

WHO WE ARE

The Greater Washington Community Foundation ignites the power of philanthropy, leads for community impact, and responds to critical community needs. For five decades, The Community Foundation has connected caring donors with nonprofits creating lasting change in DC, Montgomery County, Northern Virginia, and Prince George's County.

As the region's largest local funder, we have invested more than \$1.4 billion since 1973 to build racially equitable, just, and thriving communities where everyone prospers. Now, our strategic focus is to close our region's racial wealth gap so that people of all races, places, and identities reach their full potential.

As a tax-exempt public charity, we manage hundreds of charitable giving funds on behalf of generous individuals, families, and businesses. In doing so, we partner with our donors to pursue their charitable goals, identify impactful nonprofits, and pool resources for the greater good of our communities. Donors rely on us as their trusted partner to make charitable giving easy, flexible, tax-smart, and deeply rewarding. Our impact is immeasurable in terms of the hope and opportunity it provides. Together with our donors and partners, we have:

- Prepared thousands of workers to launch family-sustaining careers
- Provided scholarships to help more youth attend college and prepare for a career
- Expanded access to enrichment programs and early childhood care for low-income families
- Helped secure shelter for individuals, youth, and families experiencing homelessness
- Protected \$80 million in public funding for critical safety net services during the economic crisis

HISTORY

The Community Foundation was formed in 1973 by a group of business and community leaders to provide a permanent source of philanthropic capital for the Greater Washington region. Over the years, we've served as grantmaker, community leader, and convener to help build thriving communities in our nation's capital. Part of a network of more than 700 community foundations nationwide, the Greater Washington Community Foundation has grown into one of the largest foundations of its kind in the United States.

WHAT WE DO

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND INVESTMENT

We mobilize philanthropy for this community, providing a stable funding source to respond to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges. Since 1973, we have invested more than \$1.4 billion to a diverse range of issues from affordable housing to the arts, education, workforce development, and social safety net.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We tackle the region's most pressing challenges by bringing together leaders from across philanthropy, business, local government, civic institutions, and other funders. As a leading convener and advocate for our community, we help inform, influence, invest in, and direct key strategies to accelerate meaningful and systemic change.

GUIDING STRATEGIC GIVING

Our job is to help our donors find the most rewarding and impactful ways to give back. We offer deep community knowledge, expertise, and insight to connect caring people with causes that matter. With a bird's eye view of the region's nonprofit sector, we understand the greatest needs facing our communities and the organizations that can best serve them.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF GIVERS

Whether you want to open a fund, plan your legacy gift, or contribute to an existing initiative, The Community Foundation offers a variety of vehicles to direct your charitable giving.

As a donor to The Community Foundation you become a member of a community of givers committed to helping make this region the best it can be. By establishing a fund at The Community Foundation, you are contributing to a local nonprofit that works daily to support the needs of your community. Doing your giving through The Community Foundation gives you access to staff who are well versed in the opportunities and challenges facing our community. Gifts from your fund can support any qualified nonprofit in the region and beyond.

You can also support our community impact initiatives or make a gift to help The Community Foundation build its permanent endowment to support the needs of the community as they arise. Your support will help expand our work to disrupt poverty, deepen culture and human connection, and prepare for the future of work. Your investment enables us to lead initiatives which spark change, create dialogue, and influence policies to address the most pressing needs of our communities now and in the future.