

Past Projects & Grant Recipients

Baby Shower to Benefit the Building Blocks Nursery



The Foundation hosted its first "baby shower" to benefit the Baltimore County Communities for the Homeless, Inc.'s Building Blocks Nursery for Homeless Babies. Six boxes of nearly 200 baby items, including clothes, food, diapers and toys were delivered in December. The Building Blocks Nursery is working to ensure the future for babies and young children living in emergency shelters in Baltimore County. The program offers counseling, medical and support services for parents and children ages newborn to three.

Community Law Center

The Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Center to help fund the review of ground rent ejectment lawsuits to ensure they are filed properly.

Metro Housing, Inc.

The Foundation received funds from Metro Housing to be used for the restoration of the Jacob House - one of East Towson's original buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue that was approved for the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Trust.

Chimes International

The Board of Trustees approved a grant award of \$5,000 for The Chimes International to help with the construction and renovation of The Chime School's new building. The new school building will give The Chimes the ability to provide enhanced educational and job training opportunities for children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities.

Our Playground at Stadium Place



The Foundation was an early funder of this community-designed, one-acre playground constructed on the former Memorial Stadium site. The playground, the first of its kind in Baltimore City, was developed in coordination with the local community and the new Baltimore City YMCA facility. Leathers and Associates, a New York based firm, designed the playground with the creative input of more than 400 children from three area public schools.



In addition to a major gift of \$50,000, the Foundation and GBBR also generated in-kind support and recruited 320 volunteers who generously gave more than 3,500 hours of their time. The playground, complete with swings, castles, bridges, a ship, and even a crab, was dedicated in July 2005.



Women's Housing Coalition

The Women's Housing Coalition is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness in Baltimore City for women and their children by fostering their economic and social independence and by advocating for the increased availability of quality, affordable housing. The Foundation awarded the WHC a \$5,000 grant to be used to provide housing and direct supportive services for 90 homeless women and 30 children, as well as help with the WHC meet its general operating costs.



Communities of Care



Communities of Care works to develop and sustain diverse, safe and stable communities of adoptive parents who adopt sibling groups from foster care. They have created Clare Court, the first multi-generational community in Maryland. Located in northeast Baltimore on a 10-acre site owned by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Clare Court provides housing and services to kinship and adopting families and seniors. Obtaining adequate, affordable housing is often an obstacle in the adoption process, and Communities of Care is developing a homeownership component to complement its successful rental program at Clare Court. The Foundation contributed \$4,000 to

Communities of Care for staffing support to coordinate the development of the new homeownership program.

The Mortgage Fund for the Family of Slain Police Sgt. Bruce Prothero

One of the Foundation's first efforts was to raise funds to help the family of Sgt. Bruce Prothero who was killed trying to apprehend robbery suspects while working a second job as an off-duty security guard. The Foundation proudly contributed \$15,000 to pay the family's mortgage for one year.

"Knowing Housing Fraud When You See It" Media Campaign

The Foundation and GBBR worked in partnership with the Maryland Center for Community Development and other community-based and governmental organizations to develop "Know Housing Fraud When You See It." The award-winning media/public awareness campaign focused on educating homebuyers on how to avoid being victimized by fraudulent real estate and predatory lending schemes. The Foundation raised more than \$300,000 from public and private sources to fund the campaign.



REALTORS® Relief Foundation

The Foundation made a \$5,000 contribution to National Association of REALTORS®' REALTORS® Relief Foundation to provide assistance for hurricane victims in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The funds helped those devastated by the storms to cover mortgage payments and insurance deductibles, as well as the costs of food, rent and clothing.

REALTOR® Tsunami Relief Project

The National Association of Realtors® partnered with Habitat for Humanity International to build "REALTOR® Villages" to help people who lost their homes during the great tsunami that devastated several South Asian countries in December 2004. The Foundation contributed \$600 to the Fund.

REALTORS® Housing Relief Fund for the Families of Victims of the 9/11 Attack

The Foundation contributed more than \$1,000 to the fund, which was established to help the families and households of those killed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and on the four hijacked planes to make mortgage and rent payments.

