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Musician, philanthropist Marlene Young donates CD sales profits to United Way

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Musician and philanthropist Marlene Young, right, selected United Way of Frederick County to benefit from her holiday music collection sales. Accepting the donation is Amanda Holk, director of advancement at United Way of Frederick County.

At the end of 2019, local musician and Delaplaine Foundation Inc. President Marlene Young selected United Way of Frederick County to receive 100 percent of the proceeds from her personal Holiday Music CD collection sales. The collection includes the CDs “Holiday Homecoming,” “Christmas in Our Hometown,” “Keeping Christmas,” and “Forever Young at Christmas.”

Young's donation from seasonal sales to United Way was \$1,824. Young and her husband, Mike, have been long time supporters of United Way of Frederick County.

"This donation is coming at an ideal time for United Way as we have recently been trying to recover funds lost from the state for our free tax program," says Amanda Holk, director of advancement at United Way of Frederick County. "Marlene could have chosen to do so many things with the profits from her wonderful holiday CDs, but we are so grateful for Marlene's generosity to United Way this holiday season."

"Particularly through the work I am honored to do as president of Delaplaine Foundation, I get the opportunity to see up-close the critical and in many cases life-sustaining and transformative work being done by so many community nonprofit organizations. In discerning where to make the personal donation of CD sales proceeds, United Way of Frederick County was chosen because of their support of so many local nonprofits who serve individuals and families who have been identified as being in need of assistance. It gives me much pleasure to know that sharing the songs of my heart with others can help achieve positive outcomes for those in need through the programs and services of the United Way and I am deeply grateful to all who purchased CDs that made this donation possible," said Young.

The CDs were on sale at a number of downtown Frederick locations during the holidays and can be purchased online at www.amazon.com, www.marleneyoung.com and on Facebook at "Marlene Young Music," where sales are available year-round.

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