

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Board of Directors Community Foundation of Howard County (MD) Century Plaza (Bldg 1000) 10630 Little Patuxent Pkwy Ste 315 Columbia, MD 21044-6216

Dear Community Foundation of Howard County Board of Directors,

Congratulations! The Community Foundations National Standards Board (CFNSB) applauds your community foundation's reconfirmation of compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations[™]. Your community foundation's reconfirmation is effective from the date of this letter.

With this achievement, you continue to be a part of a group of community foundations that has met the nation's highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability. National Standards accreditation is a commitment to transparency, excellence, stewardship, and leadership. Since 2000, more than 500 community foundations display the National Standards Seal that denotes they achieved accreditation. The ultimate rewards of accreditation and the subsequent reconfirmation are the credibility it brings to community foundations and the confidence it gives donors, professional advisers, and others who seek a qualified, trustworthy philanthropic partner.

The National Standards seal demonstrates your foundation's commitment to accountability, excellence and service. It affirms that your foundation's management aligns with nationally recognized effective practices. Your accreditation also allows you to distinguish your foundation from other community foundations and philanthropic organizations that have not met these rigorous standards.

Again, on behalf of the Community Foundations National Standards Board, we extend our congratulations to your community foundation's accreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$. We recognize and appreciate your foundation's efforts in this noteworthy achievement.

Sincerely,

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