



2023

ANNUAL REPORT



LOCAL GIVING. BETTER LIVING.



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In early 2021, the venerable car dealership Apple Ford in Columbia donated \$400,000 to the Community Foundation of Howard County for the Next 50 Campaign fund. The foundation created the permanent endowed fund to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2019 and support its mission and operating costs in perpetuity.

The Community Foundation moved its offices to historic Athol Manor at 6680 Martin Road in Columbia in the fall of 2021 and named its new home The Apple Ford Center at Athol Manor in recognition of Apple Ford's gift, one of the largest the foundation has ever received.

Among the oldest residential properties in Howard County, Athol Manor was built from 1732 to 1740 as a clergy house and was renovated into offices and public gathering space for the foundation.

Brightview Senior Living facilitated the donation of Athol Manor, located at the Brightview Senior Living of Columbia location, and funded the building's renovations.

About the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of Howard County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity with the goal of improving the quality of life in Howard County, primarily through endowment building and coordinated grant-making services.

The Community Foundation is governed by a local volunteer board of trustees and run by professionals with expertise in assessing the community's need, working with donors to connect generosity with need and managing charitable assets.

The foundation is committed to building a vibrant, compassionate and engaged Howard County community. We encourage local philanthropy and offer individuals, families and businesses a variety of easy and tax-efficient ways to impact their community through charitable giving. The Community Foundation assists donors in building an enduring source of charitable assets by allowing people to establish permanent endowment funds under the umbrella of one large foundation.

Our Mission

Inspiring lifelong giving and connecting people, places and organizations to worthy causes across Howard County and beyond.

Dear Friends,

As the philanthropic hub of Howard County, the Community Foundation plays a vital role in supporting the nonprofit sector and making a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. Each year, the annual report serves as a snapshot of the Foundation's achievements and highlights the incredible work being done by our grantees and partners. It is a testament to the power of collective giving and the impact that can be made when we come together as a community to support those in need.

As you flip through the pages of the annual report, you will see firsthand the impact that the Community Foundation has had on Howard County. From providing essential funding to critical programs and services, to supporting initiatives that promote affordable housing, education, health, the arts, environment and social justice, the Foundation truly is the pulse of the nonprofit sector in our community.

A key focus over the past year has been legacy gifts through planned giving. Legacy gifts are an important way for individuals to leave a lasting impact on their community and support causes that are near and dear to their hearts. By encouraging individuals to include the Community Foundation in their estate plans, we can build a strong foundation for the future and donors can ensure that their philanthropic goals will continue to be met for generations to come.

This year's annual report also shines a spotlight on the Foundation's support for nonprofit agency endowments. By creating endowments for local nonprofits, the Community Foundation is helping to ensure the sustainability and long-term success of these organizations. This support is crucial in helping them fulfill their missions and continue to serve the needs of our community.

So, as we reflect on another successful year, let's take a moment to celebrate the generosity and compassion of our community. Together, we have made a difference in the lives of so many, and we can't wait to see what the future holds. Thank you to all of our donors, partners, and supporters for making the work of the Community Foundation of Howard County possible. Here's to another year of making a positive impact and changing lives for the better.

**YOUR PARTNER
IN PHILANTHROPY,**



BEVERLY WHITE-SEALS
*President and CEO
Community Foundation
of Howard County*



STEVE SASS, ESQ.
*Chair
Community Foundation
of Howard County Board*

New Community Impact Initiatives

The Black Philanthropy Circle of Howard County

Operating under the umbrella of the Community Foundation, the Black Philanthropy Circle of Howard County represents a powerful initiative to support the African diaspora in Howard County.

“The tradition of collective giving by African Americans dates back hundreds of years and can be traced to West African Culture,” said Derrick Leak, chair of the Black Philanthropy Circle Advisory Board. “The African concept of Ubuntu states, ‘I am because you are,’ and ‘No me without you.’ Ubuntu is the foundation that the Black Philanthropy Circle is standing on.”

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— DERRICK LEAK
Chair of the Black Philanthropy Circle Advisory Board



Members are encouraged to contribute financially and offered opportunities to get involved on a personal level. Additionally, the circle strives to advance equity by prioritizing the needs of the African diaspora population and supporting organizations that work toward reducing disparities in Howard County. By fostering collective giving and promoting philanthropy, the Black Philanthropy Circle is making a significant impact and paving the way for a more equitable and inclusive Howard County.

Black Philanthropy Circle Advisory Board Members

- Derrick Leak, chair
- Frank Turner II, vice chair
- Kia Payne, treasurer
- Nia Leak, M.D., secretary
- Sharon Barnes
- Nicole Brown
- Leon Caldwell
- Candace Dodson-Reed
- Andrea Harvery
- Daryl Howard
- Damani Ingram
- Jennifer Jones
- Richard Shepherd
- Tara Turner
- Lucinda Ware
- Beverly White-Seals

Operation Homefront

Thanks to a collaboration with the Community Foundation of Howard County, The Kahlert Foundation and JPMorgan Chase, Operation Homefront expanded its transitional housing (apartments) program to Columbia in September 2023. Operation Homefront is a national nonprofit that provides services to military families and post-9/11 wounded, ill or injured veterans who have been honorably discharged within the past four years. Military families transitioning to civilian life face formidable obstacles including unaffordable housing costs. Operation Homefront’s transitional housing program provides transitioning military families with an apartment free of rent and utility bills. As a result of this program, five transitioning military families are living locally in Howard County and are being given the opportunity to achieve stability and build a foundation for their future.



Scholarships

Students Benefit from \$24,000 Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Howard County awarded approximately \$53,000 in 24 scholarships to Howard County students. The scholarships supported 25 graduating seniors from 11 public high schools seeking postsecondary education.

“THE 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, EXCELLENCE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND A STRONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.”

— DEE ATHEY

Director of Grants and Community Engagements, Community Foundation of Howard County



Serena Goyal was awarded the Aaron Worley Scholarship and the Freeman K. Hill Teen Scholarship and plans to enroll in the eight-year college/medical school program at Virginia Commonwealth. *Photo courtesy of Goyal family.*

2023 Scholarship Winners

Saachi Aggarwal, Marriotts Ridge High School

Ethan Aidam, Oakland Mills High School

Albert Asher, River Hill High School

Gavin Caponera, Mount Hebron High School

Tareq Dheini, Howard High School

Hannah Di Danato, Mount Hebron High School

Sofia Douglass, Howard High School

Rebecca Fairbanks, Oakland Mills High School

Serena Goyal, River Hill High School

Sakina Ibrahim, Centennial High School

Agamnelechim Igwe, River Hill High School

Emily Kinnear, Marriotts Ridge High School

Owen Lewis, Howard High School

Leah Liu, Marriotts Ridge High School

Justin Ma, Glenelg High School

Xavier Manigault, Reservoir High School

Ian McWright, Mount Hebron High School

Stephanie Okoma, Oakland Mills High School

Priyanshi Patel, River Hill High School

Mioulca Saintilma, Wilde Lake High School

Lindsey Sands, Wilde Lake High School

Mia Swaby-Rowe, Wilde Lake Wilde Lake High School

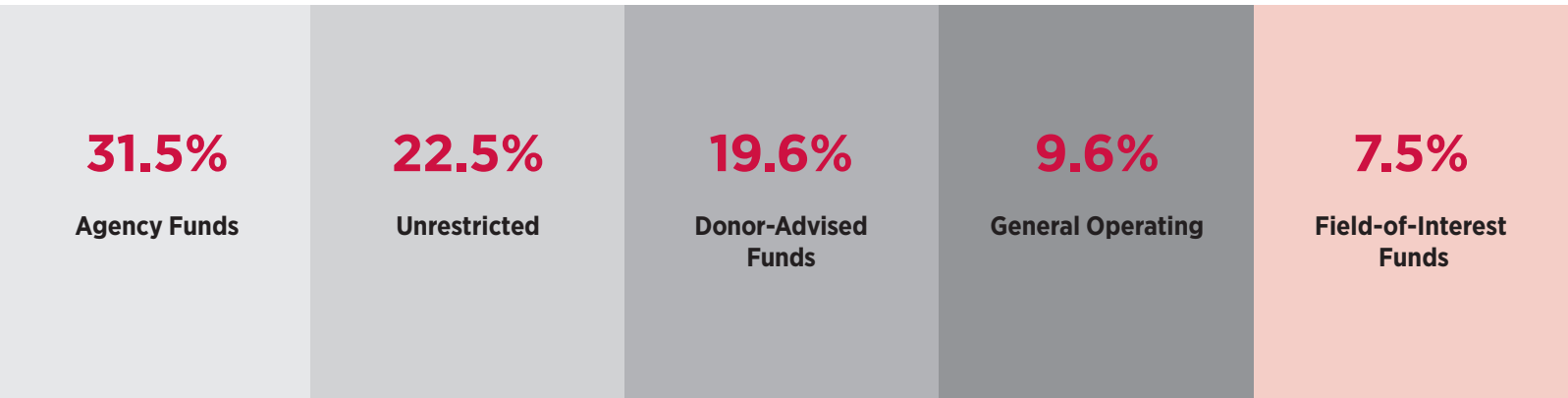
Jack Taylor, Hammond High School

Benjamin Thomas, Long Reach High School

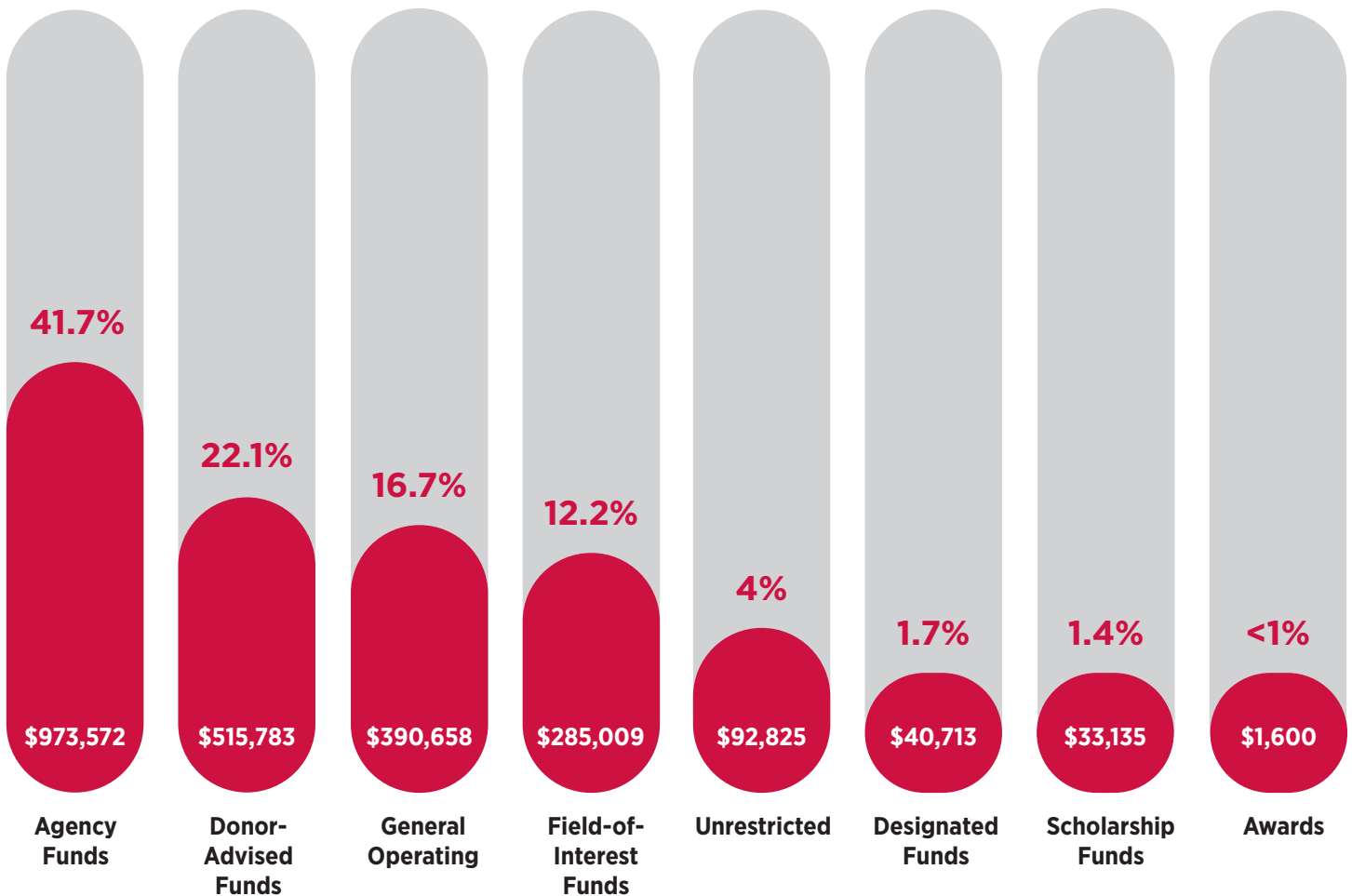
Arthur Wang, River Hill High School

To learn about each scholarship recipient and scholarship, visit bit.ly/CFHOCO-Scholarships2023.

Fund Balances 2023



Donations Received by Fund 2023



Total Contributions: \$2,333,295

4.3%

Scholarship Funds

4%

Designated Funds

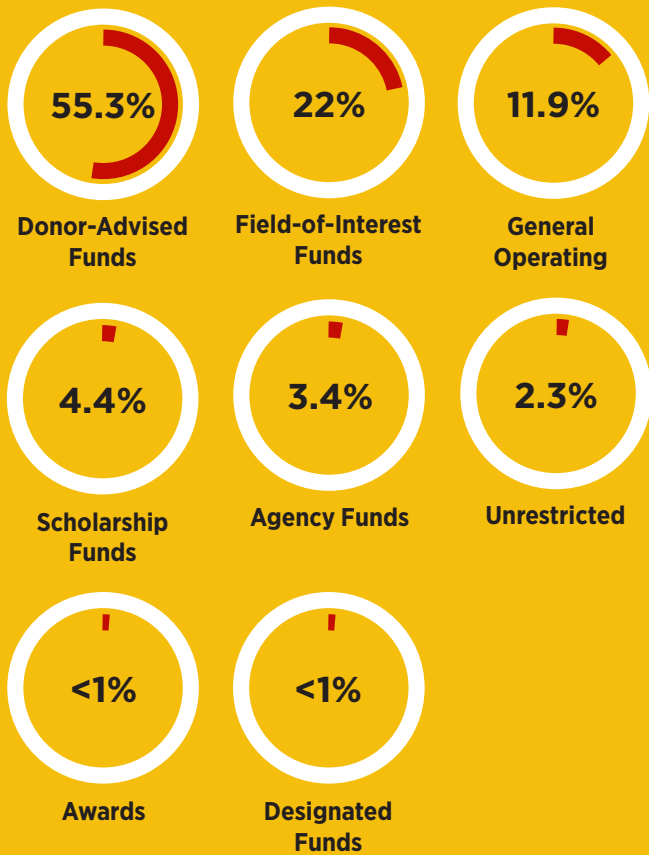
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Awards

Total Assets:
\$34,942,591

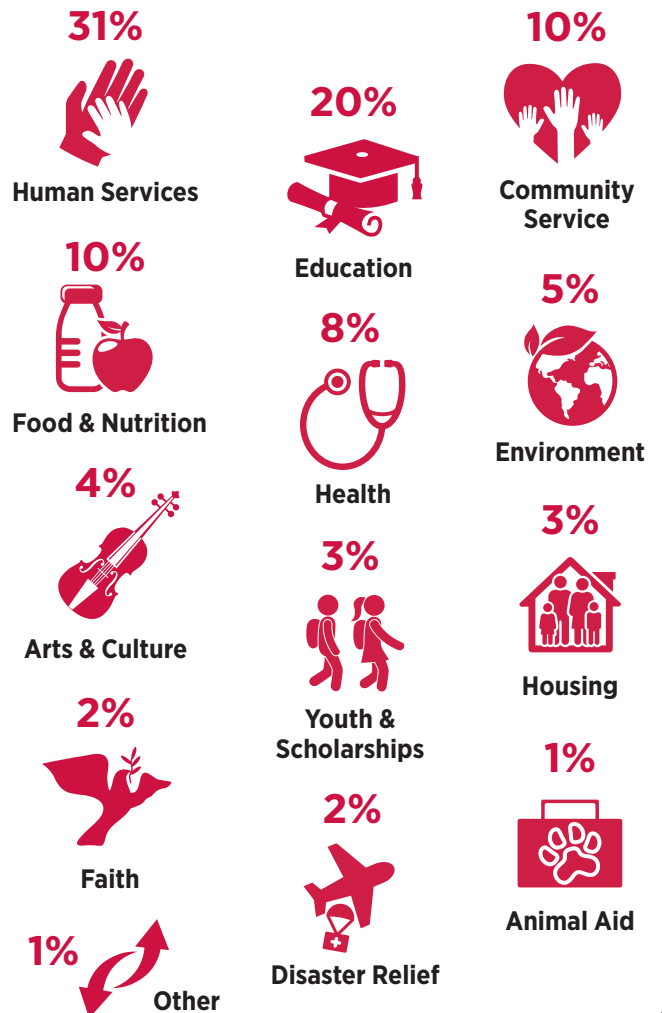
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Grants Given by Fund 2023



Total Grants by Funds:
\$1,708,045

Grants by Category 2023



Community Grants

Local Giving: \$200,000 in Community Grants Awarded in 2023

The Community Foundation of Howard County distributed a total of \$200,000 in community grants across 49 nonprofit organizations in 2023. Community grants are provided once a year to support programs and services that transform and enrich the lives of Howard County residents. Nonprofits may use the funds for operating and programmatic needs.

NONPROFIT GRANTEES

A Home of Our Own Howard
AOK Mentoring & Tutoring, Inc.
Asian American Healthcare Center, Inc.
Association of Community Services of Howard County
Autism Society of Maryland
Bridges to Housing Stability Inc.
Building Families for Children
Camp Attaway
Candlelight Concert Society
Columbia Area Mothers of Multiples
Columbia Festival of the Arts
The Columbia Orchestra
Community Action Council of Howard County
Community Allies of Rainbow Youth (CARY)
Down Syndrome Association of Maryland
Merriweather Arts and Culture Commission
Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park
Friends & Foundation of the Howard County
Library System
Fuel Fund of Maryland
Get on the Bus
Girls on the Run Central Maryland
Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
HC DrugFree

HopeWorks of Howard County
Howard Community College Educational Foundation
Howard County Conservancy
Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo)
Howard EcoWorks
Humanim, Inc.
Junior Achievement of Central Maryland
JustLiving Advocacy
Leadership Howard County
Maryland Coalition of Families
Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland
NAMI Howard County
National Family Resiliency Center
Neighbor Ride
Oakland Mills United
Rebuilding Together Howard County
Respite Retreats
Sobar
Special Olympics Maryland
The Arc of Howard County
The Community Ecology Institute
The Village in Howard County
Touch Stones Financial Wellness Services Company
Voices for Children
Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas
Winter Growth, Inc.

“THE COMMUNITY MODEL MEANS THAT THE FOCUS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT THE DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS AND TALENTS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM IS ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMS FOCUSED IN BUILDING CAPACITY, RECOGNIZING IMPACT AND HIGHLIGHTING PROGRESS.”

— JIM SANDERS, Board of Trustees member and Grants Committee Chair, Community Foundation of Howard County

Local Giving. Better Living.

The Local Giving Better Living Fund was established in 2023. In addition to what the Board of Trustees budgets each year for Community Grants, the Local Giving Better Living Fund (LGBL) supplements the grant funding pool. The LGBL Fund provides an opportunity for community members to participate in the foundation’s annual Community Grants program.

“IN ADDITION TO UNRESTRICTED DOLLARS BUDGETED FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS, MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OUR FOUNDATION STAFF, A FEW INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND ONE OF OUR CORPORATE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, BGE, ALL STEPPED UP IN A BIG WAY TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY GRANTS.”

— DAN FLYNN

*Director of Development, Marketing and Communications
Community Foundation of Howard County*



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DONORS

- Ala Makai Foundation
- Anonymous (2)
- Helaine Barry
- Randi Benesch
- BGE an Exelon Company
- Yolanda and Frank Bruno
- Edwards Family Fund
- Dan and Amy Flynn
- Juliet Gomez
- Cheryl Griffin
- Hankin Family Charitable Foundation
- Beth and Scott Harbinson
- Harvey Family Fund
- Jain Family Foundation
- Bonnie Kramer
- Marc Levin
- Michelle & Jerry Levine
- Marcia L. Leonard Charitable Giving Fund
- Jennifer McManus
- Susan and Steven Porter Family Fund
- Bruce and Ellen Rothschild
- James Sanders
- Sass Family Fund
- Jean Silver-Isenstadt
- Talkin & Oh, LLP
- Jay Vidyarthi
- Vision Wealth Partners
- Timothy Ward
- Diane Zanko

Agency Funds

Agency Funds – How It Works

Many nonprofit organizations have agency funds held and managed through the Foundation. These endowments provide a sustainable source of income for years to come for each organization. Individual donors can contribute to the endowment of their favorite nonprofits at any time, adding valuable resources that can be transformational to the long-term success of the organization.

NONPROFIT AGENCY ENDOWMENTS

You don't need to be an individual to create a fund at the Community Foundation of Howard County. Nonprofits can establish an endowment fund to take advantage of CFHoCo's professional investment management services while building a perpetual source of funding and promoting sustainability for your nonprofit.

“WE CHOSE THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF HOWARD COUNTY TO HOLD OUR MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR FUND BECAUSE OF ITS EXPERTISE IN FUND MANAGEMENT AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ITS SHARED PASSION AND LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO HOWARD COUNTY.”

— DAN KELLIHER

Board President

Community Homes Housing Inc.

NONPROFIT AGENCY FUNDS

African Art Museum of Maryland
Alpha Foundation of Howard County
Bridges to Housing Stability
Camp Attaway
Candlelight Concert Society Fund
Columbia Center for the Theatrical Arts
Columbia Festival of the Arts
Columbia Housing Center Fund
Columbia Pro Cantare
Community Homes Housing, Inc. Fund
Friends of the Howard County Library

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo)
HopeWorks of Howard County
Howard County Arts Council
Howard County Foundation for Black Educational and Cultural Achievements
Howard County Police Foundation
Humanim
Maryland Women's Heritage Center
Legacy Fund
National Family Resiliency Center

Neighbor Ride
Patapsco Valley and Heritage Greenway
Serenity Center
Special Olympics
The Arc of Howard County
The Chief's Continuing Education Scholarship Fund (Howard County Police Foundation)
The Howard County Conservancy
Winter Growth

Howard Legacy Society

Howard Legacy Society (HLS) members leave a legacy of giving after they are gone by entrusting us with a planned gift to any endowed fund at the Community Foundation of Howard County. They are visionaries because they know that after their lifetime, Howard County will benefit from their continued support. Whether their passion is for impacting health care, the arts, education, youth programs, affordable housing, social services or other areas important to them, their legacy will benefit future generations.

Richard L. Anderson	Beverly Koren
Anonymous	Dennis Lane*
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Kathleen Bowen	Richard McCauley
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Eileen Clegg	Jean Moon
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Hima Jain	Robert Sutton
Gerson Kaplan	T. James Truby*
Marie Kassouny*	Barbara E. Van Winkle
Padraic Kennedy	Eugene "Pebble" Willis*

**Remembered forever*

Are you interested in leaving your own legacy in our community?

Contact Dan Flynn, director of Development, Marketing and Communications at the Community Foundation of Howard County: 410-730-7840 x8 or dflynn@cfhoco.org.

“THIS YEAR WE RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT BEQUEST FROM A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF COLUMBIA PRO CANTARE. IT WAS SO THOUGHTFUL AND BEAUTIFUL FOR HER TO LEAVE A PLANNED GIFT IN HER ESTATE PLAN TO OUR ENDOWMENT AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. PLANNED GIFTS LIKE THIS CAN BE TRANSFORMATIVE TO AN ORGANIZATION, AND HER GIFT WILL LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY ON COLUMBIA PRO CANTARE.”

— ELLADEAN BRIGHAM

Executive Director, Columbia Pro Cantare

Individual Philanthropist of the Year



Pictured l. to r., Community Foundation of Howard County (CFHoCo) President and CEO Beverly White-Seals, 2023 Philanthropist of the Year Dr. Carlessia Hussein and CFHoCo Board Chair Steve Sass, Esq.

2023 INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR: CARLESSIA HUSSEIN

“MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE AT SUCH A CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTAL AGE. THEIR WORLD EXPERIENCES SHOULD POINT TO A PATH TO SUCCESS.”

— CARLESSIA HUSSEIN
2023 Philanthropist of the Year

Carlessia Hussein, R.N., B.S., M.S., D.Ph., has consistently exhibited unwavering support of various charitable organizations in Howard County. She believes that some children, by virtue of circumstances beyond their control, need additional help to reach their full potential. Thanks to her vision and philanthropic leadership, 307 Howard County boys have received an extra opportunity over the past eight years.

The Carlessia Hussein Minority Scholarship Fund was established at the Community Foundation in 2015 to provide scholarship grants for African American, Latino or Native American males, who are enrolled in Howard County public middle schools, to attend a four-week summer enrichment program at various locations.

“Multiple years of data show that poverty is a major indicator for school failure and challenges through life. Males of color are more adversely affected,” said Carlessia. “Middle schoolers are at such

a critical developmental age. Their world experiences should point to a path to success.”

In 2023, a total of \$19,500 was distributed to 74 scholarship recipients from 14 middle schools. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition and related expenses including lunch, snacks and transportation, if needed. Students participate in grade-level academic courses and a wide range of enrichment opportunities. The scholarship provides children access to programs that engender a sense of community and encourage leadership, academic achievement, character development and an expansion of problem-solving skills.

Dr. Hussein’s community activist model is to push existing resources to neighborhoods that need them. Of critical importance, she seeks to add an experience that is culturally uplifting, raises self-worth and inspires young men to believe in themselves.

Corporate Philanthropist of the Year

**2023 CORPORATE
PHILANTHROPIST OF
THE YEAR: HOWARD
HUGHES HOLDINGS**

Beyond the company's \$1 billion investment in developing Downtown Columbia, Howard Hughes Holdings provides support to the Downtown Columbia Partnership helping promote the growth and vitality of the Downtown Columbia community and its businesses, implementing beautification projects and supporting transportation initiatives.

Howard Hughes Holdings contributes to the Columbia Festival of the Arts and its summer events at Columbia's lakefront and hosts many other events that bring people together.

In addition, Howard Hughes Holdings supports the Arc of Howard County, the Association of Community Services of Howard County, Blossoms of Hope, Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Howard Community College Educational Foundation, Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center, Howard County Autism Society, Howard County Conservancy, Howard County Library System, Inner Arbor Trust, Neighbor Ride, the Ulman Foundation and many more organizations.

Howard Hughes Holdings is committed to building a better Howard County by supporting nonprofits in Columbia, Howard County and the greater region. The company owns, manages and develops commercial, residential and mixed-use real estate in Columbia and throughout the United States. Howard Hughes Holdings contributes to over 50 local nonprofit organizations that support students, provide scholarships, offer health care, fight homelessness and housing instability, strengthen arts and culture and mobilize volunteers to provide food and services to tens of thousands of county residents.

The Community Foundation of Howard County benefits from the stalwart support from Howard Hughes Holdings, which helps the foundation with its strategic mission of connecting people, places and organizations to worthy causes across Howard County through its lead sponsorships of foundation events.

Pictured l. to r., Community Foundation of Howard County (CFHoCo) Board Chair Steve Sass, Esq.; Kristy Smith, president of the Maryland region for Howard Hughes Holdings; and CFHoCo President and CEO Beverly White-Seals.



CFHoCo Leadership FISCAL YEAR 2023

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“OUR DONORS TRUST US TO BE THE HUB FOR PHILANTHROPIC CONNECTIONS TO ENSURE FINANCIAL RESOURCES GET IN THE HANDS OF THE NONPROFITS THAT CAN PROVIDE THE GREATEST IMPACT. WE BELIEVE THAT LOCAL GIVING MEANS BETTER LIVING FOR ALL OF US.”

— BEVERLY WHITE-SEALS

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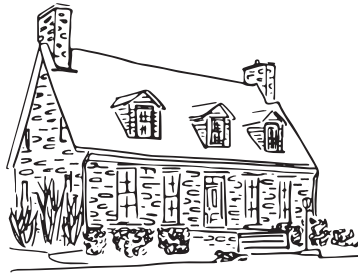


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