

THE GREATER GOOD

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A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Community Friends, Partners, and Stakeholders,

This message is a particularly personal one, hemmed in gratitude while bittersweet since having made the announcement of my impending retirement effective June 30th from the day-to-day leadership



as President and CEO of Delaplaine Foundation. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life to serve as the leader of this incredible organization. I

am deeply grateful to Chairman George Delaplaine for his faith and trust in me and that of my fellow trustees on the Foundation Board. Since our doors opened in 2001, Delaplaine Foundation has embraced our charge and commitment to providing strategic philanthropy that helps enrich communities, families and quality of life for all.

I'm reminded daily that leadership is a privilege, and I continue to be honored and grateful each day for the opportunity to work with an incredibly dedicated staff, to partner with our devoted nonprofit organization partners who tirelessly work to meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable citizens and to find new and innovative ways to affect social change and impact the community for good. I'm also mindful that a leader looks to the future and as such, must know when to step aside and make room for new vision and leadership.

Our new Executive Director, Michele Corr comes to us with a seasoned nonprofit leadership background and new ideas that we welcome in advancing the next chapter of the Foundation's story of impact. I am eager to introduce her to our stakeholders and community partners in the weeks ahead. There is still much to be done in the next six months in preparing to pass the torch as I will then continue to serve as President of the Board of Trustees after June 30th.

It's a New Year and a new era ahead in the ever-evolving story of Delaplaine Foundation. Truly, I am deeply grateful for what has been, for what is, and so very excited for what it yet to be! Yours in giving for a greater good,

Marlene
MARLENE B. YOUNG
President

Michele Corr Named Executive Director of Delaplaine Foundation

Foundation Restructures
With New Leadership Position
In Response To Growing
Organizational Needs



The Board of the Trustees of Delaplaine Foundation is pleased to announce that Michele P. Corr has accepted the newly-created position of Executive Director at the Foundation. The Frederick-based philanthropic organization established in 2001 is dedicated to enriching the quality of life in Frederick County and beyond through financial support of nonprofit organizations whose missions align with that of the Foundation. In the role of Executive Director, Corr will oversee the Foundation's daily operations. Marlene Young will continue to serve as president and CEO of the organization until her retirement on June 30, 2025 at which time she has agreed to continue to serve as President of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"In recent years, the work of the Foundation has grown exponentially, requiring internal reorganization," explains Young. "We're thrilled that Michele has accepted the position of Executive Director. Her professional experience and extensive knowledge of the community will enable her to lead the organization as it continues to grow."

A native of Frederick, MD, Corr will leave her post as Executive Director of Friends of Catholic Education, Inc., (FOCE) to

assume her new position at Delaplaine Foundation on January 6, 2025.

"I have followed the impactful work of Delaplaine Foundation over the years and always viewed Marlene Young as the gold standard when it comes to nonprofit leadership," said Corr, who has served as Executive Director at FOCE since 2016. "I am so excited to have the opportunity to collaborate with the staff and board of the foundation to advance its mission. I have profound respect and admiration for George Delaplaine, Jr., his family and the enduring legacy they have built."

FOCE is dedicated to providing block grants and scholarships to students who wish to attend one of Frederick County's five Catholic schools. In the 2024-2025 school year FOCE awarded block grants and scholarships to 57 students totaling \$112,250. This figure contributes to the organization's overall award total of over \$5 million since its founding in 1989. "I've thoroughly loved my work and will continue to enjoy the many wonderful associations I've made at Friends," said Corr, who will remain on the FOCE Board of Trustees.

Prior to Corr's work at FOCE she was

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Madison, was the grant recipient of a sensory bubble wall funded by The Monocacy Foundation (TMF). She is seen with her family and TMF board member Julie DeRoner (center).

Nonprofit Funds Opportunities for People with Special Needs

The Monocacy Foundation (TMF) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities to people in Frederick County who have been diagnosed with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

The organization arose out of a tragic situation experienced by Millie Diggs, a woman with special needs living in a community home, who was known for her love of dancing, singing, and her favorite musician, Prince. In addition to receiving Social Security benefits, Millie worked at Goodwill. In 1995, Millie decided that she wanted to take a trip to Disney World and began saving paychecks in order to fund her trip. Just as she was about to meet her financial goal, Millie was informed by Social Security Administration that she had too much money in her bank account, and was no longer able to receive Social Security benefits.

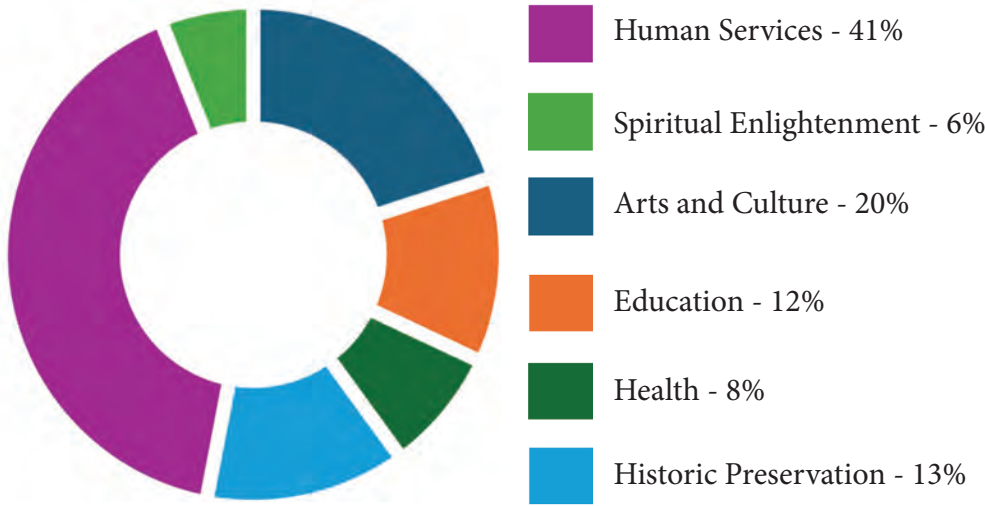
Millie never had the chance to take her dream vacation to Disney World, as she passed away unexpectedly. This heartbreaking, but very common problem

of the inability to afford the 'extras' in life is one that children and young adults diagnosed with disabilities often face.

TMF was founded in 1995 with a goal of providing opportunities and experiences to those individuals who are unable to save their own money without risking loss of critical benefits. As of 2024 TMF has awarded over \$600,000 worth of grant funding to individuals and to local nonprofits. Awards have made for therapy visits, summer camps, therapeutic horseback riding, dental and vision care, specialized college classes, sensory items, art supplies, music classes and instruments, and so much more. While some of these experiences and services might be considered nonessential, they can be vital to the recipient, helping them to have a meaningful and happy life. These awards can also relieve some of the financial pressure felt by families of the recipients, who often struggle to pay for medical bills and other large expenses that come with raising a child with special needs.

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Delaplaine Foundation Awards \$2.95m to Nonprofits in 2024



For the 2024 grant cycle, Delaplaine Foundation awarded a record amount of grant funding to nonprofits in Frederick County and surrounding areas. After receiving 162 grant applications, the Delaplaine Foundation Board of Trustees awarded grants totaling \$2,950,400. This amount includes \$300,000 of discretionary funding. In total, over 170 nonprofit organizations received a grant or grant installment, including thirteen first-time grantees. Approximately 90% of grant awards were given to programs and projects impacting Frederick County, and 41% of funding was directed towards Human Services.

Frederick County nonprofit organizations receiving 2024 grant awards:

Advocates for Homeless Families, Inc., American Friends of Lafayette, American Red Cross serving Montgomery, Howard and Frederick Counties, Andrea’s House, Inc., Asbury United Methodist Church, Asian American Center of Frederick, Beyond Shelter Frederick, Blessings in a Backpack, Bovine Intervention Booster Organization, Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County, Brook Lane Inc., Brunswick High School Safe and Sane Graduation Committee, Brunswick Volunteer Ambulance & Rescue, Inc., Calvary United Methodist Church, Catoclin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.,

Centro Hispano de Frederick, City Youth Matrix, Coalition for a Healthier Frederick County, Community Foundation of Frederick County, Crossed Bridges Inc., Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Inc., Distinguished Young Women of Maryland, Downtown Frederick Partnership, Endangered Species Theatre Project, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farm to School Frederick, Frederick Arts Council, Frederick Children’s Chorus, Frederick Chorale, Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program, Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum and Preservation Society, Inc., Frederick County Humane Society, Frederick County Youth Livestock Fund, Frederick

Experimental Music Association, Frederick Health Hospice, Frederick High School Music Boosters, Frederick Housing and Development Commission, Frederick Rescue Mission, Inc., Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc., Girls on the Run of Mid & Western Maryland, Global Z Recording Project, Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley, Grace Episcopal Church, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick, Harriet Chapel, Catoclin Episcopal Parish, Heartly House, Inc., Helping Hands and Caring Hearts, Heritage Frederick, Hood College, Housing Frederick, I Believe In Me, Interfaith Housing Alliance, Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department, Literacy Council of Frederick County, Inc., Love For Lochlin Foundation, Main Street Housing, Inc., Mar-Lu-Ridge Conference and Educational Center, Inc., Maryland Ensemble Theatre, Mental Health Association of Frederick County, Middletown Valley People Helping People, Mission of Mercy, Inc., Mobilize Frederick, Monocacy Foundation, Mother Seton School, Mount St Mary’s University, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, New Market District Volunteer Fire Department, Partners In Care Maryland, Inc., Phoenix Foundation of Maryland, Refugee Welcoming Coalition, Safe Ride Foundation Inc., Salvation Army of Frederick County, Second Chances Garage, Inc., Seton Center Inc., SHIP of Frederick County, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc., Splash Point at Baker Park, St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Congregation, St. John’s Catholic Prep, St. John’s Regional Catholic School, St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor, Steadfast, Standing Firm Against Youth Homelessness, Inc., Story Tapestries, Inc., Supporting Older Adults through Resources, Inc., TGP Gives, The Frederick Center, Thomas Johnson Youth Athletic Association Inc., Transformative Arts Project Inc., Tree Haus Education, United Way of Frederick County, Waterboyz for Jesus, Inc., Weinberg Center for Arts, William F. Moran Jr. Museum & Foundation, Inc., YMCA of Frederick, Young Life Frederick County.



February Star Sanctuary



Rescue horse Romeo is seen with (l-r) Phil Hammond, Delaplaine Foundation Treasurer, Marlene Young, and Romeo's owners, David Smith, Addison Smith, and Phyllis Smith.

The Delaplaine Foundation office recently received a unique visitor—a beautiful horse named Romeo!

Romeo was brought to the Foundation by February Star Sanctuary, a family-run nonprofit with a mission to rescue, rehabilitate, rehome and provide refuge for horses in need. Interactions with horses can be highly beneficial, and FSS has developed equine-therapy programming to benefit youth, people with developmental disabilities, and

residents of nursing home facilities. These programs promote important lifelong values such as empathy, patience and companionship, reduce social anxiety and teach responsibility, as well as providing participants with exciting and memorable experiences.

Delaplaine Foundation has supported February Star Sanctuary since 2022. In the 2024 grant cycle, FSS received a \$7,500 grant for the Horses Helping Humans of All Ages program.



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**Delaplaine Foundation Awards
A Record \$2.95M in Grants to
170 Nonprofit Organizations!**

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engaged at Saint John's Catholic Prep from 2007-2016 in the various roles including photography instructor, enrollment specialist, and Director of Development in which she helped secure major gifts from individuals and foundations, expanded the school's network of supporters through targeted outreach, and managed a strategic communications plan for the school.

"Michele's seasoned background in nonprofit leadership, and proven relationship building abilities within the nonprofit community will allow the Foundation to further enhance its overall impact," said Young.



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The Monocacy Foundation is a first-time Delaplaine Foundation grantee, receiving \$7,500 in the 2024 grant cycle.

To apply for a grant from TMF, an individual or their representative can visit the organization's website to find an application that can be submitted annually between August 15th through the first week in October. Recipients must live in Frederick County, be diagnosed with an intellectual and/or developmental disability, and have a financial need. Visit: www.themonocacyfoundation.org



TMF recipient Lily, who obtained grant assistance for therapeutic horseback riding, is seen with her mother.