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## Helping Others, Now More Than Ever *Your Call to Action*

THERE'S NO ESCAPING THE BAD NEWS – staggering numbers of home foreclosures, soaring gas prices, multibillion-dollar corporate losses, a rollercoaster stock market, and consumers marching to the drumbeat of inflation.

According to the most recent United States Census data, the District of Columbia has the highest poverty rate of any city in the nation. And region-wide, residents are facing increasing economic pressure, putting them at risk of going hungry or losing their home. For the poorest of residents – the working poor, the temporarily homeless and the chronically homeless – securing basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter is a daily struggle, even in times of prosperity. But in times of economic downturns such as this, an increasing number of individuals and families in the region are facing poverty for the first time.

Both in the Greater Washington region and nationwide, nonprofit organizations that provide emergency services are being stretched to the limit by a combination of increased customer demand, fewer donations of money and in-kind goods, and high energy costs. To wit, Washington-area food banks recently reported a 35% increase in demand for services as compared to this time last year. "We are seeing numbers we have never seen" in the organization's 25-year history, said Amy Gabala, executive director of Manna Food Center in Rockville, MD.

The Community Foundation has a long history of supporting area nonprofits that provide food, shelter, clothing, rental/utility assistance and medical care for our region's most vulnerable residents. In fact, The Foundation's support for direct service providers has grown from a pooled fund of some \$300,000 in 2007 to – thanks to a generous donor – approximately \$900,000 in 2008. (Of this amount, just \$100,000 is endowed, and so The Foundation relies on the generosity of donors each year to replenish this grants budget.)

But there is so much more to be done. In this difficult time, we encourage our family of Community Foundation donors to "give back" even more by helping nonprofit service organizations meet the basic, essential needs of a widening circle of people in crisis as well as reduce poverty and homelessness rates long-term. Based on our years of experience in funding these services, we've identified the following approaches that have proven effective:

- **Meal distribution programs** offer nutritious meals directly to the hungry
- **Food banks** supply supplemental food to families and distribute food to other local nonprofit social service organizations
- **Rental/utility assistance programs** provide emergency grants to individuals and families to make rent or utility payments to void shutoff or eviction, as well as financial assistance with medical expenses
- **Shelter/housing programs** offer emergency temporary or transitional housing, giving families and individuals housing security while providing them with social support services to help them re-gain independence

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# On the Brink

THE NATION IS facing its worst financial crisis since the early 1990s. What happened to our prosperity? Analysts tell us that we're experiencing a "perfect storm" of economic disasters – paying for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, world demand for oil translating into skyrocketing prices, strapped household budgets, massive corporate losses on Wall Street and, of course, staggering numbers of home foreclosures.



In past tough economic times, the Washington region largely has been protected by a "Teflon coating" of a stable federal government workforce and the large number of government contractors headquartered here. But not this time. Our neighbors are losing their homes to foreclosure – more than 15,000 since March 2007 – the lines at our region's food banks grow longer, and our most vulnerable residents are looking into an abyss of despair.

In this edition of *Making Connections*, we turn our attention to our region's response to the current economic crisis. By "response," I mean the work that we at The Community Foundation, our regional affiliates, and several nonprofits supported by Community Foundation grants are doing. Of course, the economic needs of our region are far greater than we can meet but, collectively, we are making a tangible, positive impact.

What can you do? In tough times, those of us who are able to give *must* give, and give *more*. Consider one of three ways to make a difference:

- 1) **Become a member of the Spirit of Giving 100.** Your \$10,000 contribution is pooled with other donors' and you get the opportunity to distribute those dollars collectively, to quality nonprofit organizations within the region.
- 2) **Make a gift to one of the community leadership funds** at The Community Foundation or one of our affiliates, and help us respond immediately when emergencies arise.
- 3) **Consult our Community Investment team** for advice on highly effective nonprofits working in the areas of food assistance, transitional housing, medical care and more.

Many throughout the Washington region have benefited from truly incredible prosperity over the past two decades. And now, those who never thought they would need assistance are suddenly desperate for help, and those who traditionally need our help the most need it now more than ever. By sharing and giving back, we can transform this time of heartbreak into one of opportunity and promise.

Sincerely,



Terri Lee Freeman  
President

## New Study Finds Americans Gave \$306 Billion in 2007

THE GIVINGUSA FOUNDATION recently published its annual report on charitable giving in the United States. The big news this year: despite the economic downturn, Americans gave a record \$306 billion in charitable contributions in 2007. Of that, the largest percentage by far – 75% or \$229 billion – came from individuals, while corporate gifts totaled \$15.9 billion, a 1% decrease from 2006. Private foundations (7%) and individual bequests (4%) round out the figures.

As in previous years, religious congregations received the largest amount of charitable gifts (\$102 billion), with educational institutions second (\$43 billion). Also in 2007, donations to international relief agencies and environmental groups rose sharply.

While these numbers may seem surprisingly high, experts expect the larger effect of the current economy – with its escalating gas prices, home foreclosures, corporate losses and more – on charitable giving to manifest itself later this year.

The complete report is available for purchase at [www.givinginstitute.org](http://www.givinginstitute.org).

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- **Advocacy efforts** that ensure public and private systems are better equipped to address the critical needs of low-income families at risk for losing their home or currently without a home, as well as work toward long-term solutions

Over the years, The Community Foundation has supported effective nonprofit emergency services providers, many of which are listed on pages 4-5. We urge our family of Community Foundation donors to join with us in helping our neighbors in need.

Lastly, we invite you to join with us in making investments in the issues of education and workforce development. We identified these two strategic areas as our own "community leadership agenda" because of their value in preventing young people and adults from ever having to call on the type of emergency services we have profiled here. This long-term approach should yield a greater impact over time, and we encourage you to learn more about this work at [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark Your Calendars...



## Putting Race on the Table

November 12, 2008

11:30am – 2:00pm

The Westin City Center  
1400 M Street NW | Washington, DC

SAVE THE DATE

### September 18

*Give Back Alexandria Fall Kickoff Party*

(details to come)

### October 22

*Alexandria Community Trust's Wealth Advisor Luncheon*

(details to come)

Indigo Landing Restaurant  
1 Marina Drive  
Alexandria, VA

### November 6

*The Montgomery County Community Foundation's "Celebration of Giving"*

6:30pm – 8:30pm

VisArts  
155 Gibbs Street  
Rockville, MD

### November 12

*Putting Race on the Table*

11:30am – 2:00pm

The Westin City Center  
1400 M Street NW  
Washington, DC

# GIVING IDEAS:

## A Sampling of Nonprofit Emergency Services Providers

The following is a partial list of nonprofit emergency services providers in the Greater Washington region that The Foundation has invested in over the past few years. For a more complete list, visit our website at [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org).

### Region-wide

#### Capital Area Food Bank

Distributes food to 700+ member agencies throughout Greater Washington, DC  
[www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)

#### Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

Serves 800+ homeless residents per month  
[www.catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org)

### District of Columbia

#### Calvary Women's Services

Provides housing and support services to homeless women  
[www.calvaryservices.org](http://www.calvaryservices.org)

#### Capitol Hill Group Ministry

Provides emergency housing, meals, and assistance with rent/utilities, food, transportation and medical expenses  
[www.capitolhillgroupministry.org](http://www.capitolhillgroupministry.org)

#### Miriam's Kitchen

Offers a hot, nutritious breakfast every weekday morning to homeless individuals  
[www.miriamskitchen.org](http://www.miriamskitchen.org)

#### Southeast Ministry

Offers job-readiness education, GED preparation courses, counseling for ex-offenders, and children's literacy classes  
[www.southeastministry.org](http://www.southeastministry.org)

### Northern Virginia

#### FACETS

Basic assistance, temporary and permanent housing, counseling and education for low-income residents of Fairfax County  
[www.facetscares.org](http://www.facetscares.org)

#### Food for Others

Distributes food to in-need residents across Northern Virginia  
[www.foodforothers.org](http://www.foodforothers.org)

#### Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Inc.

Offers rental/utility assistance for low-income, disabled and elderly people as well as child development programs  
[www.goodhousing.org](http://www.goodhousing.org)

#### Herndon-Reston FISH

##### (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help)

Provides utility/rental assistance to prevent eviction as well as support for prescription medications  
[www.herndonrestonfish.org](http://www.herndonrestonfish.org)

#### United Community Ministries

Provides food, clothing, household items, rent/utility assistance, medical needs and employment counseling  
[www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org)

### Alexandria and Arlington Counties

#### ALIVE! Inc.

Provides food, shelter, utility/rental assistance and medical care both short- and long-term  
[www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org)

#### Arlington Food Assistance Center

Provides supplemental groceries to Arlington residents in need  
[www.afacinfo.org](http://www.afacinfo.org)

#### Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs, Inc.

Provides assistance for rent, utilities, prescription drugs, and medical care, and more  
[www.emergencynneeds.org](http://www.emergencynneeds.org)

#### Doorways for Women and Families

Offers shelter, safe houses, child services, rental/utility assistance and more  
[www.doorwaysva.org](http://www.doorwaysva.org)

### Montgomery County, MD

#### Interfaith Works

Non-sectarian coalition of 140 congregations providing homelessness and family services, housing, and community support services in addition to advocacy  
[www.communityministrymc.org](http://www.communityministrymc.org)

#### Manna Food Center

Food distribution, education and advocacy  
[www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org)

#### Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

In addition to advocacy, provides a wide-range of housing options, including safe houses, for homeless, formerly homeless and low-income women, men and families  
[www.mcch.net](http://www.mcch.net)

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# Q&A with Kristin Scotchmer

*We sat down with Kristin Scotchmer, The Community Foundation's Director of Philanthropic Advisory Services, to learn more about her work with donors and nonprofits.*



## **How did you come to be interested in philanthropy and The Community Foundation?**

The whole notion of community involvement and "giving back" is something I grew up with. I was born in Guatemala, where my father, a minister, was doing faith-based humanitarian work in a very, very poor community. He did everything from teaching people to read to laying

pipes for the village's first potable water system. At the same time, my mother organized women to help them develop leadership skills and care for their well-being. To my mind, philanthropy at its best is community involvement and engagement – and The Community Foundation is an organization that embodies these values.

## **You spend a lot of time working with area nonprofits that provide emergency services such as food, shelter and medical care. Are these organizations seeing greater demand for services now?**

Yes, absolutely. Requests at food banks – important lifelines for many, from the working poor to the chronically homeless – are up across the region by about 35 percent. Nonprofit organizations addressing these critical needs are both more strained and seeing increasing demand. We see the direct impact of this in terms of nonprofits' bottom lines and their requests for funding. Last year The Community Foundation received about 50 proposals from nonprofits requesting a total of \$600,000 in emergency services grants. This year, we have more than 160 proposals requesting in excess of \$3.5 million.

## **You're The Community Foundation's new Director of Philanthropic Advisory Services. What exactly are "philanthropic advisory services"?**

I like to think of it as "matchmaking." We help all kinds of donors – individuals, families and corporations – take their giv-

ing to the next level by identifying and clarifying the issues they care most about, and then connecting them to high quality nonprofits that are having a positive impact on those issues. We help manage the "nuts and bolts" of a donor's giving by developing guidelines, finding and assessing applicants, and recommending and evaluating grant proposals. We also assist donors in evaluating the effectiveness of their giving, which is a really valuable tool. The other great thing about this premium service is that we can bring multiple donors together to fund a shared interest. This increases their impact while at the same time decreases the number of time-consuming grant applications that nonprofits have to prepare.

## **Who are some of your clients, and what are their funding interests?**

We are honored to support a really committed, diverse group of clients. The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, which is based in Chicago but has wanted to maintain a presence in the Washington area, funds youth development programs. The Starbucks Fund supports violence prevention, and the Starr Foundation, as well as a number of individuals and families, support emergency services. We've expanded our 10-year relationship with the MARPAT Foundation and are thrilled to be supporting their five-year, \$5 million commitment to expanding opportunities for residents of the District's Wards 7 and 8. And the list keeps growing!

## **Do you have any advice for someone who's considering setting up a private foundation?**

I recommend they come in and talk with our Development and Donor Services team about the variety of individualized ways we support donors so that they can focus on the spirit of their giving – investing their charitable dollars thoughtfully and compassionately. After all, that's what "giving back" is all about.

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### **Shepherd's Table**

Provides food, eye care, clothing and other services to residents in need

[www.shepherdstable.org](http://www.shepherdstable.org)

### **Prince George's County, MD**

#### **Community Ministry of Prince George's County**

Interfaith coalition of 400 congregations offers shelter, food, clothing, baby needs and school supplies

[www.cmpgc.org](http://www.cmpgc.org)

#### **Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County**

Provides safe houses and counseling for victims of domestic violence

[www.familycrisiscenter-pgco.org](http://www.familycrisiscenter-pgco.org)

### **Mission of Love Charities, Inc.**

Offers basic needs assistance including food, clothing, furniture and home goods in a warehouse-like shopping environment

[www.molinc.org](http://www.molinc.org)

*To learn more, consult our knowledgeable Community Investment team. Please contact Kristin Scotchmer, Director of Philanthropic Advisory Services by calling (202) 263-4769 or via email at [kscotchmer@cfncr.org](mailto:kscotchmer@cfncr.org).*

# Affiliate Updates

## A New Community Assessment Report for Alexandria

Affordable housing, early childhood education and teen pregnancy – the challenges facing our communities are numerous. But how do you determine the most pressing needs, ways to best address them and who should be involved? ACT and the city of Alexandria now have a road map for addressing emerging needs – a 2008 Community Needs Assessment report recently completed through the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO).



One of the first steps was to compile a collective assessment of Alexandria – a “cradle to gray” survey serving as a baseline for addressing community needs. The six-month assessment process, begun in October 2007, was funded by ACHSO, the Starr Foundation, ACT, the Alexandria City Public Schools and Alexandria’s Department of Human Services.

The resulting 98-page report offers key insights into community needs and shares strategic, cross-cutting recommendations. Findings include:

- Lack of knowledge of and access to resources in Alexandria;
- High degree of dependency on a limited array of funding sources for nonprofits providing human services;
- Need for co-location of services by multiple agencies to create a ‘system of care’ approach in communities across Alexandria;
- Ongoing need to improve the educational skills of parents in order to support and strengthen their families;
- Need to streamline collaborative and planning groups and commissions addressing human services issues; and
- Challenges related to affordable housing, transportation and cultural diversity/language for those in need of services.

The release of this report is just the first step. Next, ACT and ACHSO will look at all recommendations and create a clear plan to proceed. The full report, *A Snapshot of Human Development: A Community Assessment of the Alexandria Human Service System*, is available on ACT’s website, [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org)

## Helping Others By “Giving Where We Live”



With so many working poor families in Montgomery County struggling to keep up with the rising cost of housing, healthcare and utilities, The Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) salutes our donors who “give where they live.” Last year alone, more than \$2 million of our total \$6.8 million in MCCF grants supported nonprofits based in the county.

From supporting emergency assistance to long-term support, MCCF donors have made a significant impact in the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. The following is just a sample of some of the effective nonprofit service providers funded last year:

- **Manna Food Center** provided thousands of boxes stuffed with donated food to families short on cash for groceries
- **Mobile Med** and other nonprofit health clinics provided free prescriptions to hundreds of uninsured working poor
- Youth living in affordable housing communities owned by **Montgomery Housing Partnership** and other nonprofit housing groups benefited from quality on-site tutoring and enrichment programs

MCCF expects to support even more high-quality programs through its next Sharing Montgomery Fund grant cycle. We invite our donors to join us on site visits starting in October, where we will learn about the most pressing issues facing Montgomery County’s rapidly changing demographics and experience firsthand a cross-section of effective programs serving the needs of low-income children and families.

To learn more, please contact Anna Hargrave, MCCF Donor Services Officer, at (301) 588-2544 x14 or via email at [ahargrave@cfncr.org](mailto:ahargrave@cfncr.org).

## Emergency Services Grantees Help Residents Address the Housing Crisis in Prince George’s County



The National Harbor Community Outreach Grant Fund, administered by The Prince George’s Community Foundation (PGCF), is supporting a number of nonprofit emergency services providers in Prince George’s County, MD.

“When we assumed responsibility for managing the Fund,” says PGCF executive director Desiree Griffin-Moore, “we were so pleased that organizations providing food, shelter and other critical services to our residents most in need would be able to participate. While Prince George’s County is one of the country’s most affluent communities, we also have people – too many people – living in crisis.”

Among the 2007 National Harbor Fund grantees are **Christmas in April Prince George’s County**, to support basic repairs to homes owned by seniors and/or people with disabilities; **Covenant House**, to support its efforts to transition homeless youth to stable housing; and **St. Ann’s Infant and Maternity Home**, which provides shelter and care for young, single mothers.

“Thanks to the the National Harbor Community Outreach Grant Fund,” continues Griffin-Moore, “we’re caring for those in our community who truly need it most.”



# The Survivors' Fund: 2001-2008

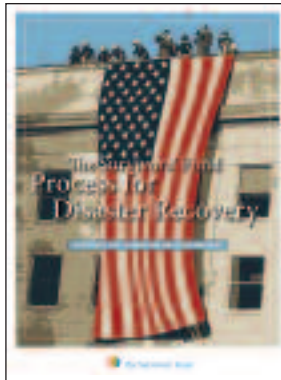
AFTER SEVEN VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS, the Survivors' Fund, established by The Community Foundation to aid individuals and families directly affected by the 9/11 Pentagon attack, ceased operations as planned on March 31, 2008.

Planning for the Fund began on September 12, 2001 and was up and running by November. More than 12,000 individuals, corporations and foundations from around the world gave to the Fund. At its peak, the Fund's assets totaled \$25 million, and more than 1,000 individuals in the Washington region and in 45 states received assistance.

With its unique flexibility and case-management approach, the Survivors' Fund is widely considered a national model of disaster response and recovery, and recently was profiled by *The Washington Post*, *Time* magazine, and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others. To mark its closing, the Fund published two reports, one documenting its work and the other providing a "how-to."

"We don't know when or if the next tragedy will strike," says Community Foundation chair and Survivors' Fund Distributions Committee chair Daniel K. Mayers. "But it's very important to let people know here's how we did it, here's how our community got together, and here's the facts and a legacy for the future."

Both reports, shown here, may be downloaded at [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org). To request hard copies, please call The Community Foundation at (202) 955-5890 or via email at [info@cfncr.org](mailto:info@cfncr.org).



*The Survivors' Fund: Process for Disaster Recovery*



*Final Report May 2008*

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## NEW FUNDS

The Community Foundation welcomes these new funds, which were established during the period April 1 - June 30, 2008.

### Alexandria Community Trust

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The 2008 “Celebration of Civic Spirit” gala was held on May 22 at the Ritz-Carlton in northwest Washington. This year’s event, co-chaired by Mario Morino and Richard W. Snowdon, honored Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr., President of Northern Virginia Community College, and featured the four recipients of the 2008 Linowes Leadership Awards.

Top Left: Community Foundation chair Daniel K. Mayers and Community Foundation President Terri Lee Freeman (center) with the 2008 Linowes Leadership Award recipients (l-r) Trayon White, Irwin Royster, Arva Jackson, and Dr. Mark Bergel

Top Right: Linowes Leadership Awards recipients Trayon White (left) and Irwin Royster (right) with Ada Linowes

Middle Left: Gala Co-Chairs Richard W. Snowdon and Mario Morino

Middle Right: Community Foundation President Terri Lee Freeman with 2008 Civic Spirit honoree Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr.

Bottom Left: Community Foundation trustee and past chair M. Charito Kruvant and George Vradenburg

Bottom Right: Community Foundation chair Daniel K. Mayers and Gary Jonas

*Photos: Rick Reinhard*

# OUR spirit

## 2008 Linowes Leadership Awards

*Named in honor of the late philanthropist, civic leader and former Community Foundation chair R. Robert Linowes, the Linowes Leadership Awards recognized extraordinary individuals – “unsung heroes” – whose selfless dedication to bettering their communities has, until now, largely gone unrecognized. This year’s Linowes Leadership Award recipients are profiled below.*

### **Dr. Mark Bergel**

*Founder and Executive Director,  
A Wider Circle*

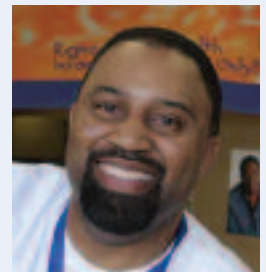
Mark Bergel founded A Wider Circle in 2001 with the mission of helping residents of the Washington metropolitan area lift themselves out of poverty. The organization provides clients with basic necessities – beds, kitchen tables and other home furnishings – and also stresses the importance of building self-esteem and self-worth through a wide range of educational programs. Under his direction and tireless work, A Wider Circle’s holistic approach and comprehensive range of services provided critical assistance to more than 7,200 individuals in 2007.



### **Irwin Royster**

*Director of Community Outreach,  
Ophelia Egypt Teen Program Center,  
Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan  
Washington*

Irwin Royster’s work with young African American men living in Washington’s Ward 7 has expanded Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington’s reach in innovative and effective ways. The key to his success? Creativity and the ability to inspire and mobilize young people as they spread among their peers the message of healthy lifestyles, reproductive responsibility and the importance of leadership skills.



### **Arva Jackson**

*Community activist and advocate for  
Montgomery County children and youth*

Arva Jackson is a passionate advocate and activist, particularly on issues related to civil rights, children and health. For more than a decade, Ms. Jackson has been a persistent and persuasive presence in Montgomery County, MD as a full-time volunteer, facing head-on some of the difficult challenges affecting many of the county’s most vulnerable residents, such as infant mortality, caring for the uninsured, and culturally sensitive outreach services.



### **Trayon White**

*Woodland Terrace Program  
Coordinator, East of the River Clergy-  
Police Community Partnership*

Despite his twenty-three years, Trayon White arguably is a highly respected “elder” of the Woodland Terrace community in southeast Washington. In this embattled neighborhood where crime and lack of education hold young people back all too often, Trayon’s friendship, courage, volunteerism and optimism are building self-esteem and bringing much-needed services and educational opportunities to his peers and to his community.

**This year’s “Celebration of Civic Spirit” was generously sponsored by Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Freddie Mac Foundation, and The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation. Thank you!**

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*Where giving and opportunity meet*

**The mission of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region is to facilitate individual, family, and organizational giving at all levels to create a permanent source of philanthropic capital to improve the quality of life in the metropolitan Washington region.**

Since 1973, The Foundation has managed the philanthropic dollars of thousands of families, individuals, corporations, and institutions. **Today, thanks to our generous donors, The Community Foundation is the largest funder of nonprofit organizations in the Greater Washington area.**

We offer a wide array of flexible options to encourage and nurture intelligent charitable giving at all income levels. Our knowledgeable staff is plugged into the community and provides

donors with intelligence on local nonprofit organizations to help them make solid community investments.

The Community Foundation and its three regional affiliates – the Alexandria Community Trust, The Montgomery County Community Foundation, and The Prince George's Community Foundation – work to maximize social return to the metropolitan Washington, DC region and beyond.

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