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A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Each new season brings fresh opportunities and renewed energy. At Delaplaine Foundation, we view change not as an ending, but as



the beginning of something transformative. As our community grows and evolves, so does our commitment to supporting nonprofits that

deliver measurable, lasting impact for the people they serve.

Since 2001, Delaplaine Foundation has proudly provided grant funding to hundreds of extraordinary nonprofit organizations. Behind the grants we make are inspiring stories of heartfelt compassion and community engagement that drive connection and growth. Witnessing these stories unfold is both humbling and inspiring and they remind me that it's a privilege to work each day with our devoted staff and Board of Trustees to carry forward Delaplaine Foundation's vision for giving.

As I continue to grow in my role as executive director, I want to pay tribute to Marlene Young on her retirement from day-to-day operations and thank her for her remarkable service. She has built a strong, enduring framework that empowers us to move forward with confidence and purpose.

We believe that "Philanthropy for a Greater Good" is the force that drives every grant award decision and fuels each partnership we have forged, all while advancing Delaplaine Foundation's proud tradition of empowering nonprofits and the lives they touch!

Michele Corr

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Marlene Young, center, with Delaplaine Foundation staff members Blair Wilson, Michele Corr, Phil Hammond, Jessica Wareham, and Board members Kyle Delaplaine, Brayden Semler and Eric Delaplaine at the "An Evening of Gratitude" event.

CHEERS to 50 Years!

Delaplaine Foundation would like to congratulate Board President, Marlene Young, on her retirement from the daily operations of the Foundation and thank her for her visionary leadership and tireless dedication to the nonprofit community! Her career journey began five decades ago with George Delaplaine at their "for-profit" businesses and for the last 24 years, she has led Delaplaine Foundation in awarding over \$30 million in grant funding to nonprofits in Frederick County and beyond.

We are so happy she'll have more time with family and friends and hopefully, find a little time to relax! She will continue her leadership as the President of the Board of Trustees of Delaplaine Foundation and we are grateful for her continued service.

On June 12th, over 200 people gathered at Dutch's Daughter where Delaplaine Foundation was honored to host "An Evening of Gratitude" to salute Marlene and give thanks for her years

of loving and impactful service! The evening included toasts, songs, and the presentation of several governmental citations by city and state leaders. It was an evening that will be remembered by all who attended the event. Cheers to Marlene for her enduring legacy, and for what is yet to come!



L-R: Dr. Ronald J. Volpe, President Emeritus of Hood College, Marlene Young, Olivia White, President of the Board of Directors for the African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society, and Mike Young.

Foundation Celebrates Community Advisory Council

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Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., is a private family foundation based in Frederick, Maryland, dedicated to the enrichment of communities, families, and quality of life for all. We do so by supporting programs to strengthen the arts and culture, educational advancement, health, and human services in Frederick County, as well as historical preservation and spiritual enlightenment in Frederick County and surrounding areas.

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Delaplaine Foundation created a Community Advisory Council (CAC) in 2022 to respond to the increased diversity and changing needs of Frederick County. Made up of six representatives, one for each funding sector supported by Delaplaine Foundation, the CAC serves as a supplemental source of specialized information, insight and expertise for the Delaplaine Foundation Board of Trustees. During a grant cycle, each member of the CAC reviews a certain number of grant applications, often those from new grantees or past grantees with new programming. CAC members are asked to evaluate the grant applications based on their background and knowledge of the sector. These evaluations are captured by the Chair of the Community Advisory Council, Blair Wilson, who forwards this information to board members who can choose to incorporate these perspectives into their own reviews.

On August 27th, Board President Marlene B. Young and Vice President Edward "Ted" S. Delaplaine, II, along with staff joined several CAC members for lunch at Dutch's Daughter. This luncheon was an opportunity to thank the CAC members for their service, as well as a chance to meet the newest member of the CAC, Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, who will serve as the ambassador for the Spiritual Enlightenment sector of funding.

Delaplaine Foundation is currently seeking a representative for our Education funding sector. Applicants must have direct knowledge and/or professional expertise related to education in Frederick County. Members of the CAC serve two-year terms with the option to renew. If you have an interest in serving on the CAC, or would like to nominate someone for the position, please contact Blair Wilson at bwilson@delaplainefoundation.org.



L-R: Irene Packer-Halsey, Community Advisory Council (CAC) member for Human Services, Jessica Wareham, Blair Wilson, Michele Corr, Denis Superczynski, CAC member for Historical Preservation, Board Vice President Ted Delaplaine, Board President Marlene Young, and Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, CAC member for Spiritual Enlightenment, at the CAC luncheon.



L-R: City of Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor, Michele Corr, Dr. Sue Paul, Executive Director of SeniorScapes, Hank Greenberg, MD State Director for AARP, J.D. Shuman, President and CEO of Asbury Foundation and Doug Leitig, President and CEO of Asbury Communities.

Asbury SeniorScapes Park – Where the Best "Senior Moments" are Made!

The sweltering summer heat did not deter the huge crowd, including Delaplaine Foundation Executive Director Michele Corr and Executive Assistant Jessica Wareham, from gathering to celebrate the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Asbury SeniorScapes Park at Monocacy Village Park, located at 409 Delaware St, Frederick, MD. It was a feeling of pure joy as the ribbon was cut and the long-awaited vision finally came to life! This extraordinary day marked the culmination of more than 13 years of dedication by Dr. Sue Paul, JD Shuman, Doug Leitig and their team, whose hard work has transformed an idea into an innovative space that promotes health, wellness and connection for Frederick County residents.

Delaplaine Foundation is proud to have provided \$35,000 in grant funding for this remarkable project, which is specifically designed to support senior adults, individuals recovering from injury or surgery and anyone seeking exercise, fresh air and community in a beautiful park setting. Jessica stated, "As someone

who loves to stay active and is a kid at heart, I think Asbury SeniorScapes Park is a wonderful opportunity for the older generation to exercise and embrace that same spirit. Our bodies may age, but our hearts never stop being young!"

The park features:

- Mobility – Practice essential skills like "sit to stairs," navigating ramps and walking on varied surfaces.
- Strength – Build bone and muscle strength with safe, accessible resistance equipment.
- Cardio – Encourage heart health with smooth walking paths and fitness stations.
- Balance – Reduce fall risk and improve stability through safe balance challenges.
- Brain Health – Boost cognitive function with games and puzzles integrated into the landscape.
- Socialization – Foster meaningful connections in a welcoming, free and inclusive environment.

When someone says they're having a "senior moment," it usually has a bad connotation,

but, why? Let's change that! Seniors experience so many incredible moments and we know that many of those will take place at Asbury SeniorScapes Park! This is a shining example of how public/private partnerships, including Asbury Foundation, AARP, the City of Frederick, individual donors and Delaplaine Foundation can work together to create lasting impact. By uniting resources, expertise and a shared vision, this collaboration has created a park that will enrich so many lives for years to come, celebrating every "senior moment" along the way!



Michele Corr and Jessica Wareham at the SeniorScapes Park Grand Opening event.

Delaplaine Arts Center Dedicates Sculpture to Founder and Foundation



On June 26th, patrons gathered at the Delaplaine Arts Center to celebrate the installation of "The Welcome Tree." Located inside the Delaplaine's Garden Gallery, the stainless steel sculpture was designed by local artist Thomas Sterner, whose other works include Water Lily Wave and Water Lily Swirl, both also stationed along Carroll Creek in downtown Frederick. The sculpture was funded in part through a grant from Visit Frederick, and is dedicated to George B. Delaplaine, Jr. and Delaplaine Foundation for their outstanding efforts to improve

the quality of life for residents of and visitors to the local community. While George was unable to attend the event, he was shown pictures of the sculpture earlier in the day by his son, Ted Delaplaine. "Dad is thrilled with the sculpture and is a very proud recipient of this honor," Ted relayed to the crowd.



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Bravo Marlene!



Marlene Young is presented with the Bravo! "Changemaker Award" by United Way President and CEO, Ken Oldham.

We thank the United Way of Frederick County for awarding our President, Marlene B. Young, with their Bravo! "Changemaker Award!" The Bravo! Award is an annual celebration honoring volunteers, advocates and supporters who go above and beyond to improve lives in our community. The awardees embody the mission to mobilize the caring power of the whole community and inspire positive change throughout Frederick County.

We congratulate Marlene and the other very deserving recipients. Delaplaine Foundation is proud to have provided grant funding to the United Way of Frederick County for many years. We applaud their President and CEO, Ken Oldham, and the entire staff for their extraordinary efforts to serve, collaborate and ensure collective impact is being made to assist and support those in greatest need in Frederick County.

