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A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 2024 is upon us and with it comes the promise of new opportunities, new challenges (which I've always seen as opportunity in work clothes), and a recommitment to further our mission of community enrichment.



Recently when meeting with a local nonprofit Executive Director I was asked how I define "conscious leadership".

To me, conscious leadership is about being intentional, being keenly connected to the people and organizations with whom we work to bring about positive impact and outcomes. It's about building, cultivating and nurturing our most valuable asset – community relationships. It's about listening, having tough conversations, knowing what you don't know and being a perpetual learner to expand knowledge and insight to community need. It's about defining priorities and setting goals, recognizing goals are achieved as we journey together in partnership and that the wonder comes in the walking. Conscious leadership is about seeking systematic feedback, assessing what is working and strategically revamping what could and should work better in order to evolve and steward solutions, all while driving equity to underscore our commitment to a central value that believes that all people and communities should have an equal opportunity to thrive.

Listening is at the heart of our work. In shared information gathered from fellow funders, community nonprofits, and those whom they serve, we're able to attain robust feedback, insights, lived experience, and expertise, and ultimately, to act on it.

As we journey into 2024, we acknowledge that the best philanthropy is not just about giving money, but comes in catalyzing nonprofit organizations doing the hard work of opening doors and developing solutions to meet community needs. We're proud to be a partner in this ongoing process of strengthening communities through programs, services and solutions that yield better lives.

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MARLENE B. YOUNG
President



Love for Lochlin (L4L) was one of 165 nonprofit organizations that received a Delaplaine Foundation grant during the 2023 grant cycle. See related stories on page 3. Pictured left to right are: Brad Young, L4L Foundation Board member, Founders Brooke and Bill DeSantis, Marlene Young, Jennifer Cooper, Chair, Hood College Nursing Dept., Beth Gura, L4L Foundation Board member, Meg Page, Hood Nursing Student. Photo: Matt Lee, Hood College.

Delaplaine Foundation Awards Over \$2.7M to NPOs in 2023

Delaplaine Foundation awarded 181 grants to 165 nonprofit organizations, totaling \$2,712,700 in funding. Approximately 88% of grant funds were awarded to programs and projects targeting Frederick County residents. "The grant funding reflects the diversity and complexity of community need," said Marlene Young, president of Delaplaine Foundation. "The Board is actively engaged in the extensive vetting process along with the members of our Community Advisory Council who provide additional valuable information in assisting our decision making."

The 2023 grant total of \$2.7M represents the largest dollar amount that Delaplaine Foundation has ever awarded in a single year.



- Human Services 36%
- Art & Culture 17%
- Historical Preservation 15%
- Health 15%
- Education 15%
- Spiritual Enlightenment 2%

See a complete list of grant recipients at: www.delaplainefoundation.org/news

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Both Habitat for Humanity (above) and Mission of Mercy (below, right), recently hosted anniversary celebrations. Both organizations are recipients of Delaplaine Foundation grants.

Celebrating 30 Years of Service Habitat for Humanity & Mission of Mercy

Two local nonprofit organizations, Habitat for Humanity and Mission of Mercy, celebrated three decades of service to Frederick County this past fall. Both organizations were recipients of 2023 Delaplaine Foundation grants.

Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County constructs or improves privately owned homes with the belief that affordable housing and homeownership play a critical role in strong and stable communities. Since establishment of a Frederick County chapter, Habitat for Humanity has built 48 new houses for individuals who could not afford to purchase a home. Equally important, they have overseen hundreds of critical home repairs that have allowed homeowners to remain in their home—and with a greater quality of life.

“New homeowners who come through the Habitat homeownership program put in sweat equity and a financial commitment to bring an affordable mortgage within their reach,” said Eric Anderson, Executive Director. “When it comes to making a difference in a person’s life, benefits like greater economic stability, increased civic and social engagement, better health, increased access to education opportunities for them and their children, and pride of ownership are often cited as

the primary reasons behind their move from rental to owned housing,” he said.

Working in partnership with the State of Maryland, the organization is currently in the midst of a major new \$14M housing project in downtown Frederick that will result in 12 new “affordable” residences.

The project includes the preservation/renovation of three historic homes at 100, 102 and 108 W. All Saints, as well as all new construction on Affordable Housing Land Trust property situated in between two of the historic structures. The project is scheduled for completion in 2024.

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The leadership of Mission of Mercy is pictured at the most recent Annual Gala. Seen l-r: Kary Hogan, RN, Assistant Nursing Director
Linda Ryan, Executive Director
Michael Sullivan, MD, Chief Medical Director
Jennifer White, Development Director.



AARCH Executive Director Dr. Cheryl Gooch, Marlene Young, and AARCH Board President Protean Gibril are seen at a meeting to discuss AARCH's strategic plans for the future, taken last fall.

AARCH Receives \$100K Grant for Heritage Center Exhibits

African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH) was the recipient of a \$100,000 three-year installment grant for the continuing development of the educational exhibits that will be featured in the AARCH Heritage Center upon its opening in 2025. Prior to this, AARCH had received \$140,000 in grant funding from Delaplaine Foundation.

Historian and researcher, Cheryl Renée Gooch, Ph.D., joined the organization in September as Executive Director. She brings a wide range of skills and operations, programming, and partnership experiences to the role.

"We are ecstatic about receiving the grant," said Dr. Gooch. "It will be used for refining the exhibit plan and the actual fabrication of the exhibits." Approximately 1,000 sf of the Center's total 3,200 square footage will be dedicated to exhibits. Another section of the facility will quarter its Resource and Research Center. About the Center's completion she says, "We're aiming for a soft opening in late summer or early fall of 2024, and fully opened in 2025."

In the remaining time Dr. Gooch says that the organization is focusing on ways to best utilize the AARCH artifact

collection and to make it most accessible for researchers, students, and the general public. The collection includes photography, documents, ephemera, and contributed objects that are relevant to Frederick County African American history. "Our plan is to have much of it represented online for greatest access."

Another organizational goal is to continue its ongoing discovery of local African American history. "There is still much that has yet to be documented," she said. "There are lost communities to be rediscovered. More needs to be learned about Frederick County's extensive contribution to the Colored Troops during the Civil War. So much more."

AARCH is an affiliate of the National Park Service Civil Rights Networks, which provides resources for the society to explore local civil rights organizations post-Civil War.

Dr. Gooch, who hails from the Wilmington, DE area and recently moved here, said she was enthusiastic about Frederick upon her first visit. "I love the historic downtown buildings, its shops and restaurants. It's really beautiful."



L4L Provides Flu and Sepsis Info and Vaccines

Promoting and preventing flu and sepsis by making vaccines and education available to those who do not have access to them is the mission of The Love for Lochlin Foundation (L4L), founded in 2020 by William and Brooke DeSantis shortly after losing their son, Lochlin, to those illnesses.

Each day in the state of Maryland 19 children and 80-90 adults are diagnosed with sepsis, which is deadly if not responded to immediately. This will hopefully soon change as this medical condition is growing rapidly in awareness.

Delaplaine Foundation's grant of \$35,000 to L4L partially funds a 5-year pilot program that gives Hood, FCC, and Mount St. Mary's University students remote, front line experience in administering flu vaccines—often to underserved populations, which include low-income immigrants, and the elderly. The grant offsets the salary of an instructing nurse who oversees and teaches the students when onsite. For many students it also provides their first experience in vaccinating babies. The clinics are often staged in parking lots of shopping centers and government-owned properties in close proximity to L4L's target populations.

"More than just administer vaccinations," says Ms. DeSantis, "the students perform pre-evaluations, which includes taking blood pressure and other vital signs as well as educating parents about the flu and sepsis." During the 200+ clinics L4L has hosted this past year, administering 3,285 vaccines, the nursing students and staff triaged two patients who were unknowingly experiencing heart attacks and were rushed to the hospital.

Ms. DeSantis, who until recently worked as a Registered Nurse, says that students are appreciative of the experience they are receiving.

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Mission of Mercy introduced its new mobile medical unit to the community in 2023—MOM's fifth unit since 1994.

For thirty years Mission of Mercy (MOM) has provided healthcare, dental care, and prescription medications—all at no cost to the uninsured and under-insured locally and in parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania. “The life-saving services, delivered via mobile medical and dental units are made possible through the generosity of foundations,

businesses, civic groups, churches, individuals, and volunteers,” said Linda Ryan, Executive Director.

In Frederick County, since 1994, MOM physicians, volunteering 10,252 hours of their time, have attended to 80,600 patient visits, 8,500 dental treatments, and distributed thousands of free prescriptions. “We sincerely thank Delaplaine Foundation for their financial support and for partnering with us to live our mission to restore dignity and heal through love,” said Ryan.



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“Working for Love for Lochlin has sharpened my clinical skills and deepened my understanding of our diverse community,” says Meghan Page, a Hood College nursing student. “Being part of this initiative has been incredibly rewarding, knowing that our efforts directly contribute to the well-being of those we serve.”

The nonprofit’s mission and Ms. DeSantis’ personal commitment “to see permanent change” extends from “Big Blue,” the L4L mobile clinic to Frederick Health hospital and the Frederick

County Health Department. Collectively the three entities have developed an official county-wide protocol for diagnosing and responding to sepsis. Frederick Health is among the relatively few hospitals in the U.S. with such a protocol. However, Ms. DeSantis says that this will change by 2025 when the CDC has ordered all U.S. hospitals to have such protocols in place.

L4L provides clothing, vaccines, masks, COVID tests, and disinfectant to anyone free of charge. This is important she says, because there are service gaps

within our population. Specifically, all insurances do not cover the cost of flu shots. While the local health department has access to the vaccine, it cannot, by law, serve those who are not enrolled in some type of medical insurance program, such as Medicaid. This would include undocumented immigrants. Others are simply unaware of the disease’s mortal threat and the availability of vaccinations. Learn more about the work of this organization and ways that you can support it by going to www.loveforlochlin.com

