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- Fund for Arlington
- Community Scholarship Fund
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- Prompt Response Fund
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- Please see our website for more information and a complete list of funds.

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L. Karen Darner honored with the 2009 William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award

The ballroom of the Sheraton National Hotel was filled to capacity on November 12th as L. Karen Darner was honored with the 2009 William T. Newman, Jr. Spirit of Community Award. Established in 1993, the Spirit of Community Award recognizes and honors those people who have demonstrated tireless and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life in Arlington. Last year, the award was renamed to honor the Foundation's founder and president emeritus, The Honorable William T. Newman, Jr.

ACF President Chris Milliken served as MC of the event. ACF Trustee David A. Bell introduced the honoree, L. Karen Darner, and spoke of her tireless involvement in the Arlington community. She began as a teacher and speech pathologist in the Arlington County Public Schools and after a stint in the Peace Corp she won a seat in the Virginia State Legislature. She represented Arlington in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1991 to 2004. In the legislature, Karen was a member of three standing House committees—Education, Transportation, and Health, Welfare & Institutions, and she was a twelve year member of the Virginia Commission on Youth. She has always been a persistent advocate for education and public services and she is known well for her work in the Arlington public schools. She has also served in leadership positions for numerous local non-profit organizations. Mr. Bell noted that during the many years he served as Clerk of the Court he constantly met people who introduced themselves as friends of Karen Darner. "We need less people shouting angry words, and more people like Karen Darner, in the world," extolled Bell. Hon. William T. Newman, Jr. presented the award to Ms. Darner and remarked upon her contributions to Arlington.



(left to right) Jim Whittaker, Hon. William T. Newman, Jr., L. Karen Darner, Chris Milliken and David Bell at the 2009 Spirit of Community Luncheon.



Washington Business Journal publisher, Alex P. Orfinger, delivering keynote address at the 2009 Spirit of Community Luncheon.

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Four New Funds Established at Arlington Community Foundation

The Arlington Community Foundation is pleased to include the Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute (ALRI), Gloria A. Steffan, Dr. Robert G. Smith and the Valerie & Allen Kitchens Family Scholarship Funds to the list of funds we currently manage. All four funds have been designated as named scholarship funds and will permanently support a \$1,000 scholarship that is awarded annually to a student in Arlington. As individual scholarship funds, each fund has a separate criteria that have to be met by students in order to receive an award.

The Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute Scholarship Fund is geared towards a student who plans to attend Marymount University or George Mason University, with preference given to a student who demonstrates financial need and is involved in community activities that benefit elders. ALRI compliments other county adult education programs and expands the

life-long learning opportunities available to the community by offering a wide variety of college level, non-credit courses, lectures, special events and other activities for individuals over 50 years old. Their courses and events are held at various locations throughout the county. Their scholarship is geared towards students who are or plan on attending George Mason University or Marymount University with preference given to a student who demonstrates financial need and is involved in community activities that benefit elders.

The Gloria A. Steffan Scholarship Fund was established by Brian J. Steffan in memory of his late mother. Mrs. Steffan moved to the DC area in 1987 and was employed by the law firm of Kline, Landau and Romm, from which she retired in 1999. Active in Democratic Party politics for much of her life, she worked for candidates in northern Virginia and statewide, and for charitable causes locally in the recent

years prior to her passing. The Steffan scholarship is for a student who is seeking to major in the performing arts or fine arts as a recipient and who demonstrates financial need.

The Dr. Robert G. Smith Scholarship Fund was established by his friends and supporters in honor of his contributions and service to the community. Dr. Robert G. Smith served as the superintendent in Arlington for 11 years. The scholarship will be awarded to an Arlington public school student that demonstrates financial need and is interested in pursuing a degree in education.

The Valerie & Allen Kitchens Family Scholarship Fund will support one Arlington Public High School student who plans to attend Community College. Started by long time Arlington resident and proponent of Education, Val Kitchens, the scholarship fund honors her late husband.

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Alex P. Orfinger, publisher of the Washington Business Journal, gave the keynote address, highlighting the importance of business philanthropy in the region. He noted that this current recession has hit the Washington area harder than many of the previous recessions and that nonprofits count on community foundations to help fill the gap. Nonprofits, he said, "have to begin to preach a little more—we have to scream this out," or, "the people at the lowest end of our economic spectrum are going to continue to suffer."



L. Karen Darner greets Arlington County Board Member and former Spirit of Community honoree, Walter Tejada.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear Community Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

In this issue of our Focus newsletter, we share how your community foundation engages in events and programs that benefit the Arlington community. Our annual competitive grant process for Community Enhancement grants as well as our bi-annual Arlington Education Fund grants are highlighted in this issue. I want to thank our dedicated grant reviewers, who represent a cross section of people who live and work in Arlington, for their time and energy in helping to read and review grant applications.

Often times I am asked about the role of the community foundation. One role is simply to match donors who care with causes they care about. This role can be assisting a donor in setting up a scholarship fund or setting up a donor-advised fund for whatever charitable purpose a donor may value now or in the future. We also help organizations and agencies who want to establish endowment funds for their future needs. Lastly the Foundation offers the opportunities for donors of various means to give to specific interests. While assisting donors with their charitable choices and decisions, we also assist local nonprofits and educators through grants and students through scholarships.

Another role the Foundation plays is recognizing philanthropic leadership here in Arlington. We were so pleased to present L. Karen Darner with our William T. Newman Jr. Spirit of Community award for her three decades of work in support of the community. Other recipients of the Spirit of Community award include Preston Caruthers, Judy Connally, Rich Doud and Joan Cooper Stanley, who have all made an impact in the Arlington Community. Our final role is one of convening groups around causes which are important to our community. Thanks to a grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies, ACF led a steering committee of Arlingtonians and Arlington nonprofits who helped to design and implement a study and report on Engaging Arlingtonians 55 and Older in the Civic Good. For more information, read our article on page 6.

Thank you for your support of the Foundation in 2009 and we look forward to working with you to make a difference in Arlington, a community of uncommon vision.

Sincerely,

*Wanda L. Pierce
 Executive Director*

ACF MISSION

The Arlington Community Foundation is an independent charitable organization that actively promotes, protects, and improves the quality of life of those who live or work in Arlington. The Foundation provides philanthropic leadership and raises capital for grants and scholarships to address community needs now and in the future.

Since 1991 the Arlington Community Foundation has awarded more than \$5 million in grants and scholarships and has created a source of philanthropic capital to address the ongoing needs of our community. The Foundation is available to individuals and families, as well as businesses and organizations, who are interested in building the Arlington community.

The Foundation Awards Grants to Local Nonprofit Organizations

The Arlington Community Foundation's Board of Trustees approved grant awards totaling \$152,655 to 51 local non-profit organizations and schools through its Community Enhancement and Arlington Education Fund grant programs. The approval of these grants brings the total grant monies awarded by the Arlington Community Foundation to more than \$3.8 million to charitable organizations over the past 16 years.

As a result of the Foundation's support and the generosity of numerous donors, many Arlington nonprofits will benefit. Most grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and assist towards the improvement of the Arlington community through programs in the arts, youth services, education, the environment, health, housing, human services, legal services and senior engagement. In a particularly difficult year, the Foundation's Board chose to keep the level of funding up, demonstrating a firm interest by the Arlington Community Foundation to invest in the well-being of the Arlington Community.

One example of the work recognized by the foundation through these grant cycles is a \$10,000 Community Enhancement grant awarded to Arlington Free Clinic to fund an innovative program that will train over 380 volunteers to use new electronic medical records technology that would enable patients to have their files readily available to medical

personnel upon their visit to the Arlington Free Clinic and area hospitals. In addition an Arlington Education Fund grant was awarded to Kenmore Middle School to support the creation of a Textured Tile Mosaic which the students will design and display permanently on the pilasters along the school's main hallway. For a complete listing of grantees and a description of the projects funded, log onto the grants section of our website.

The 2009 Community Enhancement Grants are made possible through the support of numerous donor-advised and unrestricted funds established at the Arlington Community Foundation, including: Fund for Arlington, Ellen M. Bozman Fund, Community Fund for Children and Families, Demoney Family Fund, Fund for the Arts, Arthur and Vivian Kallen Fund, Paul Kovenock Fund, Helen and John Rhett Family Fund, Senior Adult Endowment Fund, Shirley Hobbs Scheibla Memorial Fund, Charles E. Smith Family Foundation Fund and Wyatt Family Fund.

The Arlington Community Foundation is very excited to fund these organizations that will make a difference in the Arlington Community. For more information about how to apply for a Community Enhancement or Education Fund Grant or how to help support the Foundation's grantmaking, please call 703-243-4785 or log onto our website at www.arlcf.org.

ACF Responds to Urgent Needs Through Prompt Response Grants

Prompt Response Grants are given to nonprofits serving the Arlington Community that have come upon an unanticipated opportunity or an unexpected, urgent community need. Below are some recent examples of how the Foundation is supporting Arlington nonprofits and the populations they serve.

THE ARLINGTON STREET PEOPLE'S ASSISTANCE NETWORK was awarded a grant to purchase a washer and dryer for its Emergency Winter Shelter.

H-B WOODLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS was awarded a grant that will allow the chorus to participate in the Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans.

WASHINGTON-LEE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES DEPARTMENT was awarded a grant to send a counselor to the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference in Denver, CO. The counselor returned with information that was shared with W-L staff and with other high schools in the area.

PROJECT PEACE, a partnership between County government and community leaders to educate and end domestic violence, was awarded a grant to print tear off sheets to saturate doctor's offices and other high traffic areas with information about the project and its efforts.

For information on how to apply for a Prompt Response Grant, visit our website at www.arlcf.org.

2009 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTEES

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| AHC, Inc. | BU-GATA | Leadership Arlington |
| Alliance for Arlington Senior Programs | Buyers and Renters Arlington Voice | Legal Aid Justice Center |
| American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras | Capital Area Food Bank | Legal Services of Northern Virginia |
| Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless | Capital Area Immigrant's Rights | Northern Virginia Family Service |
| Arlington Arts Center | The Child and Family Network Centers | Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia |
| Arlington Food Assistance Center | CrisisLink | Phoenix Bikes |
| Arlington Free Clinic | Doorways for Women and Families | Saint George's Food Pantry |
| Arlington Latino Network | Escuela Bolivia | Shirlington Employment and Education Center |
| Arlington Pediatric Center | Goodwill of Greater Washington | Signature Theater |
| Arlington Street People's Assistance Network, Inc. | Greenbrier Learning Center | Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern VA |
| Best Buddies Virginia | Habitat for Humanity Northern Virginia | Synetic Theater, Inc. |
| Bowen McCauley Dance | Samaritan Ministries of Greater Washington | Teatro de la Luna |
| | Jane Franklin Dance | Vanguard Services Unlimited |
| | Just Neighbors | Washington Shakespeare Company |

FALL 2009 ARLINGTON EDUCATION FUND GRANTEES

These nine grants were awarded to programs that benefit Arlington Public school students and adult learners. These grants are often given to teachers who are interested in providing fun and innovative programs to their students but need a little bit of monetary support to make it possible. Log onto our website for a list of projects funded by the Arlington Education Fund.

- Abingdon Elementary
- AHC, Inc.
- Arlington Public Schools Humanities Project
- H-B Woodlawn
- Hoffman Boston Elementary
- Kenmore Middle School
- Long Branch Elementary
- Office of Minority Achievement, Arlington Public Schools
- Tuckahoe Elementary School



Participants of the Best Buddies Virginia Program, a 2009 Community Enhancement Grant Recipient.

13th

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

On September 29th, golfers at the 13th Annual Community Cup Golf tournament were greeted with great weather and a fun way to support the work of the Arlington Community Foundation. Over 70 golfers met at the Washington Golf and Country Club in support of the Foundation's continuous efforts to provide grants and scholarships to the Arlington Community.

The team from, Cardinal Bank, emerged as the winners of this year's tournament. The team consisting of Bernard Clineburg, Andy Peden, Kevin Reynolds, and Tom Grantham scored a round of

61, closely edging out the 2nd and 3rd placed teams.

2nd place, with a score of 62, went to the Buck & Associates Real Estate team consisting of Bill Buck, Jeff Griffin, Jim Hart, and Bill Coleman. Steve Caruthers' team took the third and final prize spot with a score of 63. The team was made up of Steve Caruthers, Richard Barrazotto, Kevney O'Connor, and Pam O'Connor.

Barry Chamberlin and Peter Bergmann won the closest to the pin prizes. The day's longest drive was snagged by Robert Bernard for the men and Pam Murray for the women.

A note of recognition goes to Steve Caruthers who served as tournament committee chair and our wonderful and dedicated committee members Betty Burroughs, Lynn Fueschel, Bob Hawthorne, Pam Murray and Sid Simmonds. Our gratitude also goes out our perennial volunteers Norma Wolf and Nina Arauz for their time.

A special thanks to the sponsors—1st Commonwealth Bank of Virginia, Simmonds & Klima, LTD., Manning & Murray P.C., JackBays, Inc., Potomac Custom Builders, Buck & Associate Real Estate, Virginia Commerce Bank, Stephen P. Caruthers, Sands Capital Management, Rosenthal Companies, HMS Insurance Associates, United Bank, Cardinal Bank, and Columbia Gardens Cemetery. Their contributions allowed for a fun-filled successful event.

Thank you to Westin Hotel, Great American Restaurants (Carlyle), La Tasca, Signature Theater, Lynn Fueschel, Uniquely Ours, and Cavalia for donating prizes to the tournament.



Community Foundations Partner in Wealth Advisor Education Event

On September 16th the ACT for Alexandria and the Arlington Community Foundation partnered in an event to educate wealth advisors and their clients on proposed tax changes and federal budget changes. The speaker for the event was John E. "Buck" Chapoton, a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy. Mr. Chapoton

addressed the new tax proposals in the context of the current recession, the stimulus bill, and other recent government programs aimed at improving the economy. Along with being educational, the event was a way to increase the awareness of wealth advisors to their local community foundations.

Foundation Completes Community Assessment of 55 and Better Community

The Foundation and a dedicated Steering Committee completed its assessment of the 55 and Better Community. Funded by a grant through Atlantic Philanthropies, the study found better ways to tap into this community's talent through improving matching programs of older volunteers to appropriate



volunteer opportunities, developing an online community to connect volunteers to opportunities in their neighborhoods and implementing a coordinated marketing and outreach campaign. The results were printed in a brochure that is now available at the Foundation. Copies can be obtained by emailing Tracy Shelby at TShelby@arlc.org

Gloria A. Steffan Scholarship Fund

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Brian J. Steffan



career. Gloria A. Steffan was active in politics and contributed her time and talent to local charitable causes. She had a keen interest in the arts and thus Steffan felt that her scholarship should be awarded to a student who has demonstrated strong artistic talent through his/her curriculum and through awards, honors and achievements during their high school years.

When Brian J. Steffan's mother passed in May of this year, he wanted to honor her passion for the arts and her dedication to giving back to the community. When a friend mentioned that he could start a scholarship at the Arlington Community Foundation, he took action. Brian contacted Foundation staff and discussed the goal and vision he had for his mother's scholarship fund. Those series of conversations led to the Gloria A. Steffan Scholarship Fund which will be awarded for the first time in June of next year to a student who plans to study fine arts or the performing arts during their college

A named scholarship fund, like the Gloria A. Steffan Scholarship, provides donors the opportunity to name the scholarship and propose criteria, such as activities, athletics or community services, which are used by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee to help in the selection of a qualified student. If you would like more information about creating a named scholarship fund or if you would like to give to the Community Scholarship Fund which supports previous recipients of ACF Scholarships, please contact Patty Limjap at plimjap@arlc.org.