about Seton’s roles as a mother, teacher, and leader, and her lasting legacy in charity, education, healthcare, and religious formation.

Delaplaine Foundation supported the JHI Program with grant funding. To learn more about the Junior History Interpreter’s Program, visit www.setonshrine.org

