



WASHINGTON FORREST FOUNDATION

2016 REPORT
ARLINGTON IMPACT



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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Dear Partners and Friends,

In 2016, the Washington Forrest Foundation gave over \$740,000 to over 60 nonprofit organizations working in Arlington, Virginia. We are enthused to release this report on our Arlington impact, while also looking forward to celebrating the Foundation's 50th anniversary in 2018.

With such a milestone, it has reminded us of our family's long history in South Arlington and its commitment to life on Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run, since the 1870's.

For nearly 50 years we have been proud to support Arlington and other surrounding communities within Virginia through the Washington Forrest Foundation, established by our relative Benjamin M. Smith in 1968, "for the purpose of improving and enhancing the quality of life in Northern Virginia and especially Arlington."

This simple, but effective mission still holds true. In 2016, we recommitted ourselves to this important work with a renewed focus to fund projects in Arlington, particularly in South Arlington along Columbia Pike, Nauck, Four Mile Run, and the surrounding South Arlington neighborhoods. These neighborhoods mirror the history of our family and the connection we have had for more than a century both living and working in these neighborhoods.

Although the communities and their demographics have changed, many of the needs remain the same.

In 2017, we continue to be privileged to work alongside many nonprofit partners to impact and improve the quality of life for residents of South Arlington.

We have worked with many of the same nonprofit partners over decades, including groups such as *A-SPAN, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Aspire! Learning, Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington Thrive, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, Doorways, Virginia Hospital Center/Arlington Pediatric Center, the YMCA* and others. These nonprofits are a critical part of the fabric of the South Arlington community. Without them, it is difficult to fathom that South Arlington could be the diverse, welcoming, and vibrant community that we see today.

Those of us working with Washington Forrest Foundation look forward to a year of continued partnership, growth, and commitment to supporting the community we call home.

Sincerely,

Leslie S. Ariail
Chair

David D. Peete, Jr.
Vice-Chair

OUR COMMITMENT

Safety net services, education, and community development are common threads in our grant making and reflect our values as a family and as a foundation. We believe that addressing these three areas enables the Foundation to make a substantive difference in the South Arlington community.

We are excited about the many projects already underway in our neighborhoods and invite you to join with us in this important community work.

SAFETY NET SERVICES

Residents of Arlington deserve and expect a safe community in which to reside, along with access to transportation, healthcare services, and crisis support. The cumulative efforts of numerous nonprofits offer vital services to provide a social safety net to help ensure that families do not slip through the cracks in times of crisis.

They ensure that the most vulnerable among us are cared for and supported. In 2016, the WashingtonForrest Foundation committed almost \$400,000 to support the activities of South Arlington safety net providers.

ORGANIZATION NAME	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT NAME
A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network, Inc.)	\$20,000.00	General Operating Support
AHC Inc	\$10,000.00	Boosting the Academic Achievement of Low-Income Students in AHC's Affordable Housing Communities
Arlington Food Assistance Center	\$35,000.00	General Operating Support
Arlington Free Clinic	\$25,000.00	General Operating Support
Arlington Home Ownership Made Easier, Inc. (AHOME)	\$5,000.00	Achieve Your Dream
Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing	\$12,500.00	APAH South Arlington Resident Services Program
Arlington Pediatric Center	\$25,000.00	General Operating Support
Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation	\$10,000.00	Culpepper Garden III: Assisted-Living Services Promoting Aging in Place with Dignity
Arlington Thrive, Inc.	\$25,000.00	Daily Emergency Financial Assistance (Daily Fund Program)
Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc.	\$5,000.00	General Operating Support
Bridges to Independence	\$15,000.00	General Operating Support
Capital Caring	\$25,000.00	Hospice Patient Care Fund Program - Arlington
Community Residences	\$6,000.00	Arlington ArtWorks: Mental Health Recovery
Doorways for Women and Families	\$20,000.00	General Operating Support
Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
Friends of Guest House, Inc.	\$5,000.00	General Operating Support
L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C.	\$20,000.00	General Operating Support
Linden Resources	\$12,500.00	Vets Ready2Work
Phoenix House	\$5,000.00	Rising Above: Building on Our Legacy Capital Campaign
Phoenix House	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
PRS	\$20,000.00	CrisisLink
SCAN of Northern Virginia	\$20,000.00	General Operating Support
The Fenwick Foundation	\$7,500.00	Enriching Lives - Therapeutic Recreation Activities, Caregiver Support and Dental Support
Virginia Hospital Center Foundation	\$15,000.00	Lifeline Assistance Fund
Volunteers of America Chesapeake	\$20,000.00	Residential Program Center
Wesley Housing Development Corporation of Northern Virginia	\$10,000.00	Stable Futures for Children and Families

EDUCATION

Arlington Public Schools serves more than 26,000 students providing excellent educational programming across the County. Washington Forrest Foundation supports Arlington schools through a diverse network of non-profits and other community initiatives that work “behind-the-scenes” to ensure that Arlington Public Schools continue to meet the needs of its students, especially those in South Arlington.

We support arts education and creative learning, after school programs, in-school resources to address social issues, literacy, work force development, and technical training. In 2016 we committed over \$230,000 to improving and enhancing the lives of Arlington’s students.



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ORGANIZATION NAME	AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT NAME
American Heart Association	\$7,500.00	CPR Training at Wakefield High School
APS - Arlington Tech	\$19,530.00	After-School STEM Activities & Interdisciplinary Physical Education Innovations
APS - H-B Woodlawn	\$1,500.00	Winter Screenwriting Contest 2017 pilot
APS - Patrick Henry Elementary School	\$6,000.00	Student Scholarship and Enrichment
APS - Patrick Henry Elementary School PTA	\$3,600.00	4th Grade Historic Learning Experience
Aspire Learning	\$20,000.00	General Operating Support
Aspire Learning	\$25,000.00	Capital Campaign Support For A Premier Program Site & Headquarters
Bowen McCauley Dance	\$10,000.00	2016 South Arlington School Programming and Move Me Festival
Computer C.O.R.E.	\$7,500.00	South Arlington Outreach & Expanded Service
Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries d/b/a Goodwill of Greater Washington	\$10,000.00	Workforce Development & Support for Arlington County Residents
Edu-Futuro	\$15,000.00	General Operating Support
Educational Theatre Company	\$10,000.00	Main Stage Residency
Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital	\$10,000.00	Girl Scout Leadership Experience in South Arlington
Greater Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, Inc. (WETA)	\$5,000.00	General Operating Support
Jane Franklin Dance	\$4,000.00	General Operating Support
Junior Achievement of Greater Washington	\$7,500.00	Arlington County Programs
La Cocina VA	\$8,000.00	Bilingual Culinary Job Training & Food Assistance Program
Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families Foundation	\$2,200.00	Gunston Intergenerational Mentor Program
Phoenix Bikes	\$7,500.00	General Operating Support
Signature Theatre, Inc.	\$7,500.00	Signature in the Schools
Space of Her Own	\$15,000.00	General Operating Support & Arlington Program
Synetic Theater	\$10,000.00	Theater Education Programming
Teatro de la Luna	\$5,000.00	Experience Theater for South Arlington Public Schools
The Reading Connection	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts	\$5,000.00	Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts, Northern Virginia Services
YMCA Arlington	\$10,000.00	YMCA Arlington Afterschool Enrichment Program

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We support organizations who focus on neighborhood connections as a way to strengthen our community. We believe in the importance of organizations that champion South Arlington with initiatives that improve economic quality of life across the County.

We applaud their work and recognize the positive impact that they have on schools, families, neighborhoods, leaders, and government agencies. In 2016, we granted more than \$75,000 to organizations committed to strengthening and raising awareness of our South Arlington neighborhoods.



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pike Farmers Market

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Arlington Arts Center	\$5,000.00	General Operating Support
Arlington Community Foundation	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support-Nonprofit Resource Center
BU-GATA	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	\$4,950.00	Columbia Pike Farmers Market SNAP
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	\$4,000.00	General Operating - Board Retreat/Strategic Planning
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	\$5,000.00	21st Annual Columbia Pike Blues Festival
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	\$15,000.00	Columbia Pike Summer Fest: Movie Nights
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	\$10,000.00	General Operating Support
Leadership Arlington	\$5,000.00	Leadership Arlington Signature Program Neighborhoods Day

OUR MISSION

The primary mission of the Washington Forrest Foundation is to improve and enhance the quality of life in Arlington, especially South Arlington. The Foundation invests in programs and organizations that facilitate basic economic development, including access to food, health, mental health, housing, and jobs creation, and strives to strengthen the community by supporting academic and creative educational programs. Our work is measured by improvements to the overall economic health of South Arlington as well as Arlington as an entire community.

The Foundation may also, at its discretion, invest in programs and organizations that reflect the above mission, but that fall into other jurisdictions in Virginia.



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We invite you to join us in making a difference here in Arlington. The Foundation is committed to collaboration and partnership, and we welcome your ideas, your thoughts and your involvement. While grants are by invitation only, we are always looking to learn more about creative programs working in South Arlington that fit our grant making interests. Together we can have a true impact on these critical issues.