

SHARING MONTGOMERY

2018 GRANTEES

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We are proud that so many people gave through Sharing Montgomery— a strategic, donor-led funding effort to support organizations serving our County’s growing population of low-income children, families, and seniors. This year, Sharing Montgomery made grants to 60+ local nonprofits which provide:

- Safety-net services which address basic needs, such as food and housing, as well as the long-term “wrap around” supports which help individuals as they strive to lift themselves out of poverty.
- Educational and enrichment opportunities which empower youth from low-income families to make smart choices, discover their talents, succeed in school, and gain skills necessary for adulthood.
- Workforce development programs which equip low-income, unemployed and under-employed individuals with skills, resources, and credentials so that they can secure gainful employment and/or create business opportunities of their own.

Our donor-led committees vet each organization for sound financial management, strong leadership, and programs which make a meaningful impact on our community. To learn more about these organizations and upcoming opportunities to see their programs in action, contact Bridget Hanagan at bhanagan@thecommunityfoundation.org or (301) 495-3036.



GRANTEES PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Asian American LEAD (www.aalead.org) equips low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth with the tools and opportunities to define themselves and their own futures. AALEAD currently supports more than 220 youth with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through afterschool, summer, and mentoring programs.



Artivate (www.classactsarts.org) engages communities to create interactive arts experiences that inspire learning. Artivate provides a variety of programs that bring culturally diverse performances, workshops and artist residencies to schools and communities, at-risk youth, seniors, wounded warriors and special needs populations. Its Project Youth ArtReach program brings the arts into area detention and correctional facilities, providing classes and mentorships to 500+ court-involved and incarcerated youth in Montgomery County.

Community Bridges, Inc. (www.communitybridges-md.org) empowers girls in elementary, middle and high school from diverse backgrounds to become exceptional students, positive leaders, and healthy young women. It enables more than 235 girls in grades 4-12 to discover their unique identity, voice and potential through an integrated holistic program of leadership development, college and career readiness, academic support and enrichment.

Crittenton Services of Greater Washington (www.crittentonservices.org) helps teen girls make positive choices and believe in their ability to succeed — even in the face of significant challenges. Its school-based programs work with 400 middle and high school girls, teaching them about healthy relationships, reproductive health, college and careers, and equipping them with the life skills they need to succeed.

Gandhi Brigade (www.gandhibrigade.org) trains youth to produce documentaries, public service announcements, and graphic design campaigns which equip them with leadership and communications skills while also increasing civic engagement around issues affecting their communities.

The George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy's Saturday School (www.saturdayschool.org) supports more than 3,000 students and their families in Montgomery County Public Schools. With 12 centers in areas with high poverty, the Saturday School works to ensure that the most academically at-risk students can access grade-appropriate, low-cost academic tutoring and mentoring services. The Saturday School also offers parent workshops in English and Spanish.

Girls on the Run of Montgomery County, MD (www.girlsontherunofmoco.org) provides an interactive after-school running program to over 5,000 girls throughout Montgomery County. Its fun, experience-based curriculum creatively integrates running into a program that seeks to inspire girls to be healthy and confident. The program culminates with the girls completing a celebratory 5K running event that builds confidence through accomplishment.



Horizons Greater Washington

(www.horizonsgreaterwashington.org) provides academic, cultural, and recreational programs designed to empower students to realize their full potential. Through their year-round summer and Saturday programs, Horizons seeks to prevent learning loss for the 360+ kids it serves. Activities are geared to help kids strengthen problem-solving skills, foster awareness of community responsibility, instill respect for themselves and others, and encourage a life-long interest in learning.

Identity, Inc. (www.identity-youth.org) provides educational opportunities, social service supports and positive role models to about 3,000 Latino youth annually to facilitate their successful transition to post-secondary education and the workforce. Identity serves Latino youth and their families with culturally competent school-based and summer programs, gang prevention and intervention, youth leadership, health promotion, mental health services, job readiness workshops, GED instruction, rehabilitation services for youth offenders and other family-based initiatives.

Latin American Youth Center (www.layc-dc.org) reaches 4,500 at-risk youths in the region, including 600 Montgomery County under-served youths, particularly those who have dropped out of school. Its programs include job readiness training, paid internships, work experience, GED instruction, academic enrichment, college preparation, case management, counseling, mentoring, leadership development and life skills critical for adulthood. With its support, 165 county teens were able to obtain paid summer internships in 2015 at local businesses, government offices and nonprofits.

Liberty's Promise (www.libertyspromise.org) engages low-income, immigrant youth in civic life through an after-school leadership program that includes community engagement, career and college readiness, and a professional internship component that places teens in government agencies, small businesses, or nonprofit organizations. Liberty's Promise serves at least 360 Montgomery County youth annually.

Making a New United People (MANUP) (www.manupnow.org) supports young leaders to become resilient, healthy, and contributing community members by providing mentoring support and learning opportunities focused on building critical thinking, emotional intelligence, employability, and entrepreneurial skills.

Mentorprize, Inc (www.mentorprize.org) recruits mentors on behalf of youth-serving programs, serving as a pipeline to more efficiently connect caring adults to youth in need of positive, supportive role-models. Last year, Mentorprize matched 166 mentors with 24 partner organizations.

Montgomery Housing Partnership (www.mhpartners.org) is the largest nonprofit developer of affordable rental housing in the county, with more than 1,750 affordable homes in Wheaton, Takoma Park, Silver Spring and other transit-oriented communities. MHP seeks to house people, empower families, and strengthen neighborhoods by acquiring, rehabilitating, building and managing quality affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and providing community life programs for its residents. MHP provides Play & Learn (P&L) programs and after-school Homework Clubs

(HWC) to 300+ children living at its affordable housing properties to help ensure their long-term success in school.



Passion for Learning Inc. (www.passionforlearning.org) helps low-income middle school students develop the skills they need for a 21st Century knowledge-based economy and technology-rich global society. Through after-school and summer literacy-based digital learning, the youth inquire, create, collaborate, problem solve, communicate and connect with the world. They become savvy and responsible digital content creators and critical thinkers. After-school and summer programs incorporate academic enrichment, information technology exploration and college/career connections.

Project Change (www.projectchange-md.org) provides a free summer camp which engages youth in producing original musical theatre while developing skills to support their social-emotional health, such as improving self-esteem, conflict resolution skills, and anti-bullying awareness.

YMCA's Youth and Family Services (yfs.ymcadc.org) provides mentoring, counseling, and wrap-around case management programs to help children and their families who are struggling.

GRANTEES PROVIDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success (ACES) program of Montgomery College Foundation (www.montgomerycollege.edu/aces) is a collaboration among Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and the Universities at Shady Grove that aims to increase college enrollment and completion in Montgomery County for students underrepresented in higher education. The program provides targeted academic coaching, interventions, and support to students while they are enrolled in the three institutions. ACES currently serves approximately 1,540 students in 10 MCPS high schools and approximately 785 students at Montgomery College.

CareerCatchers (www.careercatchers.org) provides one-on-one career counseling and job-skills training and workshops for over 500 unemployed and underemployed adults in the county annually. Its customized approach helps low-income, domestic violence victims, recent immigrants, and homeless clients obtain employment that pays a living wage, fosters self-esteem, enhances personal growth and builds social and work skills leading to self-sufficiency.

Casa de Maryland (www.wearecasa.org) works to build power and improve the quality of life in immigrant communities. For its 80,000+ members, CASA provides: job placement; vocational training; instruction in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL); citizenship assistance; and other critical legal, social and health services, while leading grassroots community organizing efforts.

CEO Program of the Universities at Shady Grove (www.shadygrove.umd.edu/campus-services/career-services/CEO) offers a five-year CEO Program for MCPS students in the ACES (Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success) program. The CEO Program provides students with the knowledge, skills and experience to be career-ready when they graduate college by combining classroom studies and work skills development with career experiences such as job shadowing and internships related to a student's prospective field of study.

CollegeTracks (www.collegetracks.org) works with Montgomery County Public Schools students to navigate the college application and financial aid process and to enroll, persist, and graduate from college or technical school. The 1,000 students served annually are often low-income and/or the first in their families to apply to college.

Family Services Inc. (www.fs-inc.org) provides high-quality prevention and early-intervention services to more than 27,000 low-income children, individuals and families, including emergency assistance, mental health and substance abuse services, early-childhood programs, domestic violence services and community outreach. The Keys to Success program provides career mentoring and life skills development for parenting teens so that they will complete high school and gain skills necessary to support their children's development. The Family Discovery Center is a multi-generational program that promotes adult learning and healthy child development in families with young children. The Thriving Germantown collaboration provides care-coordination so young children and their families can access all of the health, educational, and skill-building resources needed to move the whole family to stability.

Future Link Inc. (www.futurelinkmd.org) empowers disadvantaged young adults through career exploration programs, workforce development, academic advising, scholarships, paid internships, and mentors. Its intensive, individualized program emphasizes entrance into and persistence in post-secondary education; teaches youth good workplace, self-advocacy, and personal decision-making skills; and helps youth identify and carve out a plan for a meaningful and realistic career pathway that will enable them to become self-sufficient.

Generation Hope (www.supportgenerationhope.org) seeks to reduce poverty one family at a time by providing direct tuitions assistance, one-on-one mentoring, and crisis support to empower teen mothers and fathers complete their college degree. To date, over 100 scholars have enrolled in the program.

IMPACT Silver Spring (impactsilverspring.org) seeks to build community-based networks, and foster inclusive community "spaces" so neighbors can connect across lines of difference and engage in the practices of mutual support and value exchange. Its core work focuses on serving as a facilitator and convener for people to build networks of support and strengthen the local economy. Last year alone, IMPACT helped 5,000 Montgomery County residents connect to food, health, legal, and financial social services and facilitated the launch of a \$90,000 small loan fund for micro-entrepreneurs to lend to/from each other.

Latino Economic Development Corporation (www.ledcmetro.org) equips Latinos and other D.C.-area residents with the skills and tools necessary to achieve financial independence and become leaders in their communities. Its Small Business Services include technical assistance and micro-loans for aspiring and existing low- to moderate-income entrepreneurs. Its housing services help aspiring homeowners appropriately prepare for homeownership and prevent families from going into foreclosure.

Literacy Council of Montgomery County

(www.literacycouncilmcmd.org) provides English as a Second Language (ESL) and Basic Literacy instruction to adult learners. It recruits and trains volunteers to tutor about 1,700 adult learners annually and conducts intensive ESL classes for adults in Montgomery County. As a result, adult learners are able to secure and retain jobs, get promotions, qualify for driver's licenses, help their children with homework, and communicate effectively with teachers, and become U.S. citizens.



Per Scholas (www.perscholas.org/nationalcapitalregion) helps low-income and unemployed adults gain the skills and connections needed to break into the information technology field. Through its tuition-free IT Support job training courses, Per Scholas equips 80 individuals annually with certifications and connects them to in-demand IT jobs in the region.

Red Wiggler Community Farm (www.redwiggler.org) provides employment for adults with developmental disabilities as “growers” on its Certified Organic farm. Annually, more than 800 people, with and without mental disabilities, participate in inclusive education and service learning activities in the outdoor classroom. Growers and volunteers harvest more than 34,000 pounds of organic produce a year, 30 percent of which is distributed to low-income individuals

in Montgomery County.

Sunflower Bakery (www.sunflowerbakery.org) prepares young adults with developmental/cognitive disabilities for employment through skilled, on-the-job training. Its individualized 12-month program includes on-site professional instruction, skills training, a paid off-site internship for 16-20 individuals annually, and a summer job exposure program for 25-30 teens. Responding to growing demand for job opportunities for young adults with disabilities, the organization recently launched Café Sunflower where employees work in an integrated environment gaining experience in customer service, business operations, marketing, and sales while selling Sunflower’s signature sweets and beverages.

GRANTEES PROVIDING SAFETY-NET SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN NEED:

Aspire Counseling (www.we-aspire.org) provides mental health counseling to children, adolescents, adults and seniors. Aspire has been offering community based programs for over twenty-five years. Programs include Positive Aging Project, their Integrated Behavioral Health Care program with Mobile Medical Care, and treatment for perinatal depression in their Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies program.

A Wider Circle (www.awidercircle.org) turns empty apartments into fully furnished homes, provides job skills training, and offers long-term, wraparound support for children and adults seeking to rise out of poverty. To date, A Wider Circle has served more than 170,000 individuals in the region.

Ayuda (www.ayuda.com) advocates for low-income immigrants through direct legal, social, and language access services, training, and outreach. Last year alone, Ayuda provided holistic, linguistically and culturally appropriate services to 150 immigrant residents of Montgomery County.

Bethesda Cares, Inc. (www.BethesdaCares.org) is dedicated to easing, ending and preventing homelessness in our community. A housing-focused outreach organization, Bethesda Cares helps people suffering chronic homelessness find paths to safe, permanent housing, while also easing their lives through its Drop-In Center, daily hot meal program, clothing closet and mental health services. Bethesda Cares also works directly with landlords and utility companies to prevent low-income residents from spiraling into homelessness.

Center for Adoption Support and Education (www.adoptionsupport.org) is the national leader in providing adoption-competent mental health services to address the complex issues faced by foster and adopted children and their families. C.A.S.E. offers a comprehensive range of programs and

resources designed to strengthen the well-being of children and teens. Its Live, Learn & Lead (3L) Academy program provides a suite of “wraparound” services including mental health counseling, leadership development and life skill coaching to help young adults aging out of the foster care system successfully transition to independence.

CCI Health and Wellness (www.cciweb.org) connects low income, minority, and immigrant patients with holistic health care services delivered by a multilingual and diverse staff that reflects the community it serves. CCI also provides reproductive healthcare, integrated health services, and education targeted especially for teens and young adults.

Community Ministries of Rockville (www.cmrocks.org) provides health and human services to the most vulnerable residents of Montgomery County. Its

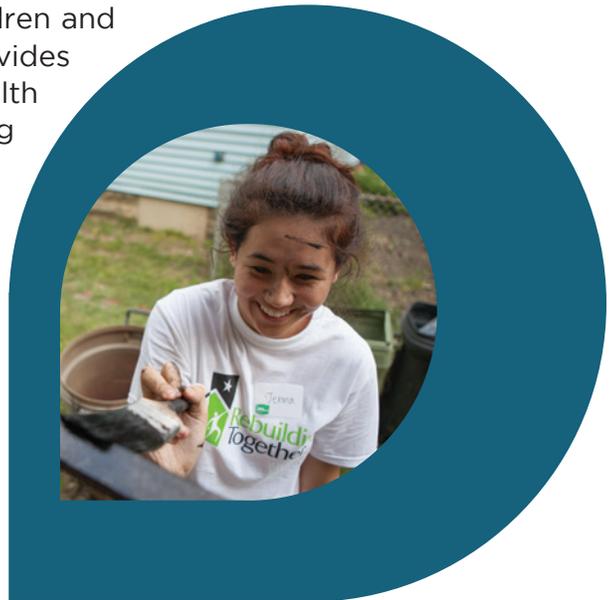
programs include healthcare for the low-income, uninsured; emergency assistance for families in crisis; permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless men and women; home-care services that enable low-income seniors to age in place; and English as a Second Language, Literacy, and Citizenship classes for immigrants. CMR also participates in the county’s Holiday Giving Project, providing hundreds of holiday gifts and meals each year to families in need. Combined, CMR’s programs serve over 5,000 individuals annually.

Crossroads Community Food Network (www.crossroadscommunityfoodnetwork.org) aims to build the local food system, educate and empower community members—especially low-income and immigrant residents—about healthy food choices and create universal access to healthy food. Crossroads serves over 3,000 people annually in the Takoma/Langley Crossroads area. Program areas include microenterprise development, healthy eating education, and farmers’ market nutrition incentives at the popular Crossroads Farmers Market.

Dwelling Place Inc. (www.tdp-inc.org) provides transitional and permanent housing to about 22 families each year. Programs are designed to give families the time, support, and education to move from homelessness to long-term self-sufficiency.

EveryMind (www.every-mind.org) formerly known as the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, promotes mental wellness and supports those with mental illness by sponsoring and implementing education, advocacy and direct services. Eight major programs and a variety of services support the mental health-related needs of more than 12,000 county residents of all ages for free or at a significantly reduced rate. It is also the leader behind the Serving Together collaboration which serves nearly 600 veterans and their families annually by coordinating resources and providing education to service members and their families.

Food and Friends (www.foodandfriends.org) provides access to nutritious meals for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses that limit their ability to provide nourishment for themselves. It provides one-on-one nutrition consulting, creates specialized meal plans, and conducts free cooking classes for clients and caregivers. Food and Friends serves the entire Washington, D.C. metropolitan region, which includes providing over 125,000 meals to 300 clients’ in Montgomery County annually.



Hearts and Homes for Youth (www.heartsandhomes.org) empowers youth who have experienced abuse, neglect, mental health issues, homelessness, and other trauma to make positive life choices and build brighter futures. In the last year, Hearts & Homes served over 275 young people.

Home Care Partners (www.homecarepartners.org) provides nonmedical, support services to low-income elderly, chronically ill and disabled residents throughout the metro region. Each year, 200 licensed aides provide home care services to more than 1,000 adults, giving vulnerable, low-income county residents the opportunity to remain in their own homes. Home Care Partners' licensed Training Institute prepares students to become certified home health aides and offers continuing education in caregiving to aides, professionals and family caregivers, and the general public.

Housing Unlimited Inc. (www.housingunlimited.org) empowers people in mental health recovery to live on their own and learn the skills they need to be successful and confident. Housing Unlimited provides 197 individuals with affordable homes at 71 fully furnished properties, along with weekly staff visits to check-in with tenants and ensure the homes are well-maintained.

Interfaith Works (www.iworksmc.org) assists 20,000 residents each year, helping our homeless and low-income neighbors in need lift themselves from poverty. Interfaith Works' programs change lives for the long term with the help of 5,500 volunteers and 165 congregations each year. Its programming provides both emergency support to keep families from being evicted as well as new "lift" services in which case-managers and volunteers develop a multi-year strategy and wrap-around supports to enable people escape poverty.

Manna Food Center (www.mannafood.org) distributes more than 325,000 pounds of food each month in Montgomery County, to ensure that low-income families, including young children and senior citizens, have enough to eat. Each month, Manna provides food to an average of 3,800 households through the Food for Families Program. Every Friday during the school year, more than 2,450 elementary school students receive a bag of healthy foods to ensure that they return to school Monday morning properly nourished and ready to learn.

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc. (www.maryscenter.org) is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides access to wellness care, medical screenings, and referrals for uninsured, under-insured and the working poor in Montgomery County. This year, Mary's Center will be moving to a larger location in Montgomery County that will allow for double the volume of medical care, increase behavioral health and social service access, and allow for dental services to be provided for the first time to county residents.



Mercy Health Clinic (www.mercyhealthclinic.org) is a community-based health clinic that provides free medical care, health education, and medication to uninsured, low-income adult residents of the county. The clinic's medical services are delivered primarily by volunteer physicians and other health professionals, and include primary health care and specialty clinics, behavioral health, health education programs and an on-site pharmacy.

Mobile Medical Care Inc. (www.mobilemedicalcare.org) provides primary and preventive care for over 4,000 low-income, uninsured and underinsured residents of

Montgomery County. MobileMed has seven primary care clinics in areas with the greatest need or outreach capacity, including three locations that offer walk-in appointments for patients who have unpredictable work schedules. In fixed site and mobile van locations, staff and volunteer clinicians deliver culturally sensitive care, integrated behavioral health services and wraparound support. Through robust partnerships with area hospitals and community organizations, MobileMed arranges free or low-cost diagnostic laboratory, radiology and cardiac testing, as well as specialty care and medications.

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (www.mcch.net) works to end homelessness in the county by offering a wide range of permanent and emergency housing options combined with supportive services for 1,600 homeless and formerly homeless children in families and single adults each year. Since 1990, MCCH has played an integral role in the County's response to homelessness, operating 40% of the county's permanent supportive housing solutions and 60% of the county's emergency shelter beds.

NAMI Montgomery County (www.namimc.org) provides comprehensive support, education, advocacy, and public awareness to promote recovery and so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives. NAMI also conducts the Sources of Strength program, a student-focused mental health awareness and suicide prevention program, at ten schools, reaching over 13,000 students.

Nourish Now (www.nourishnow.org) works to bring widespread food security for those in need throughout Montgomery County. It partners with 140 caterers, distributors, restaurants, and other food industry leaders across the region to collect and redistribute their surplus food. Nourish Now serves over 600 families per month, both directly and through various social service agencies.

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington (www.plannedparenthood.org/ppmw) provides high-quality, affordable reproductive health care to women, men and teens in the Washington, D.C. area. Its Community Education and Outreach Department trains peer leaders—mostly low-income, uninsured or under-insured minority teens—in reproductive health and STD/HIV prevention strategies. Last year, its Community Education and Outreach Department helped facilitate educational workshops and organized events that reached more than 9,800 Montgomery County teens and young adults.

Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County Maryland (www.treehousemd.org) partners with Montgomery County's Police and Department of Health and Human Services to address child maltreatment—the physical abuse, sexual abuse, mental injury, or neglect of a child by a parent or caregiver. Each year, the Tree House provides over 850 individuals with medical evaluations, mental health assessments and treatment, nurse case management, victim advocacy and forensic interviewing in a safe, child-focused and central location.

Rainbow Place (www.rainbowplace.org) is an emergency winter shelter for women open from November 1st to March 31st. Each resident is provided with a warm, supportive place to stay, a hot dinner,



breakfast, a bag lunch, shower and laundry facilities, clothing, toiletries, storage space and bus tokens. A visiting nurse addresses medical needs weekly. Since the ultimate goal is to help the women transition out of homelessness, case management is offered and strongly encouraged. Rainbow Place serves about 100 guests annually.

Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (www.rebuildingtogethermc.org) provides home repairs, accessibility modifications, and energy efficiency improvements for vulnerable families so that they may remain living safely and independently in their homes. RTMC serves low-income homeowners across Montgomery County, with particular emphasis on seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, and low- families with children.

Shepherd's Table Inc. (www.shepherdstable.org) serves more than 2,400 homeless individuals in the county every year, providing meals, clothing, information and referrals, as well as technical assistance by pro bono lawyers, Veterans Administration staff, barbers and tax preparers who come in to assist clients. It also runs a bi-monthly Eye Clinic to provide vision screenings and prescription eyeglasses for the uninsured, in addition to providing vouchers for prescriptions, mail service, transportation assistance, and telephone access.

Silver Spring Village (www.silverspringvillage.org) seeks to build and sustain a supportive network of neighbors helping neighbors remain in their own homes and be engaged in their community as they age in place. Silver Spring Village is a membership organization that targets senior citizens living zip code 20910, providing a combination of direct services and programs including transportation, friendly visits and check-in calls, in-home assistance, medical note taking, health education, and intergenerational social programming.

St. Camillus Food Pantry (stcamillusfoodpantry@gmail.com; www.gofundme.com/trpqnc) distributes nutritious food to ensure that low-income families get enough to eat. Through emergency food distribution on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, this all-volunteer, bilingual food pantry serves 600 to 800 families per month.

Stepping Stones Shelter Inc. (www.stepsstonesshelter.org) offers a continuum of services to homeless families with children in Montgomery County to help move them to a stable home environment. Last year, they served 32 families (115 individuals) in their shelter, placed 2 families in permanent supportive housing, and provided post shelter support for over 50 families.

Voices for Children Montgomery (www.casamontgomery.org) supports abused or neglected children by providing them with trained advocates who ensure their best interests are represented in the legal and social service system. Voices also works to ensure that young people aging out of the foster care system are well prepared to support themselves. Through Voices recruitment and training, advocates work with more than 400 children annually.

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