

Celebration of
PHILANTHROPY

Thursday, November 3, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Graduate Hotel Annapolis

126 West Street

Annapolis, MD 21401



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO



Welcome to the 22nd annual Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Luncheon. We are so thrilled to celebrate with you in person once again! This celebration is one way we can continue to recognize and honor those who support our community. I continue to be amazed by the generosity, kindness, and dedication of so many members of our community. The meaningful contributions highlighted through the work of our awardees serve as key examples of what

makes Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work, and play.

The 2022 Celebration of Philanthropy Awardees drive transformational change in our county. They lead by example and through their actions and their generous financial support, and they show us that they care about the future of our community. In ways both large and small, they look beyond themselves to make Anne Arundel County stronger for every resident.

We are exceptionally thankful to the many community-minded people and businesses who make this important event possible through their sponsorship – without them we would not be able to give the award recipients the tribute that they deserve.

CFAAC's Celebration of Philanthropy Awards recognize extraordinary individuals and organizations whose commitment and selflessness have made a noteworthy difference in our community. They inspire others with their kindness and charity, creating an ever-expanding circle of leaders who make a difference in the lives of others. As our community faces new challenges and pressures every day, these awardees and local nonprofits are rising to meet those challenges. We are truly inspired by their stories.

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's mission to inspire

and promote giving by connecting people who care with causes that matter continues to be the foundation of our daily work. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we remain optimistic about the future of Anne Arundel County and we envision a time when every county resident can live a healthy and abundant life. You are helping us fulfill that vision, and for that, we are grateful. With your support, CFAAC continues to:

Partner with our donors to determine and address critical needs.

Distribute \$4 to \$6 million annually and fund nonprofits through the collective generosity of CFAAC donors.

Provide discretionary funding to strengthen local nonprofits while stewarding our donors' wishes, intentions, and investments.

Initiate change through confident leadership, meaningful collaborations, and noteworthy generosity.

Support a thriving nonprofit sector working to advance opportunity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility to funding and resources in our county.

Next year, we will not only celebrate our community's difference makers again, but we will also celebrate the Community Foundation's 25th anniversary! Stay tuned for further news about this year-long celebration as we look to make the Community Foundation even stronger for future generations.

Lastly and most importantly, at the core of every great community are its people. As we continue our work to grow philanthropy and support and strengthen Anne Arundel County nonprofits and its residents, we are pleased to have you by our side, celebrating all the good that is here and to come.

Thank you for attending,



President & CEO
Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

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2022 CELEBRATION OF
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Jim Humphrey

Board Chair, Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

Mary Spencer

President & CEO, Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

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Tatiana Klein

Philanthropist of the Year

Carol B. Sisco

CLOSING REMARKS

Mary Spencer

President & CEO, Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

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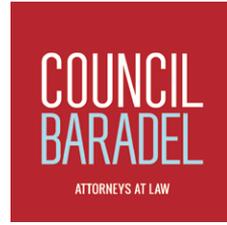


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Mr. & Mrs. David Mitchell

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Greg & Trish Strott

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Dr. Neil J. Weissman

The Junior League of Annapolis, Inc.

Karen M. Whaley, CPA

Nonprofit Endowment Funds

PARTNERING TOGETHER FOR GROWTH AND IMPACT

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County is dedicated to the nonprofit community's long-term success. A nonprofit endowment fund is a simple and efficient way to build an ongoing source of income for your organization. Gifts are invested over time and earnings from the fund are used to make grants that address the community's most pressing needs. Endowed funds help pave paths for a brighter, healthier future by strengthening communities, children, and families.

Nonprofit Agency Endowed Funds at CFAAC

- Annapolis Maritime Museum Endowment Fund
- Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation Endowment
- Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center Endowment Fund
- Boy Scouts of Anne Arundel County
- Center of Help Endowment Fund
- Charting Careers Endowment Fund
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation Fund
- Chrysalis House Endowment Fund
- Colonial Players Roland E. Riley Endowment for the Arts
- Community Leadership Fund for CFAAC
- Londontowne Symphony Orchestra Endowment Fund
- Opportunity Builders Inc.
- Partners In Care Maryland Endowment Fund
- Pregnancy Clinic Endowment Fund
- Scenic Rivers Land Trust Stewardship Reserve
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TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.**



Past Celebration of Philanthropy Recipients

PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR

- 2001 Hillard & Karolyn Donner
- 2002 Creston & Betty Jane Tate
- 2003 Jim & Katherine Mandrin
- 2004 Frank & Susan Chaney
- 2005 Tom & Peggy Baldwin
- 2006 Robert Pascal
- 2007 Frederick A. Graul
- 2008 Edward St. John
- 2009 Phil & Meri Gibbs
- 2010 Jim & Linda Humphrey
- 2011 Patty McManus
- 2012 James & Sylvia Earl
- 2013 John & Cathy Belcher
- 2014 John & Terri Hussman
- 2015 JoAnn DeCesaris
- 2016 Richard "Dick" Franyo
- 2017 Jane Campbell Chambliss & Pete Chambliss
- 2018 Beverly & Stephen Marcus
- 2019 Kent and Sue McNew
- 2020 John and Jan Magnolia
- 2021 Jeffrey Harris & Joyce Pratt

CORPORATE PHILANTHROPISTS OF THE YEAR

- 2011 BankAnnapolis
- 2011 Varuna Aveda Salon Spa
- 2012 Severn Savings Bank
- 2013 CPS Gumpert
- 2014 Bank of Glen Burnie
- 2015 Skyline Technology Solutions
- 2016 Development Facilitators, Inc.
- 2017 Buck Distributing Company, Inc.
- 2018 The Brick Companies
- 2019 Annapolis Cars
- 2020 Crosby Marketing
- 2021 Hannon Armstrong

CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY AWARD

- 2006 The Philip Merrill Family
- 2013 Lisa Hillman
- 2018 Elizabeth Kinney

FOUNDATIONS OF THE YEAR

- 2011 Carol M. Jacobsohn Foundation
- 2012 William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation
- 2013 Keith Campbell Foundation
- 2014 South Anne Arundel County Rotary Foundation
- 2015 TKF Foundation
- 2016 Merrill Foundation
- 2018 The Philip E. and Carol R. Ratcliffe Foundation
- 2019 The Chaney Enterprises Foundation
- 2020 AMFM Foundation

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

- 2003 Tricia Lehmann
- 2004 Rob Cradle
- 2005 Trudy McFall
- 2006 Dennis Conti
- 2007 Anna E. Greenberg
- 2008 Tony & Penny Evans
- 2009 Ellenor Alvarez
- 2010 Deede Rivers
- 2011 Bill & Terry Kuethe
- 2012 Bobbie & Jerry Burnett
- 2013 Fred Davis
- 2014 Betty Mack
- 2015 Penny Cantwell
- 2016 Karen Smith
- 2017 Karen Feldman & Helena Hunter
- 2018 Tara Balfe Clifford
- 2019 Bronwyn Belling
- 2020 Vanessa Carter
- 2021 Townsend McNitt

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

- 2007 Megan Skiles
- 2008 Annie Bukowski
- 2009 David Ensor
- 2010 Meade High School Key Club
- 2016 Maggie Crawford
- 2017 Jason Cherry
- 2018 Ben Nussbaumer
- 2019 Grace Gallant
- 2020 Haley Havard
- 2021 Ryan O'Connor

BOOTS ON THE GROUND AWARD

- 2020 Susana Cruz
- 2021 Janice Keating

CARROLL H. HYNSON JR. AWARD FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IN PHILANTHROPY

- 2020 Yevola Peters
- 2021 Martha Blaxall

CAROL THOMPSON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- 2020 Henry "Hank" Libby
- 2021 Larry Griffin

LEGACY AWARD FOR PLANNED GIVING

- 2020 Cherie Loustaunau
- 2021 Cindy Pond

COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS AWARD

- 2020 Banneker-Douglass Museum

EMERGING PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

- 2020 Ellen Shiery

INNOVATION AWARD

- 2020 Creating Communities

LEADERSHIP IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

- 2020 Taylor Pyles

NONPROFIT MVP AWARD

- 2020 Kristina Mitchell

OUTSTANDING NONPROFIT AWARD

- 2020 Hope for All

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER AWARD

- 2020 Jan Wood

OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

- 2020 Atlas Container, Paul Centenari

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER GROUP AWARD

- 2020 Anne Arundel Medical Center
Auxiliary

OUTSTANDING YOUTH GROUP AWARD

- 2020 Kid Changemakers

UNSUNG HERO AWARD

- 2020 Jan Atwood

Strengthening Nonprofits Fund

A portion of the proceeds from this luncheon benefit the Strengthening Nonprofits Fund at the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County. The fund provides training and educational opportunities to Anne Arundel County nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers who are interested in learning more about fundraising, nonprofit management, board development, marketing, and other capacity building efforts.

Young Volunteer of the Year

*Ella
Edwards*

*Nominated by
Luminis Health Anne Arundel
Medical Center Foundation*



Birthdays are supposed to be happy occasions – especially for a child. But on Ella Edwards ninth birthday, she received some devastating news. She was diagnosed with a rare pediatric bone cancer, Ewing’s Sarcoma.

That day was also a turning point for Ella in a different way. She witnessed the generosity of strangers. “It was her birthday and they showered her with gifts and a cake,” said Jen Edwards, Ella’s mom. “People were so generous. I think she realized how much of a difference it made for her and the other kids, so she wanted to do that for others. It changed her. It brought out something in her that I had never seen.

“Ella and all the kids in the hospital were my teachers,” added Jen. “They are just in the moment and they didn’t worry about the chemo next week; they didn’t think ahead. It was a good lesson to find the good in the moment and hold onto that. And, when something bad happens, there is always an opportunity to do something for someone else. I think when you take that step to do something kind for someone else, it helps you as well.”

Ella took that step. Despite the toll the disease took on her body, the experience inspired Ella to raise more than \$50,000 for pediatric cancer research through her lemonade stands and fundraising. Ella also wanted to make an impact in her own community, so just a year after her diagnosis, she was collecting toys and organizing blood drives. In 2019, “Team Ella,” now the EllaStrong Foundation, hosted its first drive for the

Geaton and JoAnn DeCesaris Family Foundation Pediatric Emergency Department and Inpatient Unit at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center (LH AAMC). After learning that they needed colorful character Band-Aids for their youngest patients, Ella took to social media, reached out to friends and family, and pounded the pavement for donations. In just one week, Ella delivered nearly 20,000 Band-Aids to LH AAMC and the oncology floor of Children's National Medical Center.

"The hospital can be a stressful place for a sick or injured child," said LH AAMC Child Life Specialist Sam Couto. "Anytime there is an opportunity for a smile, it makes the experience a little easier. Ella Edwards has made hundreds of smiles at LH AAMC."

After that, Ella hosted a toy drive and surpassed her goal of getting 500 toys delivered for hospitalized children including LH AAMC, Believe in Tomorrow Children's House, Ronald McDonald House Charities, University of Maryland Medical Center, and The Johns Hopkins Hospital. During the pandemic, she arranged to drop off protective gowns, home-made masks for staff and patients, and Build-a-Bears for the pediatric emergency room patients.

Currently an honor-roll student at St. Mary's High School in Annapolis, Ella plays three school sports, is an ambassador for Just In Power Kids, and still makes time to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer.

"We are truly grateful to Ella and her family for their constant time, support, and generosity," said nominator Jan Woods formerly of LH AAMC Foundation. "Not a month goes by where we don't hear from Ella, asking to see the latest pediatric wish list so she can make a difference in the lives of some of the youngest patients at LH AAMC."

Volunteer of the Year Award — This award is presented to an individual or team of volunteers (formal or informal) with a proven record of volunteerism who, through the donations of time and talent, has played a key role in helping local nonprofit organizations provide services to the community. They often make the difference in an organization being able to expand its services to a wider audience or move its programs to a higher level of service to the community.

Boots on the Ground Award

Bruce Morgenstern

*Nominated by
Anne Arundel County
Food Bank*



Any given day, you might see Bruce Morgenstern directing traffic. Or perhaps developing algorithms to distribute government food more equitably. Or leading a team of volunteers in an emergency response. Or even distributing more than 300,000 diapers and wipes to local nonprofits.

Bruce uses his many talents to lead volunteer efforts, provide IT support, create databases, consult with management, mobilize volunteers—and yes, even direct traffic on occasions. Bruce kicked off his volunteer commitments after his retirement from ARINC in 2013. Since then, the former engineer has helped numerous local nonprofits with his no-nonsense, get-it-done attitude to advocate, volunteer, lead, and organize making a direct impact on the community around him.

“Bruce is not only committed to ensuring his community is prepared for any type of emergency, but also willing to jump in and act in emergency efforts as they unfold,” said nominator Leah Aiello Paley, Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) Chief Executive Officer. “When we lost our entire volunteer warehouse workforce at the beginning of the pandemic, Bruce made it his mission to ensure that AACFB had the manpower in place to keep our critical work going. Without his leadership and support, the flow of food to the tens of thousands of people in our community seeking assistance every month would not have been possible.

“Bruce was not only the key person behind the scenes encouraging others to get involved; he also worked alongside staff and volunteers to move the food throughout our 32,000-square-foot warehouse,” she continued. “Bruce continues to work on the AACFB sorting line, making sure food is ready for distribution to our member agencies.”

In addition to his work with the Food Bank, Bruce serves as the President of the Anne Arundel-Annapolis Community Emergency Response Team (AAA-CERT), a position he has held for the past three years; works with the Department of Aging & Disabilities and the Anne Arundel County Public School System; assists the Office of Emergency Management; and is a board member with the Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and Leadership Anne Arundel—all while providing hundreds of volunteer hours for other organizations such as the Food Bank and Kingdom Kare.

“When the county was tasked with supporting the Afghan Refugee Relief effort, Bruce was at the forefront of volunteer leadership in mobilizing and coordinating volunteer support, both at the county and state level, and as a board member of Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster,” said Preeti Emerik, Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management Director. “His encyclopedic knowledge of nonprofit relief organizations, deep connections across the regions, and political acumen were invaluable.”

Bruce and his wife, Jessica, also give financially; they opened the Jessica and Bruce Morgenstern Local Community Impact Endowment Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, with CFAAC in 2017. For the past two years, they have called on community members to fight hunger as AACFB’s Action Sponsor during September’s Hunger Action Month awareness and giving campaign, donating up to \$5,000 from their CFAAC fund.

“Bruce never hesitates to utilize his many and varied connections throughout Anne Arundel County in support of a worthy cause,” said AACFB’s Paley. “He is a team builder and community connector.”

Boots on the Ground Award — *This award is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond to improve lives and meet community needs through their exceptional efforts, including mobilizing resources for public benefit, leading by example, serving when they are called, advocating, and volunteering for those in our community who need help. Their efforts have a direct, real, tangible impact on our neighbors and our community.*

Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. Award for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Philanthropy

*Calandra
Dixon Layne*

*Nominated by
The Junior League of Annapolis, Inc.*



Calandra Dixon Layne's vision of leadership and philanthropy comes from her favorite quote by Junior League Founder, Mary Harriman, "We have the responsibility to act, and the opportunity to conscientiously act, to affect the environment around us." As the Junior League of Annapolis' (JLA) first African American President from 2020-2022, Calandra took that responsibility personally, spending her time committed to mentoring girls and young professionals, said nominator and JLA President-Elect Michele Myers.

Calandra has been an advocate for women's leadership, mentorship, diversity, and inclusion throughout her career and a member of JLA since 2017. During her time in the league, Calandra served on a number of JLA committees including the Chair of JLA's Inaugural Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. Calandra represented JLA at the Association of Junior Leagues International's Organizational Development Institute where she worked closely on energizing the league's efforts to further integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into the culture of the league; facilitated the league-wide adoption of a Diversity and Inclusion pledge; and successfully championed efforts for the appointment of a Diversity and Inclusion Officer to the board of directors.

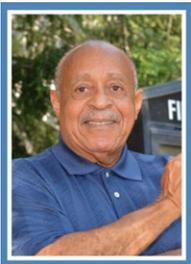
"As a leader, one of Calandra's greatest strengths is her ability to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have their voice heard," said Heather Medina, current JLA President. "Her balanced and approachable

demeanor encouraged all members—seasoned and new—to share their feedback, ideas and sometimes concerns.”

However, JLA isn't the only place that Calandra makes her values and leadership known. As the current Director of Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation at the United States Department of Defense, she is known as a thought-leader in her field and has been published in the *Journal of Government Financial Management* several times. She is also a board member of the Council for the Advancement of Women and a former executive board member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

In 2017, Calandra was granted the National Author Award by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for her visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments, and exceptional service that has significantly advanced the profession, strengthened the association, and improved the community through contributions to AGA's flagship publication. Then, in 2018, she was the recipient of the Working Mother of the Year Award at Grant Thornton where she received multiple endorsements for setting an example for balancing professional and personal commitments. Most recently, Calandra was named one of *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women, an award that recognizes high-achieving women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service, and mentoring.

“Calandra actively mentors young adults and has become a strong role model for other young women and underrepresented groups,” said Heather. “She is a strong advocate for supporting women and diversity in environments and has already been recognized as a trusted leader in her field. She possesses the qualities of a natural leader: initiative, intelligence, and integrity. She leverages these qualities to create a more diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community for all.”



Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. Award for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Philanthropy — This award is named in honor of Carroll H. Hynson, Jr., founding CFAAC Board Member and longest running host of the Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Luncheon. It will be presented to an individual, group, or organization that has demonstrated a significant commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion in their philanthropic practice in Anne Arundel County. Nominees should have made outstanding contributions to philanthropy by forging genuine partnerships with diverse communities, building bridges, and championing the acceptance, respect, and inclusion of all.

The Legacy Award for Planned Giving

Estate of Donald and Emily Sheets

*Nominated by
Luminis Health Anne Arundel
Medical Center Foundation*



Great teachers can make a difference in students' lives. Extraordinary teachers can help make a difference in an entire community. Two such educators were the late Donald and Emily Sheets.

Donald and Emily moved to the Admiral Heights neighborhood, where they resided for 40 years, because of Donald's appointment as a chemistry professor of the U.S. Naval Academy. He taught there for more than 30 years. Emily dedicated her life's work as an elementary school teacher for more than 25 years with local Annapolis schools. She was beloved by her students, and many of them would return to visit her regularly, even as adults.

As devoted community members and lifelong academics, both Donald and Emily were naturally passionate about advancing education in Anne Arundel County. So, it's no surprise that the Estate of Emily and Donald Sheets gifted \$1.26 million towards Graduate Medical Education at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center (LH AAMC). Donald and Emily wished not only to enhance educational opportunities for medical professionals at LH AAMC, but also to make certain that the Annapolis community continues to receive the same high-quality care close to home as the Sheets received.

"Both Donald and Emily Sheets were Annapolitans who cherished sharing their time, talents, and treasures to their local community," said nominators Jan Woods and Molly Fleenor of LH AAMC. "Their gift

exemplifies the quintessential spirit and vision of legacy giving. Donald and Emily truly believed in the importance of supporting the people who make a difference, day in and day out, in their local community of Annapolis.”

During his career as a U.S. Naval Academy professor, Donald observed the dedication of the Naval Academy men and women on a daily basis, so it seemed natural that he also developed a passion for supporting veterans. Accordingly, the couple decided to donate their home to Homes for Troops, a nonprofit organization that builds and donates specially adapted homes nationwide for severely injured post 9/11 veterans to help them rebuild their lives.

Because Donald and Emily didn’t have children, they planned to allocate their estate towards causes that had significant meaning to them, as well as to local organizations in their community. In order to achieve their financial and charitable goals, the couple lived a modest and frugal lifestyle and partnered with an investment company to maximize their savings to ensure that there was money left over from each monthly paycheck to contribute to their estate.

“It was Donald’s and Emily’s wish to extend their legacy by supporting their beloved community through philanthropy,” said Estate Attorney Richard Ham, esq., who helped the Sheets with their estate planning, and added that the Sheets also made a substantial gift to the Hospice of the Chesapeake. “I can’t think of a more deserving couple to receive this gift posthumously. I am overwhelmed by their unselfishness.”

During their lives, the Sheets taught their students many lessons, and now their legacy continues to communicate an important lesson as well as one of their greatest passions—giving back to the community.

Legacy Award for Planned Giving — *This award recognizes a family or individual philanthropist who has made a significant contribution to one or more local nonprofits using a planned gift. A planned gift is any major gift, made in a lifetime or at death as part of a donor’s overall financial and/or estate planning. These include gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property, or cash.*

Professional Advisors Recognition Society

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County is delighted to announce the launch of its new Professional Advisors Recognition Society at this year's Celebration of Philanthropy, naming six inductees to its inaugural class. CFAAC created the Professional Advisor Recognition Society to acknowledge professional advisors for their commitment to the community and their work to support philanthropy and encourage charitable giving across Anne Arundel County.

"We are proud to honor these professional advisors for their work to encourage philanthropy in our community," said Mary Spencer, CFAAC President and CEO. "These professionals play an active role in helping donors to achieve their charitable giving goals through the community foundation."

The 2022 Inductees include:



Frank Campbell

Sims & Campbell

Frank is well-known for his charitable heart and willingness to help with anything that will advance our county, often bringing his family to help with community volunteer activities. One of Frank's greatest strengths is ensuring that important connections are made to improve people's lives. Frank focuses in the areas of Estate Planning and Administration and has served as a lecturer to the Maryland State Bar Association

and the Anne Arundel County Bar Association. Frank began his legal career as a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps. He serves on the board of the Anne Arundel Community College Foundation, serves as the Chairman of the Anne Arundel Medical Center Charitable Gift Planning Advisory Committee, and is a former Chair of the Estates and Trusts Committee of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association. **Learn more about Frank at cfaac.org/Frank-Campbell.**



Christine W. Hubbard

Law Offices of Christine W. Hubbard, LLC

Whenever there is a need for help, Christine is there. She cares deeply about her community, stepping up to volunteer, lend a hand, or offer advice. She has been an integral part of the Community Foundation's efforts to encourage philanthropy in Anne Arundel County. In addition to being a practicing attorney for more

than 30 years and founder of the Law Offices of Christine W. Hubbard, LLC, Christine also chairs the Maryland State Bar Association Estate and Trust Law Section Council. She is Past Chair of the Estates and Trusts Section of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association, and co-founder and an emeritus executive committee member of the Anne Arundel Estate Planning Council (AAEPC), where she is still an active member. Christine also serves as a professional advisor to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, Inc. and the Annapolis Area Christian School. **Learn more about Christine at cfaac.org/Christine-W-Hubbard.**

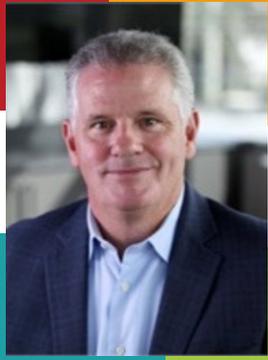


Michael E. Lehr

Sims & Campbell

Mike is always there to lend a hand to those considering charitable giving—offering advice and exploring options for the betterment of all. He serves as a great resource to the community and CFAAC is deeply grateful for his service. Mike joined Sims & Campbell in 2013 and is focused on Estate Planning and Administration. He taught at Anne Arundel Community College, served as a local and national lecturer, and has given

seminars and workshops for local financial advisors. He is the immediate past chair of the AAEPC Executive Committee and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Annapolis Opera, Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County, and previously served on the Advisory Board for the local YMCA, the Pastoral Council for St. Andrew by the Bay, and the board for the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland. **Learn more about Mike at cfaac.org/Michael-E-Lehr.**



Chadwick (Chad) Watson

Charter Financial Group

From his earliest professional experience, Chad's life has been about service to others. His commitment, consistency, and love of community are all part of his passion to help others and encourage good works through charitable giving.

Chad is a partner of Charter Financial Group with nearly 30 years of experience in the financial planning industry. Chad serves on the board of the Clapham Institute and the board of Red, White and Cure, a nonprofit focused on defeating childhood diseases. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, the Navy Supply Corps School, and served honorably until he left the service as a disabled veteran in 1991. Chad is a trustee with the United States Naval Academy Foundation and a member of the United States Naval Academy Presidents Circle and Robert Means Thompson Society. **Learn more about Chad at cfaac.org/Chadwick-Watson.**



Karen M. Whaley

Karen M. Whaley, CPA

Karen is well-known for her devotion to community, family, and causes that improve lives. She has been a backbone at the Community Foundation for many years, with her passion to ensure that everyone, regardless of wealth status, has a place to make a difference. She is generous with her expertise and always willing to offer advice. As a Certified Public Accountant and a

Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Karen concentrates on estates and trusts. She has worked with local estate experts and presented lectures and workshops in tandem with attorneys, the Register of Wills, and the Anne Arundel Estate Planning Council. She is currently a member of the Maryland Association of CPAs, Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County Board Treasurer, Christ Child Society of Annapolis Treasurer, and is the co-founder and an emeritus executive committee member of AAEP. **Learn more about Karen at cfaac.org/Karen-M-Whaley.**



Richard T. Wright

The Wright Firm

With more than 40 years in estate and business planning, Rich is highly regarded in his field and in the community for his commitment to charitable causes. He is an extraordinary partner in charitable endeavors, offering expertise and advice and working countless hours to ensure that our county will thrive. Rich is a Fellow of the

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is a Past Chair of the Section Council of the Maryland Bar Association Section on Estate and Trust Law and the Anne Arundel County Bar Association Estate and Trust Law Section. He is a member of the State Bar Association's Section on Elder Law and Disability Rights, an Annapolis Rotary Club member, an advisor to the Annapolis Rotary Club Foundation and Wellness House, and co-founder and an emeritus executive committee member of AAEP. **Learn more about Rich at cfaac.org/Richard-T-Wright.**



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Live! Casino Hotel Maryland®

*Nominated by Anne Arundel
County Food Bank & Anne Arundel
Community College Foundation*

Strobing lights, ringing bells and chimes, blaring music, clattering coins, and buzzing crowds are all part of Live! Casino Hotel Maryland®. However, behind this noisy playground, there is a quiet, yet impactful, philanthropic movement going on—an undertaking to make Anne Arundel County one of the greatest places to live and work for all.

From its executive team to its family of employees, Live! Casino Hotel Maryland (Live!) is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of people throughout Anne Arundel County, both through financial support and volunteer efforts that help address the critical needs of our community. Live! has made significant contributions to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank (AACFB) for the past 10 years, including contributing more than \$15,000 in sponsorship dollars and prepared food to AACFB's signature fundraising event, Feeding Hope, donating trucks full of turkeys at Thanksgiving, providing meeting space, and participating in volunteer efforts.

However, AACFB is not the only beneficiary of Live!'s commitment to the community. The organization has partnered with many nonprofit organizations throughout the years such as Anne Arundel Community College (AACC). Over the last decade, Live! has contributed nearly \$900,000 in private scholarships to the college. And recently, in celebration of its 10-year anniversary, Live! pledged a \$1 million gift to AACC's Hospitality Scholarship Program.

“Live! Casino & Hotel of Maryland has been an exceptional partner to Anne Arundel Community College,” said AACC President Dawn Lindsay. “And their generosity extends beyond their charitable contributions for this robust scholarship program. Over the last decade, Live! has hosted college events, commencement ceremonies, and provided equipment and resources to our students so they could continue their studies during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Additionally, Live! makes a significant financial investment annually in our community. In 2021 alone, their donations totaled more than \$295,000 in Anne Arundel County. The Live! team works diligently to make regular contributions to diverse groups of charitable organizations and programs such as Maryland Washington Minority Companies Association, The Y of Central Maryland, Sarah’s House, and Anne Arundel CASA to name just a few. Live!’s annual sponsorship as Leadership Anne Arundel’s top leadership partner, includes a mix of financial and in-kind support.

Live!’s community support goes beyond their financial contributions. Living their promise to improve the quality of life in the communities where they live and do business, they also encourage employee volunteerism. Live! leadership has 11 people working on nonprofit boards in Anne Arundel County. Hundreds of volunteer hours are clocked every year by Live! employees in support of the community. Live! also hosts Leadership Anne Arundel’s annual Tribute to Community and Graduation event as well as the Flagship’s class Economic Development Day.

“Live encourages and motivates its employees to engage with local nonprofits in all ways—financial support, board and committee leadership, hosting and in-kind support, volunteer support, and more. Live! has a ‘go big or go home’ spirit in their dedication to the Anne Arundel nonprofit community,” said Kris Valerio Shock, President & CEO of Leadership Anne Arundel.

“Whenever there is a need, Live! is first in line to offer their support,” added the nominators.

Corporate Philanthropist of the Year Award — This award is presented to a local business/corporation (corporate foundations are eligible for this award) that has a proven record of exceptional generosity and demonstrates outstanding civic and philanthropic responsibility through direct financial support to nonprofits located in Anne Arundel County. The local business/corporation encourages and motivates its employees to take leadership roles toward philanthropy and community involvement with local nonprofits.

Carol Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award

Leo Zerhusen

*Nominated by
HOPE for All*



Compassion. It's a word that describes Leo Zerhusen's life and what led to his founding of HOPE For All 18 years ago. By harnessing the power of a network of volunteers, governmental and nonprofit partners, churches, and local businesses to provide for the basic needs of people in Anne Arundel County, Leo has changed thousands of lives. Through his organization, he has provided people with essential furniture and household goods, and delivered clothing, shoes, and winter coats to school children and people in crisis, creating an indispensable resource for people in need.

The familiar routes the homeless have to travel include living in their cars, with family, and in motels, before they get a home of their own. When they finally do have their own place, many have nothing but the clothes on their back. With HOPE's signature Turning Houses Into Homes program, Leo changed all of that by encouraging people to donate their gently used goods, connecting people who had more than they needed to provide for those who had little. To date, 70 local partners rely upon HOPE For All to serve the people they work with.

Starting HOPE was not without its challenges. Leo worked as a teacher in the early years, and his students, families, and church members enthusiastically donated goods, however, his basement quickly filled up. He was able to obtain free storage space at EJ Enterprises until that business closed. Then, Leo figured out a way to rent space by using funds from auctions, yard sales, individual donations, and later corporate

giving. Leo served as HOPE's Executive Director from its inception in his basement in 2004 until 2019 and never took a salary from the nonprofit.

To locate people who needed assistance, Leo set up a network of area agencies, multiple county agencies, churches, and nonprofits such as Arundel House of Hope and Light House Shelter, to help. Leo also inspired local businesses to make financial donations. Grantors, including CFAAC's Anne Arundel Women Giving Together, also offered generous support.

Every year Anne Arundel County Public School system (AACPS) children account for more than half of the nonprofit's clients.

"HOPE for All works with our schools countywide," said Carol Anne McCurdy, AACPS Director of Partnerships, Development, and Marketing. "I don't believe the word 'no' is in Mr. Zerhusen's vocabulary because he always seems to find time to get children and families what they need."

Leo's idea of HOPE For All—to improve the quality of people's daily lives through donations from the community—has also inspired area youth to get involved. From Eagle Scouts building shelves and tables to the many students collecting donations and volunteering, Leo has been a model for the next generation to carry on his selfless service to others.

"Through his persistent advocacy for the most vulnerable in our area, Leo has built a coalition of caring throughout the community," said nominators Connie Cooper and Linda Swenson.

Arundel House Executive Director Mario Berninzoni agreed: "Anne Arundel County is a better community because of Leo."

HOPE for All has been Leo's life's work, improving the lives of thousands of county residents while also creating a network of caring for future generations. Many people, who had nothing, now have hope and a future because of Leo's work, dedication, and compassion.



Carol Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award — This award is named in honor of the late Carol Thompson, the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's Founder and its first Executive Director. It is presented to an individual who has made lasting, significant, and impactful contributions to Anne Arundel County by advancing philanthropy through long-standing leadership, creativity in responding to societal problems, and bringing leaders, philanthropists, volunteers, organizations, and businesses together.



Volunteer of the Year

*Tatiana
Klein*

*Nominated by
Marshall Hope Corporation*

There are volunteers. And then there is Tatiana Klein. Described as deeply-caring, tireless, passionate, dedicated, hard-working, a leader, and the “ultimate advocate,” Tatiana’s volunteer efforts extend throughout the Greater Annapolis community. Her commitment to improve the quality of life for Hispanic and other youth is unparalleled and well known in both public and private sectors. Her leadership at Centro de Ayuda (Center of Help), a nonprofit resource center that assists immigrants, extends back to 2014, with positions of Interim Executive Director, Board President and Vice President.

Throughout the years, Tatiana’s impact has ranged from supporting and mentoring young Latino musicians as they audition for the Annapolis Symphony Academy, to participating in Leadership Anne Arundel, coordinating the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, collaborating with Banneker-Douglass Museum, Historic Annapolis Museum, Chesapeake Children’s Museum, AAA Bike, PowerKids, Let’s Go Boys & Girls, the Tennis Alliance of Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, and serving on the Anne Arundel County Police Accountability Board. She’s actively involved in numerous Anne Arundel County committees, including the Anne Arundel County Joint Commission on the Opportunity Gap. She’s held leadership positions with the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County’s Anne Arundel Women Giving Together, championed scholarships for four Hispanic youth to attend area private schools, and has actively expanded the age

and depth of Hispanic youth participation in Maryland Hall’s Jovenes Artistas and the Creating Communities Arts program. Tatiana is also co-founder of Guitars for Change, founder of Centro de Ayuda’s Maria de la Paz program, coordinator of afterschool programs, and creator of the Hispanic Children’s choir of Annapolis. Last February, Tatiana joined Marshall Hope Corporation and founded and currently directs the Marshall Learning Center, which offers programming for youth ages 4 to 19 during the school year. For the past five years, Tatiana has offered a no-cost, full day summer camp for 40 children in July.

And she’s performed all of these volunteer activities while working a full-time teaching job at Key School in the Spanish Language department. You could say that any free time Tatiana has is given to her volunteer passion: improving the quality of lives for the Hispanic children in Anne Arundel County.

“Tatiana Klein is a masterful connector of two worlds: that of the privileged, well-resourced individuals versus the underserved, under-resourced Hispanic community,” said Amy Adelle Marshall of Marshall Hope. “Tatiana is a visibly hard-working, long-serving trusted leader in both communities. Her unique ability to leverage resources and connections allows her to expand opportunities for many.”

Fabio Fuentes was one of the students who took advantage of those opportunities, and in 2021, Fabio graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, with a B.S. in Biology. He credits Tatiana with helping him get that far. “I was in Ms. Tatiana Klein’s YEAH program for two years. It was a great program designed to help children with underprivileged backgrounds come together in a safe setting and develop academic and interpersonal skills. Her program helped build a strong foundation for my excitement in academic settings,” he said.

Throughout the years, Tatiana’s hard work and dedication has touched many lives. She has gone above and beyond to meet community needs through her leadership and service, advocating for those in the Anne Arundel community who need her help the most.

Volunteer of the Year Award — *This award is presented to an individual or team of volunteers (formal or informal) with a proven record of volunteerism who, through the donations of time and talent, has played a key role in helping local nonprofit organizations provide services to the community. They often make the difference in an organization being able to expand its services to a wider audience or move its programs to a higher level of service to the community.*



Philanthropist of the Year

*Carol B.
Sisco*

*Nominated by
Annapolis Maritime
Museum & Park*

Carol B. Sisco, Ph.D., looks to her past to provide a better future for others. Carol's parents taught her that "those blessed with opportunities are responsible for creating opportunities for others" and she has followed in their footsteps by making philanthropy a cornerstone of her life.

To honor her parents and sister, she established the Sisco Family Fund more than 15 years ago, through which she has generously contributed to a wide variety of organizations. She also serves and has served on national and local boards including the National Association for Children of Alcoholics, National Association of Children of Alcoholics and Reach Out Recovery, Reading is Fundamental (RIF), and is currently Board Chair of the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park (AMM). Carol is also a member of the International Women's Forum.

While serving on the Board of RIF, Carol developed the Read for Jane program in memory of her sister. This program supplied thousands of new books to underserved children at Annapolis schools. Carol's passion for education coupled with her love of ecology and maritime history, led her to the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park where she began volunteering in 2005. There, she headed an education advisory committee tasked with assessing AMM's education program and guiding it to the next level. Backed by Carol's vision and drive, the committee helped AMM evolve its education program into an award-winning platform, now serving upwards of 12,000 youth per year. Carol also is involved in AAM's Box of

Rain program, which connects low-income youth to the Chesapeake Bay through fun, educational, hands-on activities. Through these activities, Carol has made a significant impact on a largely underserved youth population in Anne Arundel County.

In 2018, as AAM's Chairman of the Board, she led the board of directors and staff through a rigorous strategic planning process, out of which arose a two-phase, \$5 million capital campaign that would transform the Museum and Park Campuses. She became the Capital Campaign Chair and matched \$1 million to the campaign. And when the AMM campus flooded due to an anomalous storm, she and a team of helpers showed up with mops in hand to secure the museum's valuable assets. Once flooding subsided, Carol provided immediate funding to help it reopen.

"Dr. Sisco is a powerful force for good in Anne Arundel County, providing countless opportunities for people in our community to thrive," said nominators Alice Estrada and Kelly Swartout of Annapolis Maritime Museum.

"Providing opportunities" is Carol's guiding principle for giving, said the nominators. Carol is a lifetime Leadership Anne Arundel member and has sponsored their annual kickoff event. She donates monthly to the Anne Arundel County and Maryland Food Banks and works as a mentor with The Complete Player Charity. As a national-recognized clinician, consultant, educator, and researcher in the field of addictions, Carol also supports the Chrysalis House in Anne Arundel County to help ensure that women and their children are given a chance to rebound from substance abuse.

"While philanthropy might be measured by investment of time and treasures, and Carol is exceptionally generous with both, it is her passion for the organizations she supports that make her an exemplary philanthropic leader," said Leadership Anne Arundel President & CEO Kris Valerio Shock.

Philanthropist of the Year Award— This award is presented to an individual or family (family foundations are eligible for this award) with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, has demonstrated outstanding civic and philanthropic responsibility, exemplary leadership in advancing philanthropy, and whose generosity encourages others to become philanthropic leaders, particularly in Anne Arundel County.



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