



Arlington  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*for a*  
Community  
*of Uncommon*  
Vision



TO SHAPE A COMMUNITY IS A POWERFUL OPPORTUNITY.  
PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS  
IN OUR COUNTY DISAPPEAR. OR ENSURE THAT EVERY YOUNG  
PERSON, NO MATTER HOW DISADVANTAGED, GETS THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE. OR MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO SHARE YOUR LOVE OF THE ARTS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN  
THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. OR HELP ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY  
REMAINS AN EXCITING PLACE FOR ALL OUR YOUTH THROUGH  
SENIORS TO LIVE, WORK AND GROW. PARTNERING WITH THE  
ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, YOU CAN TRANSFORM  
YOUR VISION INTO REALITY. WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN  
CHANGE LIVES AND CREATE A BETTER FUTURE FOR ARLINGTON.

## What is the Arlington Community Foundation?

Created by community members in 1991, the Arlington Community Foundation serves the unique needs of *our* community.

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

## How is the Arlington Community Foundation making a difference?

- We connect donors with the causes they care about, helping people of all backgrounds and financial means to accomplish their philanthropic goals.
- We manage more than 100 separate funds some large and some small, family funds, donor advised funds and community endowment funds each aimed at worthy charitable goals.
- We award grants to nonprofit organizations that serve Arlington and directly improve the lives of the diverse group of people who live here. To date, the Foundation has distributed more than \$3.8 million in grants to nonprofits.
- We award scholarships that enable Arlington students to go to college. To date the Foundation has distributed more than \$1.8 million in scholarships.
- We have the broadest reach of any philanthropic organization in Arlington. Our programs are having a positive effect in the areas of education, housing, homelessness prevention, health, seniors, recreation, the environment and the arts.
- We bring community members together to spark new ideas and develop programs that will make Arlington a better place to live.



# Why should you become involved in the Arlington Community Foundation?

Arlington is diverse and vibrant, a place that benefits from a strong sense of community. The Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of life and offering opportunities to all those who live, work and learn in Arlington. Through the Arlington Community Foundation, you can help to meet the needs and create opportunities for others both now and in the future. The Foundation can assist you in matching your specific charitable interest with nonprofits that support those interests.



## THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO GIVE?

Your donation benefits your community. You can directly improve the lives of people who live all around you.

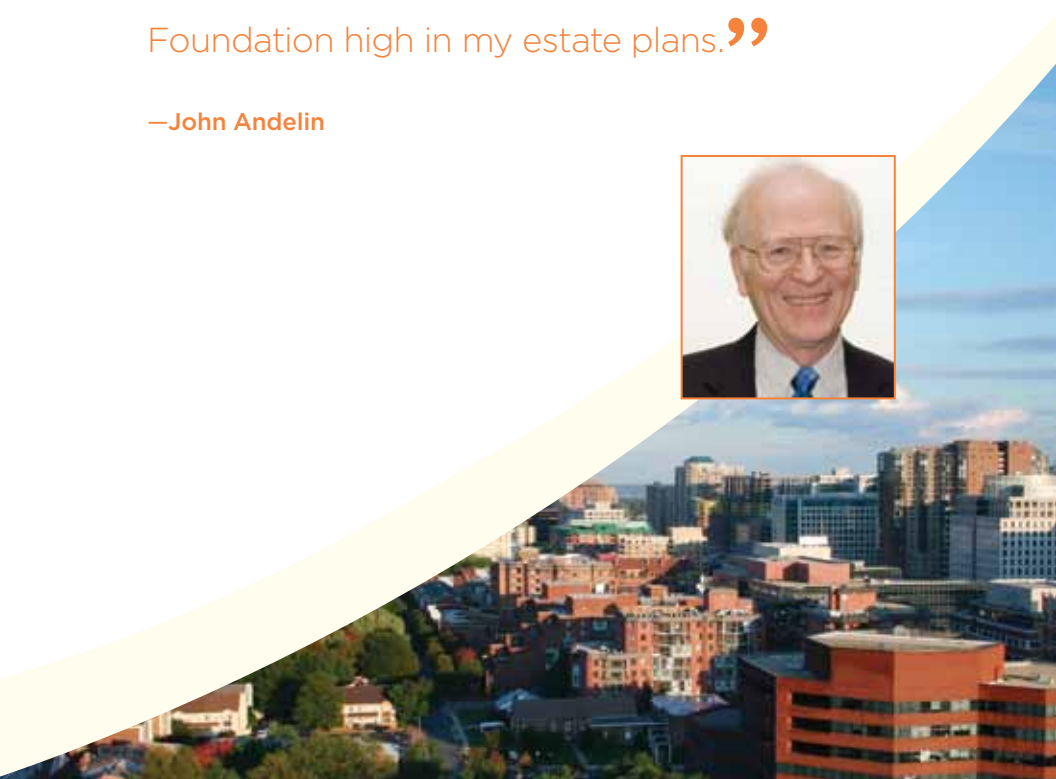
## WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF GIVING TO THE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

- **Our Experience.** With years of service, governed by a board of community leaders, we know the community's needs and resources and can ensure that your gift is used effectively.
- **Simple and Professional Process.** Our professional staff is here to help you meet your philanthropic goals. We handle the paperwork and let you focus on your vision.
- **Tax Benefits.** As a nonprofit, the Foundation offers the highest level of tax benefits for charitable giving. You will receive an immediate tax deduction the year a gift is made, before you even have to decide on the beneficiaries for your fund.

- **Enduring Impact.** If you choose to start a fund in your name, you can build a philanthropic legacy. Your contributions will continue to impact the community and be remembered by the beneficiaries.
- **Assurance.** A Finance and Investment Committee oversees the investment of the Foundation's assets; other committees review all competitively-awarded grant and scholarship applications and make recommendations to the Board for final approval.
- **Oversight.** Our Board of Trustees, comprised of 28 community and business leaders, sets policy and approves grants. A yearly independent audit by a certified public accountant ensures fiscal responsibility.

“Helping review proposals, I saw how much the Foundation did. I enthusiastically joined the Board, started a family fund and put the Foundation high in my estate plans.”

—John Andelin



# How does the Arlington Community Foundation connect with nonprofits?

Through our grant-making programs, we interact with community organizations and respond directly to community needs.



## HOW CAN YOU DIRECT THE FUNDS YOU GIVE TO THE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

You can give to an existing fund or start your own fund.

## GIVE TO AN EXISTING FUND

Our core of existing funds supports an expansive range of community needs. One of them might match your charitable interests. When you contribute to these funds, your dollars are pooled with other gifts for investment in the community, multiplying the impact.

- **The Fund for Arlington**, our most flexible fund, helps to ensure that our most vital community organizations thrive.
- **The Fund for the Arts** strives to make the arts accessible to everyone in our community by awarding grants to schools and community-based arts groups.
- **The Arlington Education Fund** supports innovative projects led by local teachers and a remarkably wide-reaching array of organizations that expand and enhance learning in our community.
- **The Prompt Response Fund** is an unrestricted fund for immediate response to unanticipated needs and unexpected opportunities.
- **The Homelessness Prevention Fund** helps organizations that assist Arlingtonians who have been hit hard financially and are at risk of becoming homeless.
- **The Community Scholarship Fund** awards college scholarships to local students so they can continue to pursue their education.

## START YOUR OWN FUND

What concerns you most about our community and what needs would you like to address? How would you like to see it change and improve? Arlington Community Foundation staff will work with you to identify and support the causes that interest you.

- **Donor-Advised Funds** allow individuals to specify grants to specific organizations. The Foundation verifies that the grant complies with all IRS regulations and is compatible with the Foundation's broad charitable vision.
- **Named Scholarship Funds** are created by individuals, families or organizations that want to establish a scholarship in the name of an individual or organization. The donor establishes the guidelines and the Foundation administers the scholarship program. We publicize the scholarship and screen applicants to find those best matching the donors expectations.
- **Agency Endowment Funds** are endowment funds which the Foundation manages on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

“Our donor-advised funds are very popular—donors take their full tax-deductions when we receive their contributions, but they can make their recommendations for gifts to specific charities anytime, even years later.”

—Wanda L. Pierce

*Executive Director of the Arlington Community Foundation*





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## ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS

**Charles M. Radigan**  
1991 – 1994

**Donald O. Manning**  
2001 – 2002

**John Andelin**  
2006 – 2008

**Leslie Ariail**  
1995 – 1997

**Ellen M. Bozman**  
2002 – 2004

**Christine T. Milliken**  
2008 – 2010

**Fred Burroughs III**  
1998 – 2000

**William T. Newman, Jr.**  
2004 – 2006

**James Whittaker**  
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