

THE GREATER GOOD

Winter 2026

A Quarterly Report from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we welcome 2026, we are filled with gratitude and pride as Delaplaine Foundation celebrates its 25th Anniversary! Since our founding in 2001, the Foundation has awarded over \$33 million in grant funding to nonprofit organizations that provide support and positive change to the people they serve. This milestone invites us to reflect on the impact achieved and look ahead with energy and optimism. It is truly a moment to reaffirm Delaplaine Foundation's mission to enrich families, communities and enhance quality of life for all.



Participating in Delaplaine Foundation's annual grant cycle this fall was deeply rewarding. We experienced a notable rise in grant requests, many driven by federal funding cuts, which underscored both the growing needs in our community and the extraordinary scope of work being conducted by nonprofits across our region. In response, Delaplaine Foundation's Board of Trustees and Associate Board were honored to award 176 grants totaling \$3,226,600, the largest yearly monetary commitment in the Foundation's history!

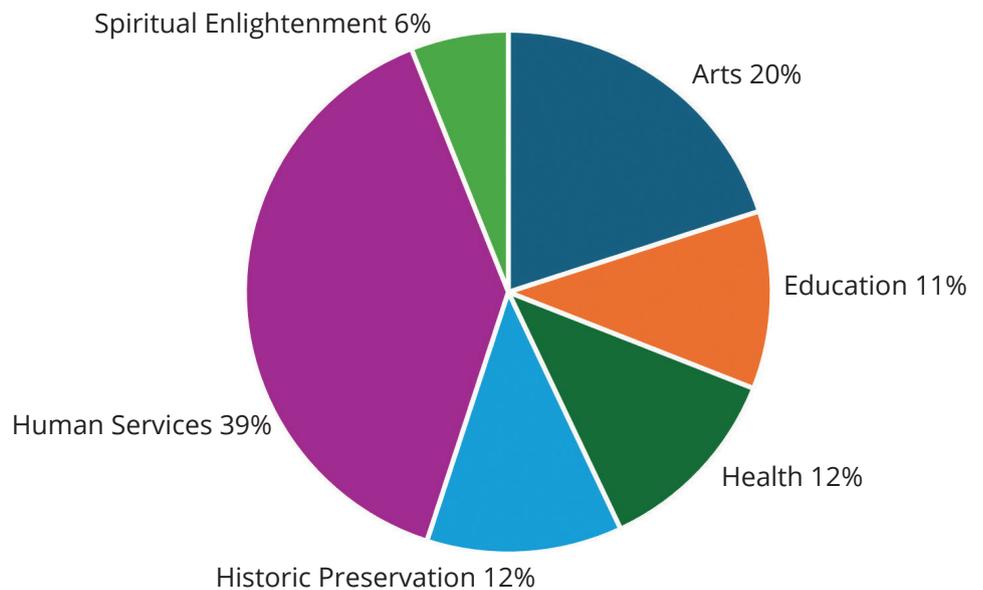
This past year reminds me of the old saying that, the days are long but the years are short and they fly by! It is hard to believe my first year at Delaplaine Foundation is nearly complete. I have met so many wonderful people and sharing in their triumphs and challenges has been an honor. I am forever grateful for the chance to serve.

As we celebrate this monumental year, Delaplaine Foundation is guided by the power of partnership, hope and action and by our belief in "Philanthropy for a Greater Good."

Michele Corr
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Delaplaine Foundation Awards Over \$3.2m to Nonprofits in 2025

Delaplaine Foundation Funding Sectors



For the 2025 grant cycle, Delaplaine Foundation received 177 grant applications requesting over \$5m in grant funding. This amount was a significant increase compared to 2024, when requests totaled \$4,093,972. The Delaplaine Foundation Board awarded its highest amount of grant funding to date, \$3,226,600 to over 170 nonprofit organizations, including 18 first-time applicants. Approximately 92% of funding was directed towards programs and projects located in Frederick County or serving Frederick County residents.

Delaplaine Foundation accepts grant applications that fall within six funding sectors: Arts and Culture, Education, Health, Historic Preservation, Human Services and Spiritual Enlightenment. The largest amount of grant funding was directed towards Human Services, with 64 grant awards totaling \$1,266,500.

This was followed by Arts and Culture, where 30 grant awards totaled \$629,100. The average grant amount awarded was approximately \$18,400.

Local nonprofit organizations receiving funding in the 2025 grant cycle include:

12-to-24 Collaborative Fund • Advocates for Homeless Families • Advocates for the Aging of Frederick County • African Americans of Excellence • Amplified Change • Andrea's House • Artspiration Frederick • Asbury United Methodist Church • Asian American Center of Frederick • Beth Shalom Congregation • Beyond Shelter Frederick • Big Blue Foundation • Blessings in a Backpack • Blue-Collar Project Foundation • Bovine Intervention Booster Organization • Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County • Burkittsville Preservation Assoc. • Calvary United

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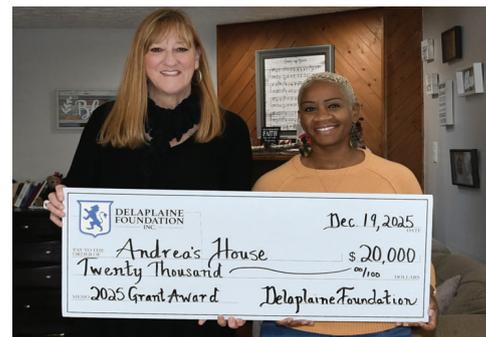
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Methodist Church • Camp Possibilities Foundation • Catoctin Furnace Historical Society • Centro Hispano de Frederick • Children Of Incarcerated Parents Partnership • Childrens Institute of Cultural Appreciation and Understanding • Choral Arts Society of Frederick • City Youth Matrix • Clustered Spires Chorus • Coalition for a Healthier Frederick County • Crossed Bridges Inc. • Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center • Distinguished Young Women of Maryland • Downtown Frederick Partnership • Each 1 Teach 1 • Empowering Community Leaders Network • Endangered Species Theatre Project • Evangelical Lutheran Church • Farm to School Frederick • February Star Sanctuary • Federated Charities Corporation of Frederick • Frederick Arts Council • Frederick Book Arts Center • Frederick Catoctones • Frederick Children's Chorus • Frederick Chorale • Frederick Community College



Michele Corr and Marlene Young with Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County staff, Lauren La Porte, Development Director, Ton'e Diaz, Operations Director, Timika Thrasher, Chief Executive Director.

Foundation • Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program • Frederick County Youth Livestock Fund • Frederick Experimental Music Association • Frederick Health • Frederick Health Hospice • Frederick Housing and Development Commission • Frederick Rescue Mission • Get Kids Outside • Girls on the Run of Mid & Western Maryland • Global Z Recording Project • Governor Thomas Johnson High Band Boosters • Habitat for Humanity of Frederick • Heartly House • Hearts of the Herd • Helping Hands and Caring Hearts • Heritage Frederick • Hood College • Hope City Church • Housing Frederick • I Believe In Me • Interfaith



Michele Corr and Carleah Summers, Founder and CEO of Andrea's House.

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Helping Hands and Caring Hearts Fills Gaps In Community's Needs

Nonprofit Provides Free Food, Clothing, Supplies to Citizens



Helping Hands and Caring Hearts founder Jenifer Zimmer and Brian Zimmer with Michele Corr standing in front of the HHCH mobile unit at the Harvest of Hope Festival.

If there is a need in Frederick County, Helping Hands and Caring Hearts (HHCH) will address it. After working as a social worker for over twenty years, Jenifer Zimmer founded HHCH in 2022. Since that time the organization has become one of the hardest working and most visible nonprofits in Frederick County, serving residents and surrounding communities, providing food, clothing and supplies to anyone who needs it, free of charge. All that is required is proof of residency. “We want people to feel welcome and supported from the moment they walk through the door,” Zimmer explains.

To address food insecurity, HHCH operates a food pantry in Monrovia for Frederick County residents, with operating hours of Monday from 10am to 1pm and Saturday from 10am to 12pm. For individuals returning to the workforce, HHCH offers brand new and gently used clothing at its “Dress to Impress” closets located at 22 South Market Street in Frederick. Offering clothing for both men and women,

job candidates can select two complete outfits in preparation for a job interview. Once employment is obtained, the new employee can return and choose five outfits for the new job. For residents of northern Frederick county, there is a 1300 sq. ft. clothing closet located at 224 North Church Street in Thurmont, open Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-4pm, and on Saturday from 11am-2pm.



HHCH offers men's clothing for job seekers at the Dress to Impress closet, located in downtown Frederick.

In addition to its fixed locations, HHCH has a mobile unit filled with clothing and resources. On November 19th, HHCH joined with other local groups at Nymeo Field for the Harvest of Hope Festival and Turkey Distribution event. This annual community event is a joint effort between the City of Frederick, Wegmans grocery store, Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, and other nonprofit groups to give away free turkeys and sides, along with additional community resources. Utilizing the mobile unit, HHCH was able to distribute approximately 4000 items to festival attendees, including clothing, coats, diapers, personal care items and shoes.

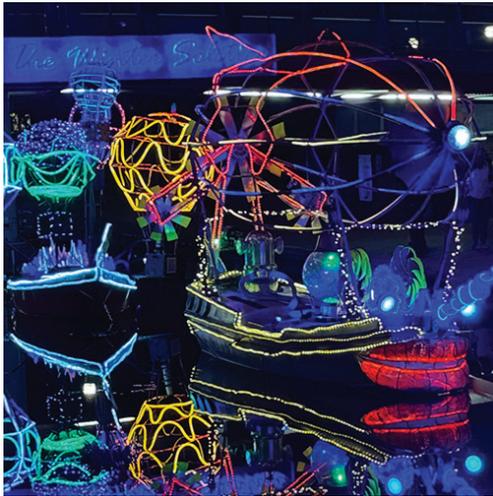


Michele Corr with Nina Rollins of Asbury United Methodist Church at the Thanksgiving Dinner event hosted by AUMC and HHCH on November 26th.

HHCH relies on partnerships with the local community to support its mission. One of those partners is Asbury United Methodist Church (AUMC). On November 26th, Executive Director Michele Corr joined HHCH at AUMC to serve a Thanksgiving meal to the community. During the month of December, HHCH and AUMC partnered again to offer Santa's Workshop, a two-day event during

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SS Greater Good Supports the Delaplaine Arts Center



For the third year in a row Delaplaine Foundation has entered the SS Greater Good into the Sailing Through the Winter Solstice fundraiser for local nonprofits. Visitors to the downtown area can experience the 29 sailing boats and 1 land-locked boat at Carroll Creek and vote for their favorite. Each

SS Greater Good floating in Carroll Creek at the 2025-2026 Sailing Through the Winter Solstice fundraiser in downtown Frederick.

vote is \$5 and proceeds go to the boat's designated charity. The 2024-2025 season raised more than \$140,000 for charities in Frederick County!

Sailing Through the Winter Solstice runs from November 2025 through March 2026, and is made possible by the local nonprofit Color On The Creek. Votes for the SS Greater Good support the Delaplaine Arts Center. To see all of the boats online and cast your vote, visit <https://coloronthecreek.com>.



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Festival attendees stand outside of the HHCH mobile unit at the 2025 Harvest of Hope event at Nymeo Field.

which parents and kids select free gifts for each other, with gift wrapping available on-site. In the new year, HHCH and AUMC will continue to partner to offer Collaborative Food Pantry Pop-up events on January 17th and 31st. If your nonprofit would like to partner with HHCH, contact Jenifer Zimmer at hhchearts@gmail.com.

HHCH has been a Delaplaine Foundation grantee since 2023. For the 2025 grant cycle, HHCH was awarded a \$20,000 grant in support of the Countywide Help for All Human Needs initiative. This community-

driven program is designed to ensure that every individual and family within Frederick County has access to essential resources, services and opportunities for well-being. Funds will be used to purchase generators for the food pantry and mobile unit and to purchase an additional refrigerator and freezer.

Learn more about HHCH at: helpinghandsandcaringhearts.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hhchearts1, or on Instagram at www.instagram.com/hhchearts.

