



The Community Foundation's Fund for Children, Youth, and Families Awards \$1.97 Million to Area Nonprofits

The Fund for Children, Youth, and Families (FFCYF) at The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region is pleased to announce the awarding of \$1.97 million in grants to 46 nonprofit organizations serving disadvantaged children, youth, and families across the greater Washington region.

The organizations will receive grants for up to \$50,000 for project/program support or general operating support addressing the following issue areas: *Stable Homes & Stable Families*, *Foster Care & Adoption*, and *Academic & Career Success*. A list of grantees is included below.

"Our region is facing a number of big challenges in education, homelessness, and foster care. Too many of our young people – and their families – don't have the supports they need to succeed. This fund is providing vital investments to organizations working to change that," said Bruce McNamer, President and CEO of The Community Foundation. "These grants will allow our nonprofit partners to continue to move the needle towards a community where all residents thrive."

The Community Foundation is the administrator of the FFCYF, and is charged with implementing its grantmaking strategy for approximately five years – beginning with this inaugural round in 2016. This is a substantial, rigorous, and highly competitive grantmaking process, in which the Foundation utilized a grant review committee of regional partners, issue experts, and staff to review grant applications against the established criteria.

"The Community Foundation received over 270 proposals totaling approximately \$13 million in funding requests," said Tonia Wellons, Vice President for Community Investment at The Community Foundation. "This funding opportunity clearly highlighted both the immense need and the great value that organizations throughout the region offer in responding to this need."

In mid-2017 we will launch the next round of grant opportunities through this fund, with the focus on the same three issue areas: *Stable Homes & Stable Families*, *Foster Care & Adoption*, and *Academic & Career Success*. Please visit www.fund4cyf.org for more information.

About The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region

The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region works to ensure equity, access, and opportunity for all residents in the Washington metropolitan area. Our mission is to strengthen the Washington metropolitan region by encouraging and supporting effective giving and by providing leadership on critical issues in our community. We are a community of givers dedicated to inspiring and creating change across the Washington region and beyond. The Community Foundation, which includes local offices in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Northern Virginia, and Prince George's County – is part of a network of some 700 community foundations nationwide, each a tax-exempt, public charity made up of charitable giving funds established by individuals, families, corporations, and other organizations. We currently manage more than 800 donor funds with assets totaling more than \$300 million.

We are the largest funder of nonprofit organizations in the metropolitan Washington region, with annual grants of more than \$70 million. www.thecommunityfoundation.org.

About the Fund for Children, Youth, and Families

The Fund for the Children, Youth and Families was established to invest in the betterment of underserved children, youth, and families in the region – specifically to invest in organizations achieving significant impact across the FFCYF issue areas and outcomes. Through its grantmaking, the Fund supports effective organizations working to make the community healthy and stable. Please visit a www.fund4cyf.org for more information.

2016 FFCYF Grant Recipients:

- Alternative House
- AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
- Arc of Prince George's County
- Asian American LEAD
- Barker Adoption Foundation
- Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc.
- Bread for the City
- Bright Beginnings, Inc.
- Capital Partners for Education
- Central American Resource Center
- Child and Family Network Centers
- Children's Law Center
- Collegiate Directions, Inc.
- Community of Hope
- Congressional Coalition for Adoption Institute
- Court Appointed Special Advocates Fairfax County
- Court Appointed Special Advocates Montgomery County
- Court Appointed Special Advocates Prince George's County
- Dance Makers
- DC Alliance of Youth Advocates
- DC Law Students in Court
- District Alliance for Safe Housing, Inc.
- Doorways for Women and Families
- Dwelling Place
- Educacion Para Nuestro Futuro
- Friends of Guest House
- Friendship Place
- Generation Hope
- Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Inc.
- Healthy Babies Project
- Housing Counseling Services
- Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.
- Jubilee Housing, Inc.
- Latino Student Fund
- Mental Health Association of Frederick County
- Metropolitan Council of Governments
- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Inc.
- New Hope Housing
- SCAN of Northern Virginia
- Stepping Stones Shelter
- United Communities Against Poverty
- Venture Philanthropy Partners
- Voices for Virginia's Children
- Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless
- Wesley Housing Development Corporation
- Young Women's Project