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A GUIDE TO GIVING
2014-15



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We believe in the power of small nonprofits to spark big change. As the only **locally-focused guide to giving**, our goal is to create visibility for our charities, fuel their growth with philanthropic dollars, and create a movement for social good in our region.

greater washington is home to thousands of nonprofits

We all have the
best intentions
when it comes
to charitable
giving, but finding
the right charity
hasn't always
been easy.
Until now.

we do the hard work for you

At the Catalogue for Philanthropy, we vet and select Greater Washington's best small charities. Here's how we do it.

INVITE APPLICANTS

Each year more than 200 charitable organizations apply to be included in the Catalogue for Philanthropy. All applicants must have budgets under \$3 million and be located in Washington DC or nearby Maryland and Virginia counties.

ASSEMBLE THE REVIEW TEAM

Once applications are processed, over 100 volunteer reviewers from foundations, corporate giving programs, peer nonprofits, and the philanthropic advisory community are matched with applicants in the reviewers' fields of expertise.

ASSESS THE APPLICANTS

Reviewers judge applicant charities based on:

- the need they meet, the quality of their programs, and evidence of impact;
- their ability to pass an outside financial review;
- a successful site visit performed recently by one of our reviewers or by staff.

CREATE THE VETTED LIST

Our goal is to create a balanced list of great nonprofits. This year 78 charities are featured in four categories: Nature, Culture, Education, and Human Services.

SPREAD THE WORD

We distribute the Catalogue across Greater Washington through the mail, partnerships, and events, and share our nonprofits' stories throughout the year on our blog and social media, making it easy for you to find, learn, and ... give.

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NATURE

“No one can diminish what environmentalism has accomplished,” writes Richard Louv, author of the best-selling *Last Child in the Woods*. But the real challenges, he suggests, are not just in accomplishing the basics – conservation and sustainability – but in offering “a compelling, inspiring portrait of the future ... of a nature-rich world in which our children and grandchildren thrive.” Those future generations, as well as the 5.2 million people currently living in our region, inspire this year’s featured charities to protect and restore waterways, preserve land, and promote healthier ways of living. One connects children and adults to nature by introducing them to the Potomac Watershed – how it works and how to keep it clean. Another focuses on water quality in the river and its tributaries, not only working to stop pollution, promote safe drinking water, and protect healthy river habitats, but also to enhance public use and enjoyment. Another connects DC’s greatest and most forgotten assets – its public green spaces – with its communities, turning community abandonment into community revitalization, transforming dangerous spaces into safe playgrounds, and directing at-risk youth to job training programs. Yet another promotes bicycling as a healthy and safe means of transportation that has tremendous benefits both for the environment and for the people who engage in the healthier lifestyle it promotes. There was a time when Americans talked about going “back to nature.” Today, in the words of Richard Louv, it’s time to go “forward to nature.”



Courtesy of Alice Ferguson Foundation

alice ferguson foundation

Thanks to the Alice Ferguson Foundation, there's a special place in Maryland where students from throughout the region can dig in the dirt, take a hike, and catch an unbeatable glimpse of the Potomac. That place is Hard Bargain Farm, which annually hosts nearly 6,000 K-8 students who come to interact with plants and animals about which many of them have – until now – only read. Nearly 4,000 students take part in Bridging the Watershed, a program that takes them to national and state parks in the Potomac Watershed where they learn, hands-on, about how a watershed works and how to keep it clean. Another 14,000 volunteers at nearly 700 sites throughout the Watershed (in four states and the District) participate in a day-long cleanup of the river as part of AFF's comprehensive Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative. Each year, AFF helps thousands of people connect with nature by milking a cow or picking up a piece of trash along the river. Won't you pitch in?

WISH LIST \$100: first campfire experience for 50 students; \$500: bus transportation to day-long farm program; \$1000: transportation, materials, and naturalist-guided field study for 1 class

potomac riverkeeper

WISH LIST \$100: trains 4 people to identify and report pollution; \$500: creates a new river recreation map; \$1000: works with a farmer to get a herd of cattle out of the river

The Potomac River watershed (which includes the Shenandoah River, the Potomac, and the Upper Potomac) encompasses 15,000 square miles, touching four states and the District of Columbia as it flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Six million residents live along the watershed, but instead of a clean and healthy river, they find swimming prohibitions and fish consumption advisories lining its banks. Potomac Riverkeeper is a grassroots, on-the-water organization dedicated to fighting pollution and creating healthy rivers and streams. In partnership with pro bono attorneys, it works to correct violations of environmental law and promote government accountability. Its network of volunteer citizen monitors reports on the health of fish in the rivers and it uses their input to direct enforcement and advocacy work – using the legal system to force polluters to clean up their act. Knowing that healthy rivers and healthy communities go hand-in-hand, Potomac Riverkeeper strives to ensure that all 383 miles of our river stay healthy. Clean water should not be the exception to the rule. It should be the rule.

Jeff Kelble, President . 1615 M Street NW, 2nd Floor, Washington DC 20036 . Tel 202 429 2629 . cfp-dc.org/riverkeeper

washington parks & people

WISH LIST \$100: 1-day mobilization of 100 volunteers working to transform a park; \$500: community mini-grant to transform a blighted green space; \$1000: stipend for 2 youth apprentices for 1 year

Washington, DC has the continent's highest percentage of public, urban green space, yet vast sections of this extraordinary resource are underused, especially in DC's poorest neighborhoods. Washington Parks & People works to reconnect and revitalize green spaces and communities – DC's most forgotten assets. Down by the Riverside is transforming Marvin Gaye Park, the District's longest municipal park, and other green spaces along the Anacostia River. Other WPP programs that have grown significantly include the DC Green Corps park-based job training program, Community Harvest urban agriculture program, and programs at the community "greenhouse" in the Josephine Butler Parks Center. Mobilizing thousands of volunteers, WPP transforms open-air drug markets into outdoor farmers markets; places of youth violence into vibrant playgrounds where residents can enjoy music, dance, theater, after-school programs, and even job training; and abandoned lots into revitalized community meeting places. From Meridian Hill to Marvin Gaye Park, WPP has demonstrated that parks can be green engines to help communities meet vital human needs. Your generous support broadens and deepens its impact all across the city.

Steve Coleman, Executive Director . 2437 15th Street NW, Washington DC 20009 . Tel 202 462 7275 ext 11 . cfp-dc.org/wpp

washington area bicyclist association

WISH LIST \$250: supplies for a mobile repair clinic in an underserved area; \$500: Women & Bicycles meet-up and skill share; \$1500: Learn to Ride class for 15 people

DC is among the top bicycling cities in the country. Hardly a surprise given the Washington Area Bicyclist Association's commitment to promoting bicycling as a healthy, sustainable means of transportation and advocating for better riding conditions across the region. For those switching from four wheels to two, WABA offers safety presentations for adults and kids (reaching 3,000 students a year through schools), commuter mentoring programs, and Bike to Work Day – a 17,000-cyclist celebration of health, fitness, and fun. Through its Adult Learn to Ride classes, Women and Bicycles program, and East of the Anacostia Bikes initiative, WABA is teaching people that a bike is not only good for physical and mental health, it has numerous economic benefits as well. Bicycles are a low-cost, low-maintenance form of transportation that help residents access jobs, schools, medical appointments, and healthier food options. On top of that, a four-mile round trip by bike keeps about 15 pounds of pollutants out of the air. Join WABA in promoting the health of our residents – and our planet.

Shane Farthing, Executive Director . 2599 Ontario Road NW, Washington DC 20009 . Tel 202 518 0524 ext 205 . cfp-dc.org/waba



Photographer Jeff Malet, maletphoto.com, Courtesy of Bowen McCauley Dance

2,711,655

*children, youth, & seniors served annually
by Catalogue arts outreach programs*

CULTURE

At the 2013 National Medal of Arts ceremony, President Obama told the gathering that the arts and humanities “challenge us ... to grow and to change and to reach new heights, and to understand each other at a time when the world is constantly crying for the capacity to bridge that gap and speak to people who aren’t like us.” This year’s Catalogue charities are up to the challenge: they educate, inspire, build bridges – and give us a window onto worlds unlike our own. Whether it’s an arts-based mentoring program for fifth grade girls with a relative in jail, a program for adult artist/entrepreneurs with disabilities, dance classes for those living with Parkinson’s disease, or a community orchestra that brings music to its residents, they are all working to make life richer for those who live in our community. Besides, studies show that participation in the arts leads to decreased delinquency and drug use among youth, increased self-esteem, and more positive interactions with peers and adults. The charities represented here understand that, which is why they provide programs that are affordable and accessible to young people, and reach out as well to everyone from preschoolers to wounded warriors. With your support, those who seek a means of self-expression, who dream of making a documentary, performing on a stage, learning to draw, or singing in a chorus will realize that dream. And bridges will be built.



Photographer Darian Glover, Courtesy of Washington Improv Theater

washington improv theater

WISH LIST \$100: 2 free workshops to introduce newcomers to improv; \$600: 1 teaching artist to lead an improv course; \$1000: rent for 1 night of performances at Source Theater

In a serious city that is often tightly scripted, Washington Improv Theater plays a valuable role: engaging audiences with unscripted performances and igniting the spirit of play through intensive training programs. Clearly, improv is catching on. WIT has given birth to an improv scene across the city: offering free weekly performances on 14th Street (always popular), expanding its performing company to 77 players, and filling its classrooms with adults hungry for the creative boost and social outlet improv provides. Its faculty brings passion and skill to teaching their craft to 1000 students a year who learn active listening, brainstorming, collaboration, and self-awareness – and who unleash their inborn creativity. While its main audience is young professionals, WIT has diverse partners and works in every ward of the city; CentroNia charter school in Columbia Heights, for example, is home to WIT’s classes and workshops for the mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program. Winner of a Helen Hayes Award for artistic direction, WIT makes improv a creative outlet that’s available to all. You can play along.

Mark Chalfant, Artistic & Executive Director . 1835 14th Street NW, Washington DC 20009 . Tel 202 204 7770 . cfp-dc.org/improv

mclean project for the arts

WISH LIST \$100: art workshop for 10 seniors at a Fairfax County senior center; \$750: gallery tour for 100 at-risk K-12 students; \$15,000: upgraded lighting and skylight shades

In 1962, when a group of local artists founded the McLean Project for the Arts, there was no gallery space for professional exhibitions of contemporary art in Northern Virginia and little arts education in the schools. More than 50 years later, MPA is the longest-serving visual arts center in the region, reaching 20,000 residents a year with exhibitions and providing educational offerings to the public and to public school students who would otherwise have limited exposure to the arts. The McLean Community Center is home to MPA’s three galleries and teaching studio, where visitors enjoy the work of both established and emerging Mid-Atlantic artists. An official partner with Fairfax County Public Schools, MPA’s signature ArtReach program serves kids at 39 different schools, including 19 Title I schools. By providing free admission to its gallery, as well as talks, school tours, and off-site arts education programs, MPA reaches at-risk students in area schools, students with developmental disabilities, and low-income seniors. Everyone should have access to arts education: you can make it happen.

Krista Vita, Director of Development & Interim Director . 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean VA 22101 . Tel 703 790 1953 . cfp-dc.org/mpa

bowen mccauley dance

WISH LIST \$100: 1 dance class for people with Parkinson Disease and their care partners; \$500: 1 professional dancer’s weekly salary; \$1000: 12-week residency at a local K-12 school

Founded in 1996 by dancer, teacher, and choreographer Lucy Bowen McCauley, whose dual training in music and dance is the hallmark of her choreography, Bowen McCauley Dance is known for its live music, talented corps of dancers, and rich collaborations with outstanding designers and musicians. Through performances, workshops, and community outreach, BMD energizes audiences with its signature style and introduces people of all ages to the joy of dance. The Company offers dance residencies, master classes, workshops, and performances to over 12,000 youth, seniors, and people with disabilities – including free weekly dance classes for people with Parkinson Disease and their care-partners in Virginia and Maryland; a free, year-long dance residency to majority-minority students at Kenmore Middle and other DC schools; and free daytime concerts and instruction to entire Arlington public school populations. Winner of numerous honors and awards, Bowen McCauley’s work has been called “courageous and well-crafted” by the Washington Post, which also describes the group as one of the area’s “premier” dance companies. Your spirited participation is invited!

Abigail Isaac, Executive Director . 818 N Quincy Street, Suite 104, Arlington VA 22203 . Tel 703 910 5175 ext 102 . cfp-dc.org/bmdc



Photographer: Kathleen Mallaney, Courtesy of Art Enables

art enables

WISH LIST \$100: *an artist's studio time (staff, space, materials) for a day*; \$500: *postcards and mailing for 1 gallery show*; \$1000: *art supplies for a month*

Here's a great concept: an entrepreneurial arts program in which self-taught adult artists with developmental, intellectual, or mental disabilities create "outsider" art while developing artistic and life skills, gaining confidence, achieving self-expression, and earning income from the sale of their work. The only program of its kind in the region, Art Enables provides participants with the opportunity, materials, environment, and marketing support to succeed as professional artists. The finished artwork is exhibited locally (in the studio and at local and regional galleries), and nationally and internationally via AE online, where each artist also has his or her own web page. Participants receive 60% of the proceeds from their art, and design fees for cards and merchandise: for many, this is their first and only source of income. Great results? You bet! Last year artists welcomed more than 5,000 visitors to the gallery and sold over \$84,000 of artwork. Art Enables gives artists the opportunity to tell their stories through art – and share them with the public. Truly a win-win. Won't you be part of this beautiful picture?

Mary Liniger, Executive Director . 2204 Rhode Island Avenue NE, Washington DC 20018 . Tel 202 554 9455 . cfp-dc.org/artenables

docs in progress

WISH LIST \$100: *programming for 1 free documentary roundtable*; \$1500: *training for 50 nonprofits on using video to tell their stories*; \$5000: *grant to a promising local filmmaker*

Many people dream of making a documentary – whether to express themselves or open dialogue about an important social issue. But where to begin? Docs In Progress gives both novice and experienced filmmakers the tools they need to tell stories of real people, places, events, and issues. Beginners' classes are offered on everything from lighting and editing to budgeting and fundraising. Work-in-progress screenings and roundtable discussions give filmmakers feedback on their unfinished films. And the group's Fellowship Program includes filmmakers who meet monthly to get advice from experienced practitioners and keep each other on track. In 10 years the organization has helped more than 1,000 emerging creators and attracted more than 5,000 people to screenings. The Community Stories Festival has introduced many local residents to experiences they may not have discovered on their own – from a man who fixes wheelchairs for low income people (for free) to an immigrant-run coffee shop that has become an important community center. Filmmakers go on to produce work on everything from civil rights to the arts. Lights, camera, action!

Erica Ginsberg, Executive Director . 8700 1st Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20910 . Tel 301 789 2797 . cfp-dc.org/docsinprogress

fairfax choral society

WISH LIST \$100: *sheet music for 1 song for 1 Youth Chorus*; \$500: *tuition for 1 youth chorister for an entire season*; \$5000: *commission of a new work by a prominent choral composer*

Imagine a world in which choral music uplifts and inspires all people, and unites communities in a shared love of music. With ten ensembles and eighteen musicianship classes, Fairfax Choral Society is doing just that. Offering opportunities to nearly 400 choral singers – from preschoolers to adults – it has provided, for more than 50 years, a place for entire families to learn, perform, and appreciate choral art. Early childhood classes for 3 to 4 year-olds start children (and parents) on a musical journey. Youth Choruses provide singers ages 5 to 19 the opportunity to expand their vocal experience in an auditioned choral program where they learn teamwork, patience, self-discipline, commitment, confidence, and pride. Advanced music theory seminars are available for committed high school students and an Adult Symphonic Chorus brings together singers who volunteer their time to enrich the community through music. A contest for young composers, music literacy classes for adults, and guest workshops for all, enrich and educate the community. You can help bring joy to singers – and audiences – of all ages.

Christi Esterly Schwarten, Executive Director . 4028 Hummer Road, Annandale VA 22003 . Tel 703 642 3277 . cfp-dc.org/fairfaxchoral



Photographer: Larry McClemons, Courtesy of Encore Stage & Studio

encore stage & studio

WISH LIST \$100: tickets to a production for 10 students from low-income schools; \$500: lumber, paint, tools for imaginative sets; \$1000: 3 scholarships for a summer workshop

Theater is for everyone – of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences. And no one understands this better than Encore Stage & Studio. A regional children’s theatre with a strong educational mission, Encore has produced 188 full-scale, professional plays for over 270,000 audience members – and every role, from leading player to ensemble, has been held by an actor under the age of 18. A summer musical welcomes high school and college performers, many of whom are itching to return to their artistic home at Encore. Unique among children’s theatres, Encore recognizes that not all kids love the spotlight – so technical crew positions are held by youngsters who receive expert training in props, lighting, effects, and stage management. Year-round classes and a summer drama program help kids hone their onstage and backstage skills, and older, experienced students can apply for highly-coveted internships. For more than 45 years, Encore has brought together children of all ages, and from all neighborhoods, through their shared love of live theater. For that, they deserve a long ovation.

Sara Strehle Duke, Executive Director . 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington VA 22206 . Tel 703 548 1154 . cfp-dc.org/encore

sixth & i historic synagogue

WISH LIST \$100: hearing-impaired interpreter for 1 author event; \$200: videographer to film and disseminate an event online; \$2000: artist fee for local emerging talent on the Downstairs stage

Home to a Conservative synagogue, an African Methodist Episcopal church and, now, what author Junot Díaz calls “a utopian model” for what a modern community center can be, Sixth & I Historic Synagogue has a rich history. Since 2004, it has redefined the concept of the community gathering space with entertaining and thought-provoking programs spanning Jewish and other cultural traditions, while also playing host to an array of authors, musicians, politicians, comedians, filmmakers, journalists, actors, and chefs. Former Vice-President Al Gore, author Malcolm Gladwell, tech exec and author Sheryl Sandberg, comedian Lewis Black, actress Idina Menzel: the list goes on. While Sixth & I welcomes all ages and backgrounds, its focus is on building a community of young professionals who share an interest in the arts and humanities. In 2013 alone, 50,000 people attended 120 author events, concerts, comedy shows, and exhibits. Located in the heart of Penn Quarter, Sixth & I buzzes with energy, and preserves the past while it enlivens the future. The beat goes on ... with your support, please.

Esther Safran Foer, Executive Director & CEO . 600 I Street NW, Washington DC 20001 . Tel 202 408 3100 . cfp-dc.org/sixthandi

washington bach consort

WISH LIST \$100: 1 costume rental; \$500: rehearsal and performance for 1 musician; \$1000: bus rides for 150 students to Bach to School

One of the country’s premier Baroque choral and orchestral groups – with a nine-concert season and free Talking Bach lecture series – the Washington Bach Consort has earned rave reviews from the Washington Post, which has called it “one of America’s finest musical ensembles.” The Consort has made critically acclaimed European tours and, locally, has performed regularly with the National Symphony Orchestra, Opera Lafayette, Folger Consort, and the Post Classical Ensemble. But it isn’t just interested in performing Bach; it’s interested in “giving Bach.” That’s why it also offers free or low-cost music education through the DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative, Sitar Arts Center, and THEARC. Reaching over 2,500 underserved students annually with Bach to School, a music education program that teaches kids to sharpen their listening skills and improve their musical literacy, and offering adults a free Noontime Cantata Concert Series that enlivens the lunch hour in downtown DC, the Consort helps listeners of all ages appreciate the beauty of Baroque music. Giving Bach is something you can do as well.

Marc Eisenberg, Executive Director . 1010 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005 . Tel 202 429 2121 . cfp-dc.org/bach



Photographer Leslie Mansour, SouqFlycom, Courtesy of Capitol Hill Arts Workshop

capitol hill arts workshop

The arts create challenge; the arts create common ground; the arts must be accessible to all: these are the rallying cries of Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, which serves all ages and provides tuition assistance for youth and adult classes. Photography, writing, visual arts, ceramics, acting, and dance are all on the menu. CHAW offers after-school classes for elementary and middle school students in Ward 6 (vans bring them to the Workshop), private music lessons for a range of instruments and voice, and arts adventure summer camps. Committed to bridging the city's vast income gap, CHAW never turns a child away for inability to pay. It also lends support to other arts and community groups, providing reasonably priced or free space for performances, workshops, and meetings. For adults, there are juried shows for artists, lectures, dance and music concerts, and other community arts events. CHAW is also developing This Place Has a Voice to tell the stories of the Canal Park/Navy Yard/Riverfront neighborhoods. At CHAW, the arts inspire. We hope they inspire you.

WISH LIST \$100: gas for 1 van for 1 month; \$250: tuition for 1 youth arts class for a semester; \$1000: 1 month of art supplies for children and adults

the theatre lab school of the dramatic arts

WISH LIST \$500: food and supplies for 10 scholarship campers; \$880: full scholarship for 1 camper; \$1200: Life Stories instructor for severely at-risk youth

Homeless women in recovery from addiction, expelled youth working toward a GED, young men in juvenile detention, seniors in assisted living: everyone has a story to tell, a voice that needs to be heard, a life that is waiting to be transformed. At The Theatre Lab School they get to tell those stories, transforming their personal narratives into film or theater. And the self-esteem that comes from creating original works of dramatic art is life-changing. The Theatre Lab serves hundreds of youth and adults through its Life Stories program and its new Life Stories Institute, and hundreds more through classes and summer camps in acting, directing, playwriting, and musical theatre at its home in Gallery Place. Instruction comes from local actors, directors, and playwrights, and each year more than \$80,000 in scholarships is granted to a third of those enrolled (Life Stories is tuition-free). Winner of the Mayor's Arts Award for Innovation in the Arts, The Theatre Lab is committed to improving the quality of life in our region. What a story.

Deb Gottesman, Co-Director . 733 8th Street NW, Washington DC 20001 . Tel 202 824 0449 ext 22 . cfp-dc.org/theatrelab

class acts arts

WISH LIST \$100: dance performance for 30 elementary students; \$1000: poetry workshop for 10 men at a homeless shelter; \$5000: 8-week mural arts project (donated to the community) for 15 juvenile offenders

The arts play a critical role in children's lives: through theater and dance, drawing and singing, they are able to express themselves and explore a world beyond the classroom walls. While the arts have faced cutbacks in many schools, Class Acts Arts ensures that creativity has a place. Since 1995, it has brought culturally diverse arts programs directly to DC-area schools and communities through alliances with artists, arts organizations, museums, community-based groups, and service agencies. Thanks to Class Acts Arts, over 200,000 audience members experienced 1,500 performances, workshops, and residency activities this year. Project Youth ArtReach also brings the arts into area detention and correctional facilities, and provides mentorships to incarcerated youth. Equally dedicated to arts and artists, Class Acts Arts offers employment and resources to 125 performers, writers, and creators. In the words of one Youth ArtReach participant, art not only frees our bodies, "it relieves us from the confinement of our minds." Let's give every child the freedom to express and create.

James E Modrick, Executive Director . 700 Roeder Road, First Floor, Silver Spring MD 20910 . Tel 301 588 4474 . cfp-dc.org/classacts

the art league

WISH LIST \$100: 1 new classroom easel; \$500: 3 scholarships to League classes; \$2000: 1 fifth-grader's year-long participation in SOHO

The philosophy of The Art League is simple: nurture the artist and you enrich the entire community. For seasoned artists and curious newcomers alike, the organization provides accessible exhibit space and a wide range of classes in virtually all visual arts disciplines. In collaboration with the court system, it also serves as home to Space of Her Own (SOHO), an arts-based mentoring program for creatively-inclined fifth grade girls who have a relative in jail or on probation – one of the strongest indicators that a child will later become court-involved. Its IMPART program (Injured Military Personnel and Art), a partnership with Fort Belvoir Military Base and the USO, connects injured men and women with visual arts experiences designed to redevelop fine motor skills and provide opportunities for relaxed social engagement, personal enrichment, and expressive catharsis. Need-based scholarships are available for students of all ages and backgrounds. With your support, artists will always have a home in Alexandria – and a champion in The Art League.

Suzanne Bethel, Executive Director . 105 North Union Street, Alexandria VA 22314 . Tel 703 549 5450 . cfp-dc.org/artleague



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244,459

*children prepared annually for success
in school by Catalogue nonprofits*

EDUCATION

If necessity is the mother of invention, then this year's education charities have demonstrated that they know a little something about both. Necessity comes in so many forms – early childhood education for the most vulnerable among us, libraries for those who would otherwise have no access to books, schools for those with special needs or special challenges, instruction for adults who read below a fifth grade level. At every age, across our geographical boundaries, and in so many contexts – in school, out of school, and even in post-secondary settings – necessity creates real solutions: a middle school for Ward 8 boys whose outcomes might otherwise be bleak, nutrition education that addresses the very serious obesity problem right in the classroom (and in the school garden), a literacy program that helps those who have no voice to find their voice, and a program that gets students out of their neighborhoods and into a larger world through first-hand exposure to DC's rich cultural and historical resources. And because receiving – and, importantly, completing – a college education has never been more important, local programs are helping students get into, and graduate from, post-graduate institutions, even when they face challenges such as lack of familiarity with the college process (a common problem among first-generation-to-college students), limited financial resources, and even teen motherhood. "Educational innovation," said Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, "should not be confused with just generating more great ideas or unique inventions. Instead, we need new solutions that improve outcomes." This year's education charities are doing just that.



Photographer Valerie Woody; Courtesy of Bishop John T Walker School for Boys

bishop john t walker school for boys

WISH LIST \$100: 1 month of breakfast and lunch for a Bishop Walker student; \$350: a field trip for one class; \$9000: tuition support for 1 student for an entire semester

As the first African-American Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, The Right Rev John Thomas Walker took to heart his parents' core belief that education is the door to opportunity. That same belief is at the heart of the Anacostia-based school that now bears his name. The Bishop John T Walker School for Boys nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and artistic development of boys in pre-K through 5th grade. In addition to its rigorous academic program, the tuition-free school provides boys of all faiths with three meals a day, an extended day program (7:30am to 6pm) and 11 months of academic, cultural, and recreational activities – an essential combination given that 50% of children East of the River live below the federal poverty line. Parental involvement is critical to the boys' success too, and 92% of parents attend student-teacher conferences, a strong indicator of engagement. The boys may face an uphill battle, but they won't face it alone. You can help turn boys into young men whom Bishop Walker would have been proud to know.

James Woody, Executive Director . 3640 Martin Luther King, Jr Ave SE, Washington DC 20032 . Tel 202 678 1515 . cfp-dc.org/bishopwalker

dc special education co-operative

WISH LIST \$500: graduate-level course for 1 teacher; \$1000: "assistive technology" kits (10-15 tools) for 3 classrooms; \$6000: crisis intervention training for 30 staff members

Here in the District the number of students with disabilities is higher than one might think – three percent higher than the national average. A third of these students, many from low-income families, attend charter schools, yet charters are on their own when it comes to meeting their needs: they have limited resources to navigate the ever-changing environment of special education policies and practices. First of its kind in the country, the DC Special Education Co-operative provides charter schools with the guidance and information they need to build and maintain high-quality special education programs. Because classroom teachers typically have no formal training here, the Co-op educates the educators. This school year, the Co-op has offered over 40 workshops and trained approximately 500 educators, authored briefs on state-level special education policies, built relationships with DC's Division of Special Education, and billed Medicaid for services, recovering tens of thousands of dollars. The ultimate goal is to improve the educational experience for students with and without special needs. Let's ensure that all of our children succeed.

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live it learn it

WISH LIST \$100: programming for 1 student for a semester; \$1000: academic trip transportation for 1 class for a year; \$15,000: a full year of programming for 1 school

Live It, Learn It was born out of its founder's experience as a teacher in one of DC's lowest-performing schools where students were undermined by inadequate exposure to the world around them, limited connection to academic material, and little sense of why education mattered. The idea was to supplement classroom instruction with vital experiential learning. Today, LILI inspires academic achievement and ignites student potential through first-hand exposure to DC's historical, cultural, and natural resources. Youngsters examine plant adaptations at the US Botanic Garden, recite a Frederick Douglass speech from the steps of his former home in Anacostia, and work with an artist at the Kreeger Museum to create Monet-inspired landscapes. The result: students are more confident, more motivated, and more successful in the classroom. Professional development for teachers ensures that they, and their students, learn how to get the most from the pre-trip classroom sessions, hands-on academic trips, and post-trip lessons. LILI makes history, science, and culture come alive for over 1,600 children – and generates a priceless love of learning.

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Courtesy of 826 DC

826dc

Co-founded by writer Dave Eggers and educator Ninive Calegari, and named for its first home at 826 Valencia in San Francisco, 826DC is grounded in the belief that great leaps in learning happen when students receive the right kind of one-on-one attention. It recruits and trains volunteers who provide educational support and critically important mentoring to address the dauntingly low literacy skills that plague DC youngsters, some two-thirds of whom cannot read or write at the “proficient” level. Youth ages 6–18 attend writing workshops, participate in author roundtables, and professionally publish their work (the proof is in the pudding!). They write and revise, sharpen their skills, build their confidence, improve their schoolwork and, importantly, learn to express themselves with meaning and power. Since first opening its doors in Columbia Heights in 2008, the program has expanded from 134 students a year to more than 3,000, and the numbers continue to grow. 826DC provides a much-needed bridge between talented adults and the students and teachers who need them. Won’t you walk with them?

WISH LIST \$100: 2 new chairs for tutoring lab; \$1000: new bookcases for the tutoring center and books for the library; \$2500: one-on-one tutoring 4 days a week for 1 student for a year

dc greens

WISH LIST \$100: 1 cooking kit for a DC classroom; \$500: 1 family's fruit and vegetable prescription for a season; \$2500: a year-long Growing Garden teacher program for 3 schools

Here is a troubling statistic: one in five children ages 10-17 is overweight or obese in our nation's capital, making it third in the country for childhood obesity. DC Greens comes at this tough problem from multiple angles. First, it unites educators and nonprofits from all eight wards of the city, bringing them together to raise awareness and develop programs that improve the way students think about what they eat. Next, it partners with District educators in year-long professional development work that prepares 50 teachers at a time to become informed school garden champions and educators. Its city-wide outreach initiative sees that all low-income community members have information about local farmers' markets that accept SNAP benefits, and its Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program means 200 residents receive prescriptions from their doctors for free farmers' market produce. DC Greens also works with schools to run weekly farm stands at pick-up time, selling garden produce and plowing the profits back into the garden program. Fertile soil for your investment in a healthier DC.

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chess challenge in dc

WISH LIST \$250: 10 US Chess Federation memberships; \$500: take-home chess sets for 40 students; \$1000: sponsorship of 1 "Chess Champion" for a year

With its complex rules and intricate strategies, chess is the ultimate game of the mind. But at Chess Challenge in DC, it is so much more – a way to evaluate life decisions, solve hard problems, and strengthen one's character. For under-served elementary and middle school students, Chess Challenge promotes academic and personal growth through a chess-based curriculum. As they master the rules of the game, students learn to plan backwards from an objective and formulate a winning, multi-step strategy – and then to apply those skills to their academic work and personal lives. Children meet after school to fine-tune their game, develop literacy skills by reading and writing about chess, and work in teams to solve math and logic problems. Since 2008 the program has served more than 1,600 students across DC, focusing primarily on Wards 7 and 8, where 37% to 47% of kids live in poverty. These Chess Champions have the opportunity to learn from their past and form plans for their future – on the game board and beyond.

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move this world

WISH LIST \$100: action packets and posters for 1 classroom; \$500: 1 scholarship to Global Summit and Training Program; \$1000: 1 anti-bullying assembly and workshop for teachers

As a Fulbright Scholar in Colombia, South America, Sara Potler LaHayne found it odd that students in conflict-ridden Bogota were taught about empathy and compassion through textbooks, while bullying among students was prevalent on the playground and violence persisted in the schools. Watching students "rock out" to boom box music during recess, she had an idea that led her to found Move This World. Now an international organization (with affiliates in Washington and Baltimore and on four continents), it teaches students and teachers how to use creative expression and movement to resolve conflicts that arise at school or at home. The curriculum stresses trust, active listening, anger and stress management, and respect for diversity. A "train the trainer" model is in the works to equip educators to work with their own students. By partnering with schools and school districts, Move This World gives teachers and young people the tools they need to create a culture of empathy and respect. In 2013, the organization found an 80% decrease in student suspensions. Let's get moving!

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Courtesy of Capital Partners for Education

capital partners for education

In today's economy, receiving a college education has never been more important. Since 1993, Capital Partners for Education has helped motivated, low-income high school and college students from the DC region overcome the academic and social barriers that prevent them from attending and succeeding in the colleges of their choice. For CPE students, college means the way out of a multigenerational cycle of poverty, and the way into professional careers. CPE equips them for success through a unique combination of one-on-one mentoring, college and career readiness programming, scholarships, and individualized staff support right through college graduation. Over the past 21 years, it has produced a 99% college enrollment rate and a 70% college completion rate among its graduates – more than three times the rate nationally and five times the rate in DC. To meet the growing demand for its services, CPE continues to expand its offerings, and plans to double its current student body by 2016. With your help, a cap and gown – and a new life – are within reach.

WISH LIST \$500: emergency funds for uniforms, books, trips; \$1000: college scholarship for a charter school student; \$4500: tuition award for 1 student at private school

college bound

WISH LIST \$100: *Senior Retreat for 1 student*; \$500: *Fall College Tour for 10 students*; \$6000: *scholarship for 1 student for 4 years*

College Bound targets underserved 8th–12th grade public school students who have the drive and desire to attend college. Students meet weekly, one–on–one, with mentors who assist them in math, SAT prep, and college admissions, with the goal of improving the District’s historically low test scores and college–attendance rate. Mentors explore scholarship opportunities and help students navigate the application process. College Bound sponsors career and college fairs and takes students on college tours. It also offers over \$125,000 annually in scholarships and a Virtual Mentoring Program (VMP) to help students navigate college life. For the last four years, it has graduated 100% of its seniors from high school and maintained a 100% college acceptance rate. Over the last two years, its VMP helped 88% of first year students return to college for their second year (second and third year return rates are a phenomenal 100%). With six community–based locations throughout the city, and international study tours offering educational enrichment, College Bound is making college completion a reality for DC’s young people. And what a difference that makes.

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collegetracks

WISH LIST \$100: *test prep to help 1 student improve SAT/ACT scores*; \$500: *college admissions advising for 1 senior*; \$1000: *college success coaching to help 1 student persist in college*

Montgomery County boasts one of the finest public school systems in the nation, yet some students never go to college (and many who do never graduate). Standardized tests, application essays, and financial aid forms can prove daunting to low–income, first–generation–to–college students and families. Working one–on–one with over 600 motivated students a year, CollegeTracks helps them articulate their goals, choose the right schools, prepare for admissions tests, and even negotiate financial aid packages. With a daily presence at Bethesda–Chevy Chase and Wheaton high schools, staff members answer questions – or nag students to meet critical deadlines. The nagging must work: 95% of CollegeTracks seniors were accepted to college or vocational school and 60% were admitted to four–year colleges. The College Scholars Program coaches students in how to succeed – teaching study skills and financial literacy, helping students develop a four–year plan of classes and extracurricular activities, and providing personal and academic support throughout the college years. These young scholars have the talent and drive to be college graduates. You can give them the tools to succeed.

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the posse foundation

WISH LIST \$100: *writing program materials for 1 Posse during pre-collegiate training*; \$1000: *training for 12 mentors to work on campus*; \$5000: *support for 1 Scholar for a year*

The Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who might otherwise be overlooked in the college admissions process, and places them in multicultural teams (“posses”) of ten that act as support systems on campus and beyond. Posse expands the pool from which top universities recruit students, helps create more inclusive campus environments, and ensures that scholars persist in their studies and graduate (an astonishing 90% of them do) so they can take on leadership positions in our increasingly diverse nation. Sixty scholars from the DC area are chosen annually from an initial group of 1,600 and scholarships are awarded by Posse’s elite partner institutions (Bucknell, Grinnell, Lafayette, Sewanee: The University of the South, University of Rochester, University of Wisconsin–Madison). Pre–collegiate training prepares students for the social and academic expectations that lie ahead; an on–campus mentor tracks their progress; a career program offers counseling and workshops that lead to internships and jobs. Posse invests in the intelligence, talent, and dreams of young people. So can you.

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generation hope

WISH LIST \$100: gasoline cards for 1 week of transportation to class for 4 Scholars; \$500: mentoring training for 20 Scholars and Sponsors; \$2400: year-long sponsorship for 1 teen parent

Fewer than 2%. That's how many teen mothers earn a college degree before the age of 30. And because DC has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the nation, this means that there are thousands of young families living in poverty – because college graduation and economic success are inextricably intertwined. Generation Hope is dedicated to increasing graduation rates among teen mothers and fathers. Young parents in the program come from trying circumstances: they are low income, have been in foster care, have experienced homelessness and abuse, and have been told that, as teen parents, they will fail in life. The Scholar Program provides them with a mentor and up to \$2,400 a year in tuition assistance right up to college graduation. Mentors are caring, committed adults who assist them in identifying resources in the community and at their colleges, and provide encouragement, hope, and a commitment to seeing them succeed. This year, the group will support 38 scholars and provide college-readiness workshops to 200 parenting high school students. More diplomas are on their way.

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everybody wins! dc

WISH LIST \$100: 10 new books for students; \$500: 50 STEM books for students; \$1000: enrichment activities for 2 Power Lunch schools

Here in Washington, DC, only 23% of 4th graders and 17% of 8th graders read at the proficient level or above. These are children at risk for failing – academically and socially. Everybody Wins! DC operates literacy and mentoring programs in 36 low-income public elementary schools throughout the Washington region, serving more than 5,000 students a year. Through its Power Lunch program it pairs them with adult Reading Mentors from Capitol Hill, government agencies, and businesses. Mentors expose children to literature, inspire them to read, and serve as caring role models. Many partners stay together for years, and below-grade-level reading decreases annually from 61% to 34%. Readers Are Leaders matches older elementary school students, grades 4-5, with younger students, grades K-3, to read aloud together, while StoryTime brings together authors, musicians, and storytellers to create performances based on children's books. In its nearly two decades, EW!DC has served more than 55,000 students and distributed nearly 182,000 brand new books to create in-home libraries. Your generosity changes the lives of thousands of children.

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jubilee jumpstart

WISH LIST \$100: art supplies for infants and toddlers; \$500: dramatic play items to stir children's imaginations; \$1000: 2 months of high-quality early childhood education for 1 child

Most children get a little nervous on the first day of school; but for low-income kids whose parents work long hours in service sector jobs, the fears are not without grounds. In Adams Morgan, 34% of children under five live in poverty and they begin kindergarten far less prepared, academically and emotionally, than their peers. Jubilee JumpStart gives them an extra boost. Nestled in the heart of Adams Morgan, its center offers affordable, high-quality early childhood education in a dual language environment. A low student-teacher ratio ensures personal attention and teachers chart each child's progress with pictures, reports, and work samples. Through a partnership with the Washington Center for Psychoanalysis, parents learn to understand and meet their children's needs; and for those who work long hours, the center is open from 7:30am until 6pm. Graduates have no reason to fear the first day of school and 20% of their parents have been inspired to start school again themselves. Jubilee JumpStart truly helps families move beyond poverty – two generations at a time.

Dee Dee Parker Wright, Executive Director . 2525 Ontario Road NW, Washington DC 20009 . Tel 202 506 4607 . cfp-dc.org/jubileejumpstart



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the washington literacy center

WISH LIST \$100: *Wilson Reading System notebooks for 6 students*; \$500: *Just Words materials for 20 students*; \$1000: *transportation scholarship for 1 student for a full program year*

It's just not possible to make one's way in today's world without the ability to read. For 90,000 of DC's functionally illiterate adults, low literacy skills are a barrier to just about everything – completing their education, getting and keeping a decent job, staying out of poverty. The Washington Literacy Center removes the barrier by teaching basic skills – word attack (sounding things out), fluency (reading at a proper pace), and comprehension (understanding and thinking critically) – to adults who read below a fifth grade level. Professional, part-time educators, trained in the successful Wilson Reading System, provide individual attention in groups of 8–10, while a case manager connects students with the next steps they will take in their long-term education. Research shows that individuals with reading deficiencies need 200–250 hours of practice to begin closing the gap. WLC students are well on their way, receiving, on average, over 200 hours each year. This year, WLC will help 100 District adults read the signs that point to a brighter future. You can lead the way.

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the batonga foundation

WISH LIST \$100: *backpacks for 10 girls*; \$200: *school lunch for 4 girls for 1 year (it may be their only meal that day)*; \$500: *school fees for a classroom of 20 young girls for a year*

Today, more girls in Africa are graduating from elementary school than ever before. Yet war, poverty, prejudice, and even distance from school prevent the majority from completing secondary education. Piloting programs for girls in Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Mali, Cameroon, and Benin (where its founder was born and educated), the Batonga Foundation removes obstacles that prevent or discourage girls from attending school. This means everything from providing scholarships, school supplies, and uniforms, to ensuring access to clean drinking water and school bathrooms, and making it easier – and safer – for girls to get to school. There's more: the group organizes mentoring and tutoring programs for students and provides in-kind support and micro loans for the scholars' families. Batonga's programs directly benefit over 100,000 students, their families, and community members annually. The overwhelming majority of girls have returned to school each year to continue their education, many in spite of tremendous obstacles. For these girls, the road to graduation is often perilous – but with the support of Batonga, and you, they will make it.

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lubuto library project

WISH LIST \$100: *25 books from local African publishers*; \$500: *computer literacy training for 100s of teens*; \$1000: *workshop to train Zambians in children's library services*

Lubuto Library Project provides quality educational opportunities for Zambian children and youth orphaned and vulnerable as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The libraries are free and open to the public, but they are designed for children, and specifically target those who are excluded from formal education, including youth living on the streets and children in extreme and desperate poverty. Carefully crafted book collections built by library professionals include culturally relevant and up-to-date materials. The libraries also provide access to technology, arts, and, most importantly, caring adults who can support children and connect them with otherwise inaccessible resources. LLP is also significant for its strong ties to Zambia's cultural heritage. It aims to collect and compile 100% of what is written for children in Zambian languages, preserving an important literary heritage for future generations. In 2013, the first two indigenously-styled libraries received over 100,000 visits and a third library (the first in a rural area) opened in summer 2014. LLP brings light to isolated children. You can be part of the vision.



10,829,721

*pounds of food provided annually
(groceries delivered, food distributed)
by Catalogue charities*

HUMAN SERVICES

When the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments last counted the number of people sleeping in shelters, on benches, in doorways, or anywhere out in the open – a snapshot of a particular moment in the middle of last winter – there were nearly 12,000 homeless people, up 3.5% from the previous year. Two-thirds were in the District – nearly 7,750 – a 13% rise from the previous year. And for those who do have housing, costs have soared, leaving many with little room in the family budget for critical needs like medicine and food. So while Catalogue charities are, as usual, stepping in to address a broad range of very important challenges – from child abuse to domestic violence, and from teen pregnancy to HIV/AIDS – they are also providing meals for those who would otherwise have nothing and food support for the working poor; providing transitional shelter, “supportive” housing, and access to affordable housing for the chronically homeless, for veterans, and for families living in overcrowded shelters; and offering medical services to those who simply cannot afford to pay. It goes without saying that job training is also a critical piece of the puzzle here: in our changing economy it can be, for some, harder than ever to find work, and organizations that offer life skills and job readiness programs are serving a critical need. The economic recovery has benefited many – but by no means all – of us. Let’s step up and help our neighbors in need.



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hope house dc

For children whose fathers are incarcerated (8,000 DC residents in over 100 prisons from here to California) displacement often has grave consequences. Contact may be lost, family structure weakened, and reintegration of released fathers made difficult indeed. Enter Hope House, whose dream is to reconnect fathers and kids. Through its programs, children regularly visit their fathers online, watch and listen to bedtime stories that dads record, participate in week-long camps behind bars (a model for camps in five states), and meet with others who are also struggling with the stress and stigma of having family members in prison. Writing workshops for kids and for dads in prison have resulted in the publication of three poetry books, and this year saw the introduction of a program for incarcerated mothers. The results are impressive: the Federal Bureau of Prisons has created new programs based on Hope House models, and the program continues to grow – expanding to 16 state and federal prisons. These families deserve all the hope your generosity can inspire. Think of the children.

WISH LIST \$500: housing for 5 kids for 5 days of summer camp; \$1000: van rental for 1 week of camp; \$2000: art supplies for 1 camp

the arc of northern virginia

WISH LIST \$100: training in public speaking skills for self-advocate with disabilities; \$1000: monthly sessions on critical resources; \$10,000: advocacy work in the Virginia General Assembly

Virginia is ranked 47th in the nation for services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – an appalling statistic for the families in our region whose loved ones have autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, rare chromosomal disorders, and other disabilities. Many of these residents – over 16,000, in fact – benefit from services provided by The Arc of Northern Virginia. Founded in 1962 by parents seeking special education for their children, The Arc today provides many additional services to residents of all ages in Fairfax, Falls Church, Alexandria, and Arlington. Free workshops address critical topics like navigating the complex disability system and honing life planning tools. A special needs trust helps families plan for a child's future, and Transition POINTS aids them as they make decisions at key points across the lifespan of their loved ones. The Arc responds to thousands of calls and emails a year on everything from therapists to jobs to housing options, and demand for services continues to grow. You can help them answer the call.

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beacon house

WISH LIST \$100: academic enrichment programs for 5 children for 1 week; \$750: 6-week summer camp for 1 child; \$1000: college readiness mentoring for 10 high school juniors and seniors

Operating in the middle of a large, subsidized housing project in Ward 5 where students typically perform in the lowest quartile on standardized tests, Beacon House creates a culture of self-discipline and academic success for its children. It offers one-on-one, back-to-basics, math and reading for 1st to 8th graders, and has had a dramatic impact on academic performance: over the course of the school year reading and math skills improve by an average of two grade levels. Nutritious meals are offered along with homework help, tutoring in core subjects, and a healthy portion of athletics, recreation, and the arts. During the summer, a low-cost camp combines learning and ... fun. Beacon House also teaches job readiness skills to teenagers and each year helps some 30 high school seniors graduate on time and gain admission to one or more colleges, universities, and professional schools. A thriving program that has a positive impact on hundreds of young people each year, Beacon House merits your enthusiastic support.

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the child & family network centers

WISH LIST \$500: English language classes for 1 parent; \$1000: supplies for a pre-school classroom for 1 year; \$12,500: 1 year of preschool for 1 child and supporting services for the family

In 1984, a group of mothers living in public housing watched seven of their children fail kindergarten and decided to do something about it. From that modest beginning, The Child and Family Network Centers was born, and has since expanded both the reach and depth of its programs, serving nearly 200 at-risk children and their families. Most are immigrants who live substantially below the poverty line, have on average an 8th grade education (at most), and speak English as a second language. CFNC provides, at no cost, the high-quality preschool education and related services that children and families need to prepare and empower themselves for success in school and in life. Early education, health services, family support, English language learning, and financial literacy programs are provided onsite in Alexandria, where families are doubly disadvantaged, economically and linguistically. Recognized for outstanding service by the Annie E Casey Foundation and former Virginia Governor and current Senator Mark Warner, CFNC offers comprehensive care that really addresses the problem. You can be part of the solution.

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keen greater dc (kids enjoy exercise now)

WISH LIST \$500: 1 program for 1 athlete for a year; \$3000: recreation and sports equipment for all programs for 1 year; \$4000: music program instructor in 3 locations for a year

It was clear from the beginning: children, teenagers, and young adults with profound disabilities – autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, developmental disabilities, and other severe health problems – needed some help. Existing organizations focused on medical, vocational, and occupational needs, but none offered exercise and recreational programs designed especially for young people with severe developmental and physical disabilities. So KEEN Greater DC stepped into the breach, committed to serving (at no cost) those so often left out of community sports and recreation – people on the profound end of the disabilities spectrum. Young people are matched one-on-one with trained volunteer coaches to play basketball, tennis, and soccer, enjoy water activities, bowl, and just have fun. Kids gain skills, confidence, and self-esteem, while volunteers gain a new perspective on life: they become committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities. KEEN Greater DC's goal is to serve all young people with special needs who want to exercise and have fun. Your generosity means opening doors to all.

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friends of fort dupont ice arena

WISH LIST \$100: sponsors 8-week Positive Learning Using Skates for 1 child; \$500: adds a new class of 30 students; \$1000: funds 4 sessions for 30 students during the school year

In 1996 the goal was simple: prevent the National Park Service's scheduled closing of the only public indoor ice arena in DC. Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena succeeded – not only in saving the rink, but also in creating a vibrant community resource in Ward 7. Today, FFDIA reaches more than 2,100 youth, many of whom receive free or subsidized skating lessons through its Kids on Ice program. And the myriad benefits of skating extend far beyond the ice: group classes teach students respect, responsibility, and the value of practice and perseverance; hockey teams build sportsmanship and collaboration; and advanced figure skating lessons help young people to grow in fitness, technique, and confidence. Schools Skate for Fitness enables 35 DC schools to integrate skating into their physical education curriculum; summer camps ensure that DC children have an engaging (and cool) destination outside of school; and speed and synchronized skating offer unique opportunities to compete and perform. Please become a "friend," and learn what a difference a little ice can make!

safe shores - the dc children's advocacy center

WISH LIST \$100: a take-care bag (clothes, pajamas, toiletries) for 1 child; \$500: sexual abuse training for 5 community members; \$1000: 10 therapy sessions

Child abuse is a heinous crime – painful to acknowledge and difficult to investigate and prosecute: the median age of a child victim is nine years old. No one can erase the pain, but Safe Shores knows there is hope and healing with timely and appropriate intervention. Its child-friendly approach ensures that traumatized children's voices are heard in criminal investigations, their needs are placed first, and a safe and welcoming space is available to them. It leads a compassionate, coordinated, comprehensive response to child victims, hosting and conducting forensic interviews and evaluations for partner agencies (including the Police Department and Child Protective Services), providing a playroom (and supervision) for kids awaiting interviews, new clothes and toiletries, meals, and funds for emergency needs. Safe Shores' model, deemed a "best practice" by the US Department of Justice and the American Bar Association for its response to child victims, also includes training for partner agencies and volunteers, prevention training for adults, and mental health assessment and treatment. Because no child should go through this alone.



Photographer Ben Forman, Courtesy of Teens Run DC

teens run dc

Teens Run DC is a year-round, after-school distance running, mentoring, and community engagement program that promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being of low-income youth. Based at DC middle and high schools, the program matches students of all ability levels with mentors who challenge and guide them as they train for progressively longer-distance races and participate in a year-long social and emotional learning curriculum. Within this supportive community, they learn responsibility, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting skills. They improve cardiovascular capacity and overall health and, perhaps more importantly, gain the confidence, resilience, and life skills they need to succeed – often in the face of significant challenges – in school and after. By the end of the year, students have formed strong bonds with their mentors and teammates, participated in monthly community-wide social activities or volunteer opportunities, and – impressively – completed up to six distance races (some even run marathons!). You can help these young people continue to make great strides, on the roads, and in their lives.

WISH LIST \$500: team t-shirts for 60 students; \$1000: running shoes for 15 fully committed participants; \$2500: sponsorship of a 75-person team to participate in an 8K race

access youth

WISH LIST \$100: 2 life skills classes for 8 kids; \$500: 6 mediations for youth and their families; \$1500: field trip with mentors for 8 kids

Each year in the District, over 3,500 juveniles are arrested and over 1,000 of these are committed to secure detention. Many become involved with the juvenile justice system for relatively minor and nonviolent offenses because there are no alternatives to the traditional track of arrest, trial, commitment and/or probation. ACCESS Youth provides intervention and prevention services at the most vulnerable times in their lives – when they are facing arrest and prosecution, or suspension and expulsion from school. As the only “diversion” program in the District, it uses mediation (instead of prosecution or expulsion), restorative justice techniques (in which perpetrators take responsibility for their actions and repair the damage they have done), and life skills courses (to steer youth toward more positive futures). A pilot program at Ballou High School offers conflict resolution as an alternative to suspension for bullying and school fights. 90% of these juveniles hail from highly distressed and underserved communities. Let’s give them a second chance.

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family crisis center of prince george’s county

WISH LIST \$100: 5 twin-size sheet sets; \$500: 25 smart cards for medical, employment, housing, and court appointments; \$1000: 2 weeks of meals for 15 residents

Extraordinary though it may seem, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to American women between the ages of 15 and 44. Of the 50 domestic violence-related deaths in Maryland in 2013, almost one quarter occurred in Prince George’s County where the only provider of comprehensive programs in the field is the Family Crisis Center of Prince George’s County. Offering wraparound services to victims and survivors, abusers, and their children (who are often witnesses or victims themselves), the Center’s 24-hour hotline offers on-the-spot crisis counseling, timely information, and immediate referrals. An emergency shelter provides a therapeutic environment for women and children, along with counseling, safety planning, medical and financial assistance, and help with transitional housing. One program aims to reduce domestic violence homicides and serious injuries by helping potential victims assess the level of danger in their situations, while another teaches abusers to manage their anger and receive support. Domestic violence transcends race, gender, age, economic status, and religious affiliation. We can all intervene to make a difference here.

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scan (stop child abuse now) of northern virginia

WISH LIST \$100: ingredients to make dinner for a parenting class (including the kids); \$500: educational support group meetings for 1 parent; \$1500: a trained CASA advocate for an abused child

Every year, three million children in the US are reported as victims of abuse or neglect – 7,000 from Northern Virginia last year alone. SCAN is there to stand up for them – to stop the cycle of abuse through education and advocacy. Adults who were abused in their childhood often repeat this behavior unless they learn new skills and develop a positive, nurturing approach to parenting. So SCAN offers parenting classes (in Spanish and English) and support groups where parents learn about child development, establishing routines, disciplining effectively, handling stress, and building family cohesion. Creative public education initiatives – an online Parent Resource Center, monthly radio shows and PSAs, and a region-wide coalition of prevention advocates – raise awareness about the consequences and signs of child abuse. SCAN also operates the Alexandria/Arlington Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, which has given voice to over 3,000 children in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. A permanent, safe home for all children is SCAN’s ultimate goal. Doesn’t every kid deserve that?



Courtesy of The Women's Collective

the women's collective

Founded by a woman who had lost both her husband and youngest child to AIDS, The Women's Collective is a peer-led, grassroots organization annually serving some 250 low-income women, girls, and their families who live with or are at risk for HIV/AIDS. Faced with poverty, homelessness, violence, and drug abuse, many do not even consider HIV the most pressing problem they face. And with limited incomes (often less than \$10,000 a year) most lack access to quality healthcare. TWC dismantles the barriers, providing a continuum of care: HIV counseling and testing, peer-support, emergency assistance, and help navigating the complex healthcare system. Prevention efforts target at-risk youth while testing onsite, at partner agencies, and via a mobile unit, serves over 500 individuals each year and provides education and information to thousands more. TWC's advocacy allows women and girls throughout DC to reach policy makers on a broad array of issues at the intersection of HIV, poverty, homelessness, and health equity. Catalogue donors: dig deep to support this extraordinary organization.

WISH LIST \$100: 4 grocery bags of food; \$500: 10 hours of behavioral/mental health counseling for a group of 10 women; \$1000: a year of care and treatment for 15 women

crittenton services of greater washington

WISH LIST \$50: 1 life planner to help a girl with academic and life success; \$100: 1 college tour for a prospective first-generation-to-college student; \$1000: a full year of programming for 1 girl

Every teen girl has a right to the support, knowledge, and skills she needs to thrive; but some face more obstacles than others. Building on its long history in the region, Crittenton Services of Greater Washington helps teen girls believe in their ability to succeed – even in the face of significant challenges. In 2011, DC had the nation’s highest rate of teen pregnancy for girls ages 15-17 and of HIV diagnoses for girls and young women 13-24. Participants in Crittenton’s programs – who come from African-American and immigrant families in the District and Montgomery County – learn about healthy relationships with peers, dating partners, and parents; reproductive health, nutrition, and fitness; and then college and career options. According to Crittenton, the teens are not “at risk,” but rather have “unlimited potential and a future that is theirs to create.” And the results are life-changing: girls stay in school, avoid pregnancy, graduate from high school, and go on to college and careers. An investment in these girls is an investment in our collective future.

Pamela Jones, President & CEO . 815 Silver Spring Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20910 . Tel 301 565 9333 . cfp-dc.org/crittenton

jewish coalition against domestic abuse

WISH LIST \$100: gas cards for 4 clients to attend JCADA appointments; \$500: prevention workshop on dating abuse; \$5000: clinical services for 1 client for 6 months

It all began when a local newspaper reported on the prevalence of domestic abuse in the Jewish community – and the lack of resources for victims. The article led to the establishment of the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse. Today JCADA helps victims and their children obtain safe living arrangements, educates community leaders about how to respond to domestic abuse, and raises community awareness to prevent future abuse. Services include a confidential helpline, counseling, transitional housing, financial assistance, and specialized support for teens. The AWARE program creates a safe environment to talk about healthy – and unhealthy – relationships, and uses role playing to engage participants in the experience. So far, 97% of clinical program clients who have chosen to leave their abusive partners have not returned to their abusers. While JCADA’s focus is on the Jewish community, services are available to residents of the entire region – regardless of faith, gender, or sexual orientation. Let’s just be clear: abuse is not an option.

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omid foundation (usa)

WISH LIST \$140: 4-day summer holiday for 1 girl; \$350: computer and basic equipment for a graduate to set up her own business; \$1100: therapy for 1 woman for a year

According to government estimates, there are more than 500,000 disadvantaged young women in Iran who have been the victims of abuse, violence, and neglect. Omid Foundation USA provides support to young women like Bitra, who ran away from home at 13, was arrested, and put in prison with murderers and drug dealers. When she came to the Omid Center in Tehran, she was scared and felt helpless. If it weren’t for Omid, young women like Bitra would be on their own, since government and social service programs are non-existent in Iran. Omid provides a safe haven where they get counseling, participate in recreational activities to facilitate social readjustment, get job training, and secure long-term employment. More than 85% of the participants emerge with permanent, secure jobs and go on to enjoy life without relapse. Each graduate also volunteers to give back by teaching others the value of young women in Iranian society. Omid means “hope” in Farsi, and hope is what you can bring to young Iranian women in need.

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HUMAN SERVICES

health, mental health & aging

parkinson foundation of the national capital area

WISH LIST \$100: 1 exercise program for 25 people living with the disease; \$500: 2 programs to increase vocal cord strength; \$15,000: a twice-weekly exercise program for 25 people for a year

It's hard enough dealing with a serious illness; it's even harder when you don't know where to turn for support. A degenerative disorder of the central nervous system, Parkinson's Disease strikes people of all ages, though the majority are in their 60s and up. While there is no cure, the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area aims to improve the quality of life for those living with the disease, and their families. In addition to fostering a sense of community, PFNCA provides activities that are shown to slow the disease's progression: exercise, yoga, and dance provide therapeutic movement, and a communications club and choir work on vocal cord strengthening. Additionally, PNFCA assists a network of more than 45 support groups. With services provided to more than 1,000 people annually – and the need continuing to grow – it is the only area organization that provides holistic programs year-round and helps those faced with the disease to take steps to slow its impact. Together, we can walk off Parkinson's.

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community ministries of rockville

WISH LIST \$100: a utility supplement for 1 family during the winter; \$150: 1 patient visit to the Health Clinic; \$1000: 4 months of weekly home care services for a frail senior

In spite of its reputation as one of the wealthiest communities in the nation, Montgomery County is also home to vulnerable residents in need of assistance. For 46 years, Community Ministries of Rockville has provided safety net services for them and for their families. Its Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic works with low income uninsured adults, offering primary care and specialty services – and caring for the county's uninsured homeless women. The Rockville Emergency Assistance Program offers referrals to residents in financial crisis (food, clothing, prescriptions) and a family-based Language Outreach Program brings literacy and citizenship classes to adults, as well as the childcare that makes it possible for them to attend. Permanent supportive housing offers everything from case management to education about healthy relationships. The Elderly Ministries Program helps frail residents live safely and independently in their own homes: laundry, light cleaning, grooming assistance, food deliveries and weekly check-ins, make this possible. Together, these programs have improved the lives of more than 63,000 individuals over four decades ... and the story is still being written.

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mercy health clinic

WISH LIST \$100: insulin and test strips for 1 patient for a month; \$500: medications for 10 patients with hypertension for 30 days; \$1000: health education classes for 20 patients for 35 hours

Mercy Health Clinic cares for those who have nowhere else to go. Removing the barriers of cost and language, it provides a "safety net" for poor and uninsured residents of Montgomery County. Medical exams, lab tests, x-rays, medications, chronic disease management, and more – all these are available along with nearly 20 specialties including gynecology, dermatology, orthopedics, psychiatry, ENT, cardiology, endocrinology, urology, and behavioral health. Through its partnerships, Mercy also arranges pro bono surgeries for its patients. Health education programs focus on preventative care and assist patients in managing chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. The clinic accomplishes its work with the support of numerous partners (universities, hospitals, labs) and volunteers (physicians, nurses, registrars, interpreters) who provide their time, expertise, and much more. The result? In a community where access to decent healthcare is a serious problem for the poor and uninsured, high-quality care and services are available at no cost to the patient. As the largest all-free clinic in Montgomery County, Mercy Health Clinic deserves your caring support.

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Courtesy of Insight Memory Care Center

insight memory care center

Of the five million Americans with Alzheimer's disease, 74% live at home with family and friends, and the number is expected to grow exponentially. As the only licensed day center in the region focused specifically on persons with dementia, Insight Memory Care Center is dedicated to caring for them, and providing education and support for their families. Two early stage programs offer opportunities for socialization, mental stimulation (such as brain games), and support groups for individuals recently diagnosed. Ten hours a day, five days a week, those with mid-stage Alzheimer's stimulate their minds through art and music therapy, physical therapy, outings, and Tai Chi; those with more advanced dementia participate in specialized activities and get help with personal care. The Center also offers free educational opportunities to caregivers and the community as well as scholarships to families who could not otherwise afford its services. With IMCC's help – and yours – Alzheimer's clients can remain at home with their loved ones and stay as well as possible for as long as possible. That means a lot.

WISH LIST \$100: day health center for 1 person for a day; \$500: 1 week of physical therapy for adult participants; \$1225: an early-stage Mind and Body Workshop for 1 couple for a year

the grassroot project

WISH LIST \$100: sports equipment and educational materials for 1 program site; \$500: equipment and materials for a high school HIV testing event; \$1000: 8 weeks of health education in 1 school

Tyler Spencer, a varsity athlete at Georgetown, was alarmed when he learned that DC has the highest HIV rate in the country. So he came up with the idea of recruiting and training college athletes – people kids look up to – to provide HIV education at area schools. The idea caught on (and caught the attention of President Clinton); today, through The Grassroot Project, athletes from four area universities teach a fun, sports-based health education and HIV prevention program that takes place during phys ed class. In its first five years, the Project has grown by more than 400%, reaching hundreds of students each year at 43 DC public and charter schools. The organization is poised to reach all DC middle school students by 2018. Evaluations indicate students are reducing risky behaviors by as much as 40% over the course of the eight-week program. Perhaps it's because, in the words of one student, the facilitators are "cooler than our parents and teachers." Let's expand the reach of this cool program to even more young people.

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mobile medical care

WISH LIST \$100: flu shots for 10 people; \$500: cancer screening for 300 individuals; \$2500: healthcare for 50 at-risk women and men

Despite changes to our healthcare system, a significant number of low-income Montgomery County residents – hailing from 100 countries and speaking 25 languages – remain uninsured. This is where Mobile Medical Care comes in, operating a network of nine low-cost clinics in fixed locations and on mobile vans throughout the city, all tailored to the needs of multicultural, low-income, populations. The idea is to create clinics in collaboration with community partners and volunteer clinicians in the neighborhoods where patients live and work, making available high quality medical care that is accessible and culturally sensitive. In addition to primary and preventive care, MobileMed also provides a wide range of specialty clinics (for women, and for diabetes, heart, and endocrine patients) in collaboration with NIH at Suburban Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine. Patients receive free medications, referrals to exceptional pro-bono specialists, and free diagnostic testing. Each year, MobileMed treats 5,500 patients in over 16,000 office visits. In its more than 45-year history, not one patient has been turned away. Simply put, your support helps save lives.

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sarah's circle

WISH LIST: \$100: nutrition services for 1 senior for a month; \$500: exercise, yoga, and meditation for 1 senior for a year; \$7500: 1 affordable housing subsidy for 1 senior for a year

Three million seniors live below the poverty line in the United States and, according to recent studies, homelessness among them is likely to increase by 33% in the decade between 2010 and 2020. In the District, where nearly one in five persons lives in abject poverty, the number of poor seniors is likely to skyrocket in the coming years. Most have raised families and worked all their lives, but the "golden years" have become a struggle for survival. The triple jeopardy here is poverty, declining health, and loneliness. So Sarah's Circle steps in, providing affordable housing (tenant rents are set at 30% of income – after medical expenses), a hot community breakfast and lunch, and a Wellness Center for residents and other neighborhood seniors. Exercise, yoga, meditation, nutrition, and preventive health are all on the menu. Recreational, educational, and artistic programming are also offered, along with basic case management. Sarah's Circle offers housing, community, companionship, and dignity to seniors. Your compassionate philanthropy makes a world of difference here.



Courtesy of Manna Food Center

manna food center

Manna Food Center works to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. It recovers more than 2.5 million pounds of food from local grocery stores, farmers, and farmers' markets, making it the largest "food rescue" nonprofit in the County. Food for Families provides food for more than 3,600 families each month at seven food distribution sites. (Manna also delivers food to home-bound seniors and people with disabilities.) Recognizing that children often experience hunger during the weekends without the benefit of school lunches, Manna runs its Smart Sacks program, providing bags full of kid-friendly food that reach 2,200 elementary school children every Friday. It also provides food County-wide to partners such as emergency shelters, group homes, food pantries, and soup kitchens – at no charge. With hunger an ongoing and persistent problem, Manna has risen to the challenge, distributing over 4 million pounds of food to over 38,000 individuals last year – because no one should begin the day on an empty stomach.

WISH LIST \$100: provides Smart Sacks for 25 students; \$500: rescues 10,000 pounds of unused food from grocery stores; \$1000: supplies 75 families with 2 weeks of food

crossroads community food network

WISH LIST \$100: *microenterprise counseling for a low-income food entrepreneur; \$250: food stamp “match” at market for 1 family for 25 weeks; \$500: nutritional counseling for 20 low-income women*

It’s common wisdom that eating more fruits and vegetables is good for your health, but sometimes it’s hard to turn wisdom into action. For many residents of Maryland’s Takoma/Langley Crossroads – a diverse, largely immigrant community – fresh, local, healthy, affordable food has simply been out of reach. Until, that is, Crossroads Community Food Network opened its seasonal farmer’s market in 2007. The market was the first in Maryland to accept federal nutrition benefits and the first in the country to match those benefits with coupons of equal value for use at the market. Since then, the group’s innovative model has been replicated in 500 locations around the country. In addition to running its farmer’s market and offering the Fresh Checks double dollar program, Crossroads’ Healthy Eating Program educates students and parents at three elementary schools about what healthy eating really means, and its Microenterprise Training Program helps entrepreneurs explore opportunities for food-related businesses in the community. Your contribution today puts fresh food on someone’s table tomorrow.

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food for others

WISH LIST \$100: *a dozen eggs and 1 bag of rice for 50 families; \$500: a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs for 100 households; \$1000: Power Packs for 250 elementary school students*

The recession brought a huge increase in the number of people coming to Food for Others’ warehouse for emergency food – and demand has never returned to pre-recession levels. FFO relies on the generosity of the community to help neighbors who, with the high cost of living in Northern Virginia, are unable to meet basic needs. It is the first stop for those in crisis (including many veterans and a growing number of seniors). FFO not only provides emergency food to those without it or without the resources to purchase it, but also provides bulk supplies to community organizations and supplementary food at 16 sites in low-income neighborhoods. Its Power Pack Program provides weekend backpack food for children in 30 public elementary schools who have been referred to FFO by their school counselors. Moreover, it creates opportunities for neighbors to help one another in times of need: last year, volunteers logged over 27,000 hours, delivering supplies and leading drives. With your help, the FFO team will be sure that no one is left hungry.

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mi casa

WISH LIST \$100: *tiles a bathroom; \$250: replaces an old window with an energy-efficient one; \$1000: installs an Energy-Star compliant water heater*

Affordable housing is the bedrock of a healthy community: it helps families thrive, and is linked to better education and health outcomes for children. Yet with DC neighborhoods undergoing gentrification, many low-income District residents cannot afford to buy or even rent a home. Mi Casa, a Latino-focused affordable housing developer, is addressing this crisis in three ways: helping tenants organize and purchase their apartment buildings when they come up for sale; renovating and building housing for families; and leasing affordable apartments in Mi Casa-owned buildings. As part of its work with new tenant owners Mi Casa trains them in the skills they need to keep their homes – balancing a budget, reading financial statements, hiring and supervising a property manager – which ultimately gives them control over their lives. One of the most efficient developers of affordable housing in the city, Mi Casa has taken the lead in addressing one of the principle problems facing low income residents in the District today. Won’t you join them and help make DC affordable for all families?

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arlington partnership for affordable housing

WISH LIST \$100: 2 backpacks filled with age appropriate supplies; \$200: intensified ESL for 1 client for 15 weeks; \$1000: energy efficient appliances for 1 apartment

Arlington County estimates that more than half of the housing deemed affordable in 2000 has since become unaffordable – an astonishing transformation of over 10,000 rental homes. So the work of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing could not be more critical. As the only non-profit housing developer working exclusively in the County, APAH owns and preserves quality housing for Arlington families who earn less than 60% of the average median income, providing over 1,200 households with quality rental homes and critical supports that go with them – from courses in English as a Second Language to new backpacks for the new school year. Classes in workplace skills, financial education, health and well-being, and community engagement are on the docket for the coming year. Partnerships with other providers mean APAH reaches out to young, single mothers pursuing their education, the formerly homeless with severe mental illness, and women and families exiting shelter programs. Safe, secure, affordable housing and supportive services are the keys to independence and self-sufficiency. With your help, it can happen.

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hope and a home

WISH LIST \$100: 2 months of after-school programming for 2 children; \$500: 1 college student's books for a semester; \$1000: 2 college visits for a high school senior

We've all read about the need: skyrocketing rents, families at risk of losing their homes (or in shelters with no home to lose), children at risk for low academic performance. Hope and a Home is rewriting the story. Last year, its Transitional Housing Program served 26 families, providing housing at one-sixth the current rental rate, and preparing them for private market rent through financial literacy training, savings plans, and moving assistance. Its Higher Education For All program provided education assessment and advocacy services for 134 children in 59 families. The program was supported by volunteer mentors and tutors who dedicated their time and talent to provide quality out-of-school enrichment to their students. The results speak for themselves: in recent years, 90% of graduates have achieved self-sufficiency – clearing up their credit, saving money, and advancing their careers as they obtain new jobs or promotions. Last year, every high school senior graduated and continued on to post-secondary education. Isn't that a record you want to support?

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nick's place

WISH LIST \$100: toiletries for the 6 residents; \$300: a full month of groceries for the house; \$1000: 1 month of addiction relapse prevention counseling for all residents

Men between the ages of 18 and 24 comprise the largest population of addicts in the country. Yet few halfway houses provide services and a social, supportive environment just for them. Nick's Place offers exactly that: a safe and sober home for young men who have completed an addiction treatment program and need an emotionally and physically supportive environment in which to restart their lives. Nick's was built specifically for young men, and its long term of stay (12 months) and small population (6 residents) means each client gets the time and attention necessary for a full recovery. The cornerstones are the 12-step Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous programs, and structure is essential: all residents must maintain employment, complete household chores, abide by a curfew, and participate in group meetings and relapse prevention workshops. All residents come together for a nightly, family-style dinner to talk about their struggles, fears, goals and successes – in an atmosphere that encourages friendship. After all, triumph over addiction is what Nick's Place is all about.

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good shepherd housing and family services

Good Shepherd Housing prevents homelessness among the working poor, seniors, and people with disabilities by renting apartments with supportive services, making grants to prevent evictions, and providing counseling and financial education. Families facing eviction receive funds during short-term crises, while those without housing gain access to affordable housing where they can also re-establish good credit. Families falling in and out of homelessness receive financial support and counseling to move them into stable homes and help them achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Along with its partners, GSH is also developing, coordinating, and supporting a County-wide network that provides housing search assistance to prevent homelessness. Over 750 families were “stabilized” last year and additional housing units were purchased to buffer families from rising rents. Clients use their own income as their primary resource; GSH’s role is to act as a catalyst – and then step back and allow the clients’ accomplishments to be entirely their own. Your support means so much more than a roof over a client’s head. For so many it means a fresh start in life.

WISH LIST \$100: scholarship for a child’s after-school program; \$500: security deposit assistance for a family to exit homelessness; \$1250: 1 month’s rent for a family of 3

open arms housing

WISH LIST \$100: provides transportation for a community field trip; \$500: refurbishes a unit for a new tenant; \$1000: enhances security at the NOMA building

As many as 800 single women are among the District's chronically homeless population. Many have disabilities such as mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or debilitating physical conditions. Traditional housing programs – with rules requiring participation in social services – can be a challenge for individuals who have lived on the edge. Open Arms uses the “housing first” model, providing a safe and comfortable place to live, and then offering supportive services as an option. While some homeless organizations provide clients with housing at scattered sites in coed buildings throughout the city, Open Arms offers an alternative: women live together in a renovated building in Washington's NOMA neighborhood that provides 16 efficiency apartments – and a sense of security and community. Signing a lease, paying rent, and maintaining the property are responsibilities (and accomplishments) that generate a sense of pride. As a result, 65% of residents voluntarily opt-in to the mental health and substance abuse services that are offered. You can provide shelter for those who have none, and foster independence and hope in this community.

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arlington-alexandria coalition for the homeless

WISH LIST \$100: summer camp for 1 child for a week; \$500: after-school childcare for 1 child for a month; \$1000: 1 month's rent for a family

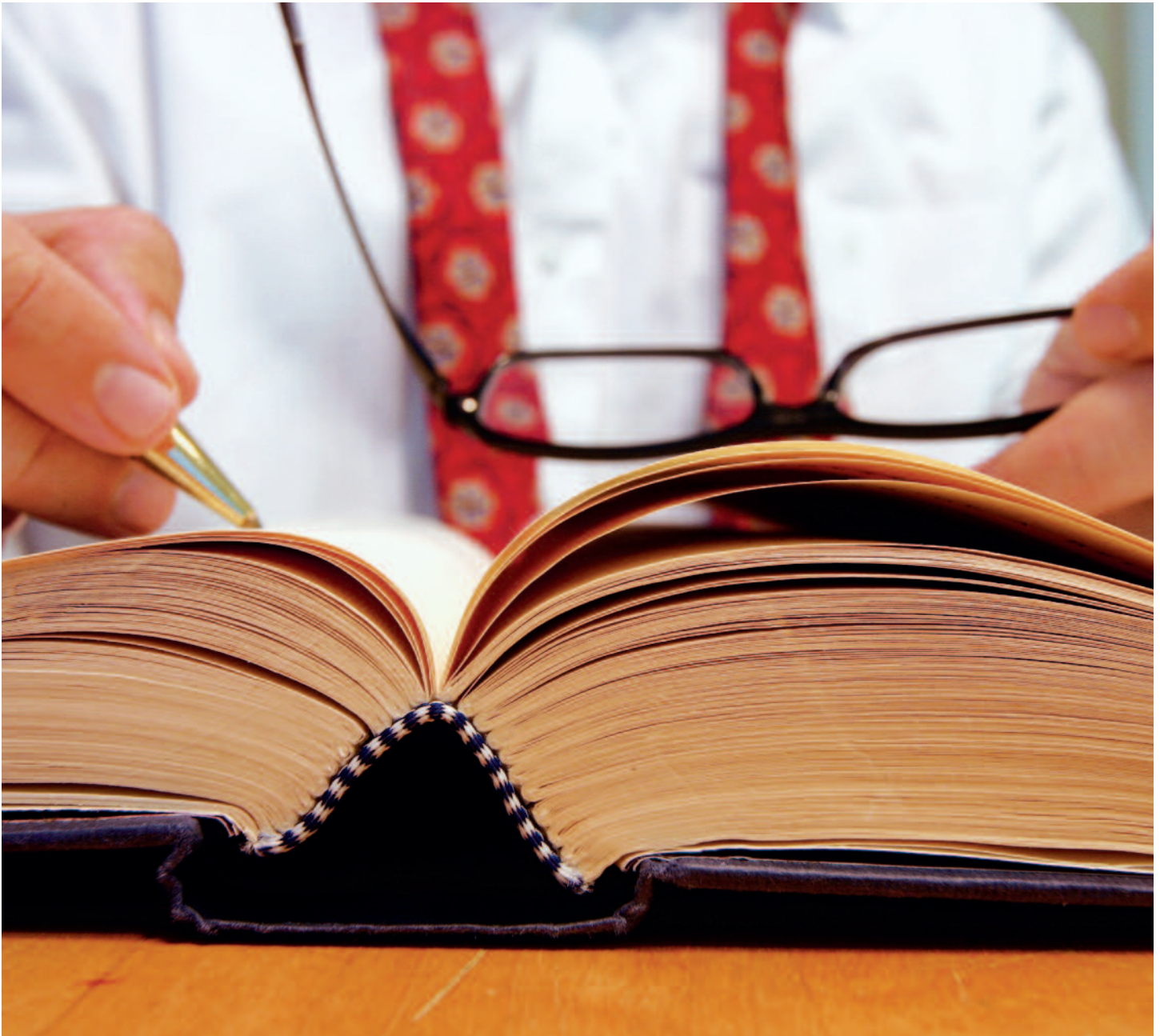
Homelessness rates may be down in the inner suburbs of Northern Virginia, but many families still struggle to stay in their homes or find affordable housing. Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless is addressing this challenge by giving homeless people shelter, counseling, and employment training so they can return to living independently. Its Sullivan House provides 120 individuals a year with short-term transitional housing and counseling to address the personal or family issues that may have contributed to their homelessness. Intended to help vulnerable families before they become homeless, the Adopt-A-Family Program provides rental subsidies and job training to help participants become self-sufficient within six months – and they frequently graduate with housing leases in their names or increased savings in their bank accounts. For families who may be at risk of becoming homeless because of an unexpected economic hardship such as an illness, the loss of a job, or reduction in hours worked, the Homeless Prevention Program provides immediate short-term financial assistance. These are your neighbors: they deserve a place to call home.

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samaritan inns

WISH LIST \$100: toiletries, linens, and personal items for 1 client; \$1000: transitional living program rent for 2 months; \$2500: 28-day intensive recovery program for a client

Samaritan Inns was founded in 1985 to help homeless and addicted people transform their lives. Each year, several hundred men and women enter a month-long certified program based on nationally recognized best practices in the field. Many move on to a six-month transitional living program, where they practice drug and alcohol-free lives, and learn to manage their finances and hold a job. The final step, a two-year program where clients live in cooperative apartments, reinforces recovery. One year after graduation, over 90% live in their own homes, sober and employed. The staff really understands the needs of the population it serves; 75% were formerly homeless and addicted themselves. Up next? A new program that will allow women with addiction to continue to live with their kids while in treatment. The program addresses a critically under-served population in DC: homeless and addicted mothers who are twice as likely to relapse into substance abuse when separated from their children. This kind of innovation clearly merits your support!



dc appleseed

DC Appleseed takes on the big public policy problems facing the national capital region and brings about real change that affects thousands of people. Transforming the way the District confronts the HIV/AIDS epidemic, it expanded HIV testing, enhanced condom distribution and needle exchange, and developed a curriculum to teach young people how to protect themselves. It helped spearhead a new DC community college initiative, providing a much-needed opportunity to area residents seeking an opportunity to be trained for better jobs. It has led the fight to hold accountable the biggest health insurance company in the region, resulting in greatly increased monetary support for community healthcare needs. DC Appleseed also successfully advocated for a new Department of the Environment to address the problem of lead in the District's drinking water. Partnering with pro bono law firms, accounting firms, and others who contribute their expertise, DC Appleseed – now celebrating its 20th year – turns every donor dollar into three dollars to bring important, systemic change to the region. Your contribution has a huge impact here.

WISH LIST \$100: 1 hour of affordable housing advocacy; \$500: 5 hours of legal analysis on DC voting rights; \$1000: 500 annual report cards on District's response to HIV/AIDS crisis

voices for a second chance

WISH LIST \$100: metro cards for 5 people for a week of continuing education classes; \$600: non-perishable food items for 10 families for Thanksgiving; \$2500: holiday toys for 15 children of inmates

Helping people charged with breaking the law can be unpopular work, and Voices for a Second Chance makes no excuse for criminal behavior. But it also knows that most prisoners will return to the community and that successful reintegration begins on day one of incarceration – if inmates can maintain ties to the outside world. Committed volunteers help with immediate needs: getting messages to families and attorneys, retrieving property, sending birthday cards. Later, information and referrals on job training, drug treatment, housing – to inmates while incarcerated and ex-offenders upon release – becomes critical. Books and recording equipment let inmates read to their young children. After release, ex-offenders can drop by and use the office phone and internet, pick up bus tokens, find shelter, have a grilled cheese sandwich, or get funds to secure an ID. Maintaining family ties and forging bonds with the community means inmates are better prepared for release into the world we all share – to live, to work, and to raise their children.

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samaritan ministry of greater washington

WISH LIST \$50: first visit with caseworker, metro card and DC identification card; \$250: a month of high-speed internet access; \$500: 40 visits with a trained caseworker

Ken needed a home and help with addiction. Margaret, grieving her mother's death, needed a home and a job. A handout wasn't enough; both needed a hand up. Samaritan Ministry helps neighbors who are homeless, unemployed, or hurting, to transform their lives. Through the Next Step program, caseworkers coach participants to take small, manageable steps toward their life goals. At three service centers in Greater Washington, they meet with their caseworkers in a supportive home-like environment complete with telephones, computers, and high-speed internet. Volunteers provide basic necessities: personal hygiene items, food, interview attire, email address, phone number, DC identification, and Metro card. Support services – such as computer training and resume writing – make some steps easier. Retreats and support groups encourage those living with HIV/AIDS, while a burial assistance program supports grieving families. Samaritan Ministry aids anyone in need – regardless of religious affiliation. Last year, over 4,000 volunteers helped over 1,100 people take their Next Step. You can be part of their journey.

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lift-dc

WISH LIST \$100: sponsorship of an advocate for 4 hours of service; \$500: sponsorship of 2 members for a year; \$1000: training of 100 advocates to serve 1000 members for a year

Poverty is a complex problem and its associated issues – unemployment, homelessness, hunger, illiteracy, poor health – are interlinked. That is why LIFT-DC takes a holistic approach to lifting families out of poverty. At two DC resource centers, it trains advocates (college students) to work one-on-one with members (low-income individuals) to find jobs, obtain education and vocational training, secure housing, access public benefits, and connect to childcare and healthcare. By setting goals and working to achieve them, members build self-confidence, a support network, and the skills to manage tough times that may arise in the future. LIFT believes that the very act of two people coming together and sharing their challenges and strengths is the first, critical step in creating transformation and achieving success. Last year, advocates helped 185 members meet basic needs, 195 secure job interviews and 105 stable employment, enrolled 81 in job training/education programs and connected 23 to affordable housing or rental assistance that prevented eviction. Your generosity gives residents of our community the lift they really need.



byte back

WISH LIST \$100: *thumb drives with class exercises for 25 students;*
\$500: *4 refurbished computers for Byte Back graduates;* \$1000: *4 weeks of full-time teaching for 30-45 students*

Computers play a more fundamental role now than ever before – especially for those looking for employment. Job-seekers need a computer to investigate opportunities online, submit a resume, and communicate with potential employers. Yet thousands of Washingtonians have never used a computer in their lives – and that’s where Byte Back comes in. Through intensive computer literacy courses and employment readiness programs, low-income and unemployed individuals gain the technological skills and confidence to navigate the job market: Byte Back IT Academy moves them from unemployment or underemployment straight to jobs earning \$35-70K in government agencies and consulting firms – a very significant accomplishment. It also sponsors Office Track for those looking to master Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Outlook, and computer classes for senior citizens. First Time Technology recycles, refurbishes, and repairs used computers to reduce electronic waste and make computers available to low-income families and the nonprofits that serve them. Through Byte Back, the digital world becomes a little less intimidating. And other worlds open up.

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strive dc

WISH LIST \$100: *metro cards for 2 job-readiness training students;*
\$1000: *3-week training program for 1 participant;* \$1500: *2nd year of follow-up services for 1 participant*

STRIVE DC reaches out to DC’s growing number of hard-to-employ adults – still hard in the aftermath of the recession – in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8: those with limited education, little or no work history, troubled family backgrounds, problems with crime, substance abuse, or homelessness. And it gives them the skills and confidence they need to find a job, perhaps for the first time. It enrolls clients in an intense, three-week program that teaches the rudiments: dressing and speaking appropriately, operating as a team, taking orders, networking, being responsible, and accepting criticism. Both confrontational and demanding, the program challenges everyone to address and overcome self-doubt, hopelessness, and cynicism, and to approach the job search with a winning attitude. STRIVE DC matches graduates with entry-level positions and supports them for two solid years after placement; emergency assistance, health, and housing needs are also addressed. Over 70% of each class is successfully placed, and 70% of these are employed two years later. Doesn’t the next STRIVE DC class deserve your support?

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computer core

WISH LIST \$100: *Microsoft Windows software licenses for 17 students;*
\$500: *course books and materials for 10 students;* \$1000: *refurbishment of donated computers for 5 students*

Most jobs today require some level of computer proficiency, but if you don’t grow up with your hands on a keyboard, how are you supposed to learn? At Computer CORE, low-income adults get the technical and life skills they didn’t learn as kids. Some are unemployed; most hold one or more low-wage jobs, typically without benefits or opportunities for advancement; two-thirds are women; many are first-generation immigrants. A six-month computer training course helps them conquer fears and learn computer basics: keyboarding; working with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; using email and the internet. CORE students also have the opportunity to receive a home computer, enabling them to hone their skills, and share what they have learned with family members. Instructors advise and mentor students – identifying existing skills, nurturing interests, working on job search strategies. An astonishing 93% of CORE students graduate and start new careers, receive promotions, and go on to advanced education programs. Catalogue donors: help your neighbors join the computer age and find a job that means both security and dignity.

Lynn O’Connell, Executive Director . 3846 King Street, Alexandria VA 22302 . Tel 703 931 7346 ext 106 . cfp-dc.org/computercore



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common good city farm

Unhealthy eating habits and lack of access to fresh food are creating a crisis, especially in some DC neighborhoods. In the LeDroit Park community, where Common Good City Farm is located, one third of the residents live in poverty, one in five is overweight, and nearly one in ten has diabetes. The only full-fledged urban farm in the District, Common Good was created to help families meet their food needs and to educate and empower them. It distributes free and low-cost food to at-risk adults and families and teaches residents valuable skills like how to start container gardens, compost their household's food waste, and serve their families healthier meals on a tight budget. The Farm also offers on-site education opportunities, after-school science lessons (from beets to bees), and a three-season youth employment program. Volunteers from throughout the city and from diverse backgrounds come together to teach, learn, and lend a hand – because promoting a sustainable, local food system is something we can all support. You can help this young program take root.

WISH LIST \$100: 1 day of after-school gardening activities and healthy snacks; \$500: a season of farm fresh produce for a low-income family; \$1000: 6-week paid summer job for 1 at-risk DC teen

2seeds network

WISH LIST \$100: 1 business training session with farmers; \$500: 3 months of living expenses for a volunteer; \$1000: network-wide summit of project coordinators and Tanzanian partners

2Seeds Network believes that one essential ingredient is missing in international development: the trusted relationship. 2Seeds addresses food and income insecurity in the East African country of Tanzania by connecting the country's most vulnerable population – isolated subsistence farmers who live on less than one dollar a day – with talented and trained volunteers. Spending a year in remote villages, teams of young people work together on agricultural projects with their partner farmers, helping them become creative and productive agricultural entrepreneurs – locating new markets, forming cooperatives, finding alternative farming opportunities (chicken farms where plants won't grow), and generating an income for the farmers' families. Volunteers also push beyond their own comfort zones by gaining valuable experience in international development. Since its founding, 2Seeds has engaged more than 60 year-long volunteers to work with over 1,000 partner farmers. The result: improved food security for vulnerable residents, the creation of business opportunities in unexpected places, the transformation of agricultural markets, and the development of the next generation of global leaders. Plant a seed. Watch it grow.

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rebuilding together of washington dc

WISH LIST \$100: drywall to replace collapsed walls caused by leaky roofs; \$500: lumber for one wheelchair ramp; \$1000: 100 grab bars to prevent elderly residents from falling

One elderly woman lived in a house with ceiling holes large enough to see the sky. A disabled woman, living 15 blocks from the Capitol, had never bathed in her own home because of the bathroom's state of disrepair. A house with exposed live wires, and children in residence, prompted a case reviewer to fax this message: "Please help. I want to know these kids will live through the winter." Isolated cases? Unfortunately not. Since 1983, Rebuilding Together has stepped in and revitalized over 2,900 homes for DC's most vulnerable residents. For many, a new roof would cost more than a year's income, so Rebuilding Together recruits over 2,000 volunteers to replace roofs, paint walls, purchase new stoves and refrigerators, and install air conditioning and wheelchair ramps for low-income families. National Rebuilding Weekend occurs in April, but Rebuilding Together operates year-round to accommodate emergencies, urgent repairs, and handicapped modification needs. For 31 years, it has not only repaired and modified homes, but created comfort, safety, and hope – that are truly built to last.

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bikes for the world

WISH LIST \$100: puncture free tires and tubes for 40 bikes; \$500: 100 bike helmets for schoolchildren; \$1000: tools and spare parts to recondition a shipment of 500 used bikes

It took a lifelong cyclist working in international development to come up with the idea. Keith Oberg founded Bikes for the World in 2005 and since then the group has collected and shipped nearly 90,000 bicycles to low-income residents in 12 developing countries and the US. With the help of churches, synagogues, high schools, scout troops, and others, Bikes for the World collects unwanted bicycles that are gathering dust in garages and basements or taking up space in landfills, and distributes them in places where a used bike has the power to transform a life – to transport rural school children to schools far from home, enable public health workers to travel much faster than by foot (and thus see more patients), and help small business people get their wares to market. The costs are offset by bike donors who are encouraged to make a modest contribution, and overseas partners who pay for the shipping. Your contribution gives new life to these wheels and the people who ride them.

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