

# Understanding Community Foundations

## Ten Reasons to Give Through CFAAC

1. Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
2. We provide highly personalized service tailored to individual philanthropic and financial interests.
3. Our professional staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
4. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to philanthropic giving.
5. We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.
6. We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.
7. We are a local nonprofit with deep roots in the community.
8. We multiply the impact of gifts by pooling them with other contributions and grants.
9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever.
10. We are a catalyst for new ideas and community problem solving.

## What is the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County?

The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's (CFAAC) role is to inspire and grow philanthropy, help to identify critical needs in our county, partner with donors to help them meet their philanthropic and financial goals, and promote collaboration to help strengthen local nonprofits.

We envision a vibrant and generous community that comes together to enhance the quality of life for all. We know that each ONE of us makes a difference. That is why we are focused on growing philanthropy one person, one family, one business at a time. The more of us who give, the more good we can do for our community, together.

***Our mission is to inspire and promote giving in Anne Arundel County by connecting people who care with causes that matter.***

Established in 1998, CFAAC is one of the largest funders of nonprofit organizations in Anne Arundel County. CFAAC distributes \$6 to \$9 million annually to a variety of nonprofit organizations.

## What benefits does CFAAC offer its donors?

### Personalized Service:

- Help donors develop their philanthropic giving strategy.
- Administer and process grants and provide custom reports summarizing all grantmaking activity.
- Offer flexible and carefully managed investment options.
- Donors have the opportunity to name their fund.

### Local Expertise:

- Provide insights about the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape our community.
- Monitor all areas of community need— including arts, economic development, education, the environment, healthcare, and human services.
- Help you learn more about local organizations and programs that make a difference in areas you care about most.

### Community Leadership:

- Help increase knowledge and awareness about the issues in our county that impact the economy and quality of life for all.
- Committed to making transformational and long-term impact in our community.

## How can you get involved?

### Create Your Own Fund

With a single gift to CFAAC you can establish a Donor Advised Fund that allows you to give to the causes you care about most. Every gift qualifies for an immediate tax deduction, allowing you to make contributions and grants at your convenience.

### Join a Giving Circle

Members pool their money to make grants that support local nonprofits and engage and educate donors around the issues impacting our community.

- **Anne Arundel Women Giving Together:** A giving circle dedicated to improving the lives of women and families in Anne Arundel County.
- **Collective Giving of Anne Arundel County:** A giving circle created to bring neighbors together to pool charitable contributions and make collective decisions about where grants can have the greatest impact.

### Support a Grant Program

- **Fund for Anne Arundel:** Supports strategic grantmaking today while building a permanently endowed fund to invest long term in nonprofits addressing Anne Arundel County's most critical needs.
- **Community Crisis Response Fund:** Provides flexible funding to Anne Arundel County nonprofits responding to urgent needs following violent incidents, natural disasters, or other community crises.
- **Environment Anne Arundel:** Supports nonprofits working to protect and improve the local environment, including the Chesapeake Bay.
- **Family Protection Fund:** Supports nonprofits and partners strengthening immigration-related legal services and crisis support for vulnerable individuals and families.
- **Food Insecurity Fund:** Supports access to nutritious food and long-term solutions that address the root causes of food insecurity in Anne Arundel County.
- **Grants 4 Teachers:** Provides grants to Anne Arundel County Public School teachers to fund creative projects that inspire and enhance student learning.
- **Help Our Neighbors:** Supports local agencies providing urgent assistance for basic needs such as housing, utilities, transportation, healthcare, and essential expenses.
- **Performing & Visual Arts Fund:** Supports organizations enriching the community through the arts, with a focus on accessibility, inclusion, and cultural preservation.
- **South County Fund:** Supports the distinct needs and priorities of communities in South Anne Arundel County.
- **Strengthening Nonprofits:** Supports CFAAC educational programs that strengthen nonprofit leadership, governance, fundraising, and organizational capacity.
- **Women and Girls Fund:** Supports local nonprofits working to empower women and girls in Anne Arundel County.

### Attend or Sponsor an Event

- The Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's Educational Series
- Celebration of Philanthropy Awards Luncheon
- Anne Arundel Estate Planning Council

### Include CFAAC in Your Will and Estate Plan

Partnering with the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County will ensure your philanthropic legacy is preserved for future generations.

### Help Ensure the Sustainability of CFAAC

Our efforts in the community go beyond providing high quality philanthropic services to our donors. CFAAC is a convener of service providers, a thought partner, an advocate for local nonprofits, and a catalyst for new ideas and community problem solving.

To learn more, please call us at **410.280.1102** or visit our website [www.cfaac.org](http://www.cfaac.org).