Every day, in every neighborhood in our region, hundreds of nonprofit organizations feed the hungry, house the homeless, heal the sick, and inspire us through the arts. Their leaders, staffs, and volunteers work under the radar, championing our common good. Strapped for resources, time, and energy, they remain passionately committed to serving in a landscape that brings new challenges each day.

In Greater Washington, a region marked by a vast divide between those with wealth and those struggling to survive, five extraordinary leaders and their staffs prepare themselves for another day. They open their doors, acutely aware of the enormous need that lies just outside their walls. Without their services, many of our neighbors would struggle alone for shelter, food, child care, jobs. And so they serve.

We honor these courageous leaders and the organizations they guide.

They are our...
Lifelines
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Carol Guzy

Pennsylvania native Carol Guzy has been a staff photographer at The Washington Post since 1988. Prior to that she was staff photographer for The Miami Herald. A change of heart in career choices made her switch from nursing to photography. Her assignments include both domestic and international stories and documentary reportage. She has been honored twice with the Pulitzer Prize for Spot News Photography for her coverage of the military intervention in Haiti and the devastating mudslide in Armero, Columbia. She received a rare third Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography for her work in Kosovo. She has been named Photographer of the Year for the National Press Photographers Association and has earned other prestigious awards in photojournalism. Carol lives in Arlington, Virginia.
What kind of person does it take to:

Provide sanctuary and the highest caliber preschool education to 180 homeless children?

Shepherd, under intense media glare and the heat of conflicting viewpoints, a broad-based community coalition to establish a work center for day laborers?

Overcome the challenges of bad plumbing, faulty wiring, and leaky roofs to make quality housing affordable for 850 low-income residents?

Grow a small arts enrichment program serving 50 children in cramped basement quarters into a vibrant community institution offering classes to more than 400 students?

Provide legal assistance to nearly 800 people each year from more than 10 countries?

To do any of these things, it takes a person with passion and vision. It takes a person with extraordinary drive and commitment.

In this report, we introduce you to five extraordinary nonprofit leaders who have what it takes to effectively address our region’s most pressing needs.

Betty Jo Gaines, Kerrie Wilson, Jim Knight, Rhonda Buckley, and Jayne Park were the inaugural recipients of the Meyer Foundation Exponent Award, the centerpiece of a three-year, $2.2 million Meyer initiative to celebrate and support our region’s nonprofit leaders.

Their stories remind us that effective nonprofit organizations, captained by visionary leaders, can change lives and transform communities. In the coming year, we’ll work in partnership with other organizations to better understand the factors that attract leaders like these to the nonprofit sector.

The Meyer Foundation understands that excellent nonprofit work doesn’t happen by accident: it needs to be carefully nurtured. Day after day, week after week, for more than 60 years, we’ve fostered the growth of strong, well-managed nonprofit organizations that are making a real difference in our region.

We invite you to join us in supporting their work.

Julie L. Rogers  
President, Meyer Foundation

Edward H. Bersoff, PhD  
Chairman of the Board, Meyer Foundation
Creating
a safe haven

BETTY JO GAINES | Bright Beginnings
“When you help these children, then parents can go to work, pay taxes.”
Bright Beginnings

The face of homelessness is no longer that of an old man on a street corner; it’s the innocent face of a child. To Betty Jo Gaines, executive director of Bright Beginnings, that child deserves every chance for success — from the highest quality education to prepare for school to the consistency of familiar faces and a regular routine.

That’s the promise Bright Beginnings makes to each child and family member it serves: a nurturing and stimulating environment that provides sanctuary and stability in otherwise unsettled lives. Gaines and her staff know these children have special needs, and want to give them “as much care and early learning as they can absorb.”

Bright Beginnings provides child care for 180 homeless children ranging in age from six weeks to four years. The need for services like those provided by Bright Beginnings is great in Washington, where it’s estimated there are more than 700 homeless children under age five. To help these families move toward self-sufficiency parents also must be supported. An on-site social services team makes referrals to food banks, job training programs, and mental health services; parenting classes keep parent-child connections strong while other areas of life are in flux.

The work can be exhausting, emotional, unending. But in each of those little faces, Gaines sees hope. “People don’t want to be homeless,” Gaines says. “Life circumstances have prevented them from providing for themselves. Many of us are only a paycheck away from a similar situation.”

To support Bright Beginnings, visit www.brightbeginningsinc.org.
“No matter what’s in your calendar, it never works. From the time you walk into the building,
There is a smiling child in the picture taped to Betty Jo Gaines’ computer. It’s not her grandchild, but she is a family member of sorts. Her name is Diamond. Her mother LaDonya came to Bright Beginnings as a single mom struggling to balance her life: going to school, raising children, and keeping financially afloat.

Shuffling between friends, family, and transitional housing left LaDonya drained but doggedly determined to provide a better life for her children. When Bright Beginnings had an opening for her first child, she remembers crying with joy and relief.

Over time, Betty Jo Gaines and her staff provided a second home for LaDonya and her family. Her children thrived. They made friends and gained social skills; LaDonya marveled at their expanding vocabularies. With child care no longer an issue, LaDonya applied for a teacher’s aide position at Bright Beginnings. She became a role model to other parents, just as the children’s teachers had been such an inspiration to her.

“When you see other people who’ve been in your shoes and who are successful, you realize that you’re not going to be in this situation forever,” she says.

Today LaDonya is a teacher at a day care center and is saving up for her own home. Little Diamond, the child in the photo, is now a big girl of four preparing for kindergarten in the fall. She’s ready for that important step thanks to the love, nurturing, and sense of stability her family received from Betty Jo Gaines and her staff at Bright Beginnings.

“It’s a good feeling to know your kids are safe when you have to leave them every day. I know how it feels for these mothers. I’ve been there.”

LaDonya, Diamond’s mother
Shoring up
those who need a hand
Reston Interfaith

The founder of Reston envisioned a planned community in Northern Virginia that would value diversity and respect the dignity of each individual.

As CEO for Reston Interfaith and a long time resident of neighboring Herndon, Kerrie Wilson passionately embraces these founding principles. She and her staff work to ensure that those who have fewer advantages are given the support they need. As Reston and other Northern Virginia communities have grown from small towns to larger cities, with shifting demographics, so has the need for the services provided by Reston Interfaith. The organization touches 13,000 lives annually and each of its clients uses as many as four or five of the services it offers on his or her journey toward self-sufficiency. These services include parenting education, year-round day care, transitional housing, and counseling. “The thing I loved immediately about our work at Reston Interfaith was being able to see our impact on a daily basis,” Wilson says.

Wilson is the problem-solver and Reston Interfaith the go-to organization when local leaders need help with many issues. This past winter, Reston Interfaith was called on to create the area’s first hypothermia center; a year ago, the organization helped open an official day laborer center after several years of debate and public hearings. While the issues are still being argued, Wilson’s convening of business, civic, and law enforcement officials with neighbors helped create a safer, more orderly day laborer center away from the prime commercial corridors. Wilson was inadvertently thrust into the media spotlight, but remains resolute in keeping Reston and its surrounding area a safe, affordable, and supportive place for all its citizens.

"We were the oldest service provider in this area...we were there providing a safety net. It was always

To support Reston Interfaith, visit www.restoninterfaith.org.
envisioned that the needy in this community would have a home right here.” - Kerrie Wilson

Reston Interfaith
When you’re new to any country, feeling a sense of safety and belonging is critical. Reston Interfaith has provided that sense of community for Juan (not his real name) and other newcomers. Juan is a skilled workman who came to the United States from El Salvador where he lived with his wife and children. Juan’s wife became seriously ill and he was unable to keep up with her extensive hospital and medical bills. In addition, Juan’s family suffered harassment from organized street gangs who robbed and threatened them. They were ultimately forced to sell most of their belongings. Desperate to provide for his family, Juan left El Salvador to seek employment in the United States.

Juan came to the area because his brother lives in Virginia. He heard about Reston Interfaith’s HOW Center, an official day laborer site that views day laborers as members of the community, with rights and civic responsibilities. Juan has come to appreciate the safety from the streets it provides. He also welcomes the sense of community that has developed with the other workers — many of whom are separated from those closest to them. “There is a lot of human contact and brotherhood,” Juan says. “Everyone on the staff cares for us a lot.”

Juan is working hard to improve his English at the HOW Center’s English language classes, which are taught by volunteers. He has even purchased his own portable translator so he can learn on his own.

When Juan talks about the family he’s left behind, his eyes fill with tears. He dreams of a better life for them and of one day reuniting with them in the United States. His departure was extremely difficult for all of them and there is a sense of uncertainty about the future. But Reston Interfaith and the HOW Center have given him hope, a safe place to seek employment, and a sense of community and caring — the principles for which Reston has always stood.
Providing
shelter and steps toward independence
“All people deserve access to housing... it should be a requirement for society. We’re a
Jubilee Housing

Affordable housing is disappearing in our region. Real estate prices are skyrocketing; rental units are becoming scarce. More than half our workforce cannot afford the average rental prices for homes and apartments.

Jim Knight feels passionately that all people deserve a home. His organization, Jubilee Housing, keeps rents affordable at a fraction of market rental rates for 850 low-income individuals and families in Adams Morgan, a vibrant and ethnically rich neighborhood. When Jim took over its leadership, Jubilee’s eight 75-year-old buildings had never been renovated. He launched an ambitious campaign to raise $50 million to gut and renovate the properties.

Jim’s commitment to his residents goes far beyond bricks and mortar. “We provide a safe harbor at Jubilee,” Knight says, “but there are other steps people need to gain independence.” So Jubilee residents serve on the board, attend classes on topics such as financial management, and participate in regularly scheduled social events that deepen ties and build a sense of belonging.

Meyer identified Jubilee’s visionary community work years ago. Grants supported an overhaul of Jubilee’s aging financial management system and provided the resources for Jubilee to assess its needs prior to the Campaign for the New Jubilee. Jubilee Housing is making sure affordable housing is here to stay in one DC neighborhood.

To support Jubilee Housing, visit www.jubileehousing.org.
Charletta and her young son J were living at a shelter with little support when Jubilee Housing gave her a fresh start. When an apartment became available for the two of them, Jubilee’s staff mobilized like family, helping her with everything from retrieving her belongings from storage to introducing her to her neighbors. She even found a job working at Jubilee.

Once settled in their apartment, J blossomed. An afterschool program at Jubilee provided help with his homework. The headaches and lack of appetite he experienced at the shelter disappeared; he excelled at school.

Today, J teaches overseas. Charletta works directly with Jubilee residents, helping them through their own life transitions. She’s enrolled in money management classes offered by Jubilee and is saving for her own home.

Jubilee has been a lifeline to many people like Charletta. They have learned that Jubilee is not just an organization that renovates housing units. Jubilee helps people rebuild their confidence and gives them the foundation for creating a brighter future.

“I don’t know what I’d do without Jubilee Housing. It’s a home away from home. It’s like a family. Now I want to give a little back to help others.”

Charletta
Developing
talents for a brighter future

RHONDA BUCKLEY | Sitar Arts Center
“The work is not always easy. But at 6 pm, when I walk around and look in every room, the place is alive with
**Sitar Arts Center**

Being born into a low-income family often means having fewer choices in life. So when Rhonda Buckley created the community-based Sitar Arts Center (formerly known as the Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts) in Adams Morgan, she wanted to offer neighborhood children a broad spectrum of creative opportunities in the visual and performing arts, regardless of a family’s ability to pay. Rhonda was committed to creating a refuge for young people to escape gangs, in a neighborhood considered one of the city’s juvenile crime hot spots.

“We’ve made a commitment to the children here. I feel passionately that every young person should have the opportunity to discover his or her gifts in music and the arts, just as I did,” says Buckley, a talented saxophonist who grew up with early exposure to the beauty of music. “Some kids are different, they’re not mainstream. I’ve seen them find their way through the arts and their lives are changed completely.”

Buckley has honored her promise to the community. The Sitar Arts Center fully subsidizes 80 percent of the tuition costs for students. Buckley’s volunteer teachers come from all walks of life — lawyers, students, and people who live down the street teach alongside artists from leading arts organizations, including the National Symphony Orchestra and the Washington Ballet. In addition to valuable arts skills, young people learn important life skills such as accountability, communication, and commitment to craft.

The Meyer Foundation recognized Buckley’s visionary leadership from the time the Sitar Arts Center made its home in a row house basement until its move in 2005 to its current home: a beautiful 10,500-square-foot facility where offerings were increased to include technology classes in Web design and audio recording, and Spanish and English classes for parents.

*To support the Sitar Arts Center, visit www.sitarartscenter.org*
“The Sitar Center gave me a huge jumpstart into what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. It has been a huge step into my career and my dreams are coming true.”

Angel
Something happens to children at the Sitar Arts Center: they start to tap into skills and believe in themselves in ways they never had before. It became apparent to teachers at the Sitar Arts Center early on that 12-year-old Angel had a special gift. He expressed himself and his emotions through every painting as though he were cleansing himself of a difficult family past through his art. Angel and his family had lived through eviction, family illness, and separation. The scars were deep, but over time the arts provided a tonic that eased their anger and pain.

His mother brought him and Angel’s two brothers to the Sitar Arts Center almost daily. Each brother, as different in temperament and interest as he could be, found his individual passion. Julio won a national poetry award for his creative writing and little Diego discovered the cello. Even the boys’ mother began to study guitar and sing in the community choir.

Angel is now a prolific painter and has sold several of his paintings. He’s referred to affectionately by staff as the Sitar Arts Center student artist-in-residence and has been accepted into a prestigious high school for the arts.

A new world opened up to three brothers when Rhonda Buckley and her staff took the time to nurture this family’s creative talents. They’ve been able to move beyond the darkness of the past to see the possibilities of a brighter future.
legal issues
and red tape

JAYNE PARK
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center
There are low-income Asian Americans with legal problems and language barriers that impair their
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

Imagine you are new to a country and have suffered a traumatic experience — an abusive marriage, the loss of a job, or the threat of eviction. You have nowhere to turn for help because you lack financial resources, feel ashamed of your situation, and don’t speak English in a city where everyone else does.

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) exists to help people who face situations like these. The organization provides free basic legal assistance and translation services to low-income Asian Americans with little English proficiency. APALRC helps clients navigate “the system” — the rules, regulations, and documentation of local government.

“When I first got here, Asians were not even on the radar screen as needing legal services or qualified interpreters,” says Jayne Park, executive director. “People often don’t realize there are Asian Americans in our community struggling to make ends meet. We want to make sure they are at the table when policy decisions are made, that they are seen and heard.”

Meyer identified Park’s leadership skills and astute coalition-building savvy early on. With Meyer’s help, the organization recently expanded its services to the Maryland suburbs of Montgomery County.

To support the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, visit www.apalrc.org.
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Freelance interpreter Mi Seon moved to Washington, DC a year ago. New to the area, she decided to become a volunteer interpreter at APALRC as a way of establishing contacts and finding out about local organizations. She took a training course with APALRC to provide legal interpreting and has become a volunteer interpreter. The stories she listens to are difficult ones to hear — full of emotion and personal struggle. Some of her clients suffered from domestic abuse; some were victims of human trafficking.

Mi Seon is a critical link in the chain, helping APALRC reach into the community to build trust and amplify people’s stories so they are finally heard. “People want to express themselves but can’t do it well because of language barriers,” she says. “They feel so much shame and hide it inside. I can be their bridge.”

Today she is the bridge for Mrs. Lee (not her real name), a former APALRC client from Korea who tearfully shared her story. One of APALRC’s attorneys helped her reclaim her life from a difficult past. She now has her green card and work permit and is continuing the nursing studies she left in Korea. “Before I came here I felt just helpless,” Mrs. Lee recalls. “After I met the people at APALRC, they gave me hope for a new life to start. I can never forget their help and kindness. I never knew there were people doing this great work. I feel peaceful now.”

Mi Seon can’t place a value on the reward she feels for serving as a voice for people who have been forced to be silent about the suffering. “I can read their relief. At the beginning there is hesitancy, but then they open up and tell the stories they’ve kept inside for so long.”
“People want to express themselves but can’t do it well because of language barriers. I can be their bridge.”

Mi Seon
Our Mission

The Meyer Foundation works to develop Greater Washington as a community by supporting capable, community-based nonprofit organizations that foster the well-being of all people in the region. We are especially concerned about low-income people and creating healthy neighborhoods. We value and seek to promote the region’s diversity.

We accomplish our work by:
Identifying visionary and talented nonprofit leaders. making early and strategic investments in nonprofit organizations. strengthening the organizational capacity of nonprofits in the region. promoting a strong and influential nonprofit sector. building partnerships to foster the sector’s work. serving as a resource to other donors who want to make effective charitable investments in the region.

“A common thread through the Foundation’s history is our investment in people with vision and talent: individuals and organizations responding in heartfelt and effective ways to pressing community needs.”

Julie L. Rogers, President
The Meyer Foundation is proud to present the following outstanding organizations awarded grants in 2006.

Arts, Heritage, & Culture

African Continuum Theatre Coalition
www.africancontinuumtheatre.com
African Continuum Theatre Coalition presents new and traditional work that reflects the African and African American experience and illuminates the human condition.
General Operating Support $20,000

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Bowen McCauley Dance
www.bmdc.org
Bowen McCauley Dance showcases the choreography of Lucy Bowen McCauley and other talented choreographers.
General Operating Support $15,000

Capital Fringe
www.capfringe.org
Capital Fringe works to advance the arts in Washington, DC by assisting artists with special projects and helping them expand their artistic repertoire.
General Operating Support $20,000

CityDance Ensemble
www.citydance.net
CityDance Ensemble presents original and classic DC choreography and outreach programs to diverse audiences and youth.
General Operating Support $20,000

Class Acts Arts
www.classactsarts.org
Class Acts Arts supports art in the Washington metropolitan region by connecting local audiences with nationally renowned literary, visual, and performing artists; providing career support for local artists; and sponsoring a culturally and artistically diverse local performing arts series.
General Operating Support $15,000

Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington
www.cultural-alliance.org
Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington works to increase appreciation, support, and resources for the arts and foster partnerships among the arts, business, government, media, and the public.
General Operating Support $20,000

Cultural Development Corporation of the District of Columbia
www.culturaldc.org
Cultural Development Corporation engages artists and cultural organizations in community development and revitalization efforts throughout the District of Columbia.
General Operating Support $10,000

Cultural Tourism DC
www.culturaltoursmdc.org
Cultural Tourism DC is a grassroots consortium of more than 120 cultural, neighborhood, and economic development organizations in Washington, DC that works to strengthen the image and economy of the District of Columbia.
General Operating Support $30,000

Dance Exchange
www.danceexchange.org
Dance Exchange is a multigenerational and multi-disciplinary company that performs, teaches, and engages people directly in the creative process of dance.
General Operating Support $25,000

Dance USA
www.danceusa.org
Dance USA works to unite, strengthen, and advance the art of dance by addressing the needs and interests of the professional dance community.
Program Support $100,000

DC Wheel Productions
www.danceplace.org
DC Wheel supports Dance Place, a community resource that nurtures artists, presents dance, and trains children and adults.
General Operating Support $15,000

GALA Hispanic Theatre
www.galatheatre.org
GALA Hispanic Theatre promotes Latino performing arts and culture through the presentation of bilingual theater, poetry, music, and dance.
Program Support $30,000
Management Assistance Program $15,000

Grantmakers in the Arts
www.giarts.org
Grantmakers in the Arts strengthens arts grantmaking by improving communication and promoting meaningful support of arts and culture.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $2,500

Hisrichorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution
hirshhorn.si.edu
 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden enhances public understanding and appreciation of contemporary art in the Washington, DC region through local educational and community programs.
Program Support $25,000

Historical Society of Washington, DC
www.citymuseumdc.org
Historical Society of Washington, DC preserves and presents Washington, DC history to residents and tourists through exhibitions, programs, publications, and a research library.
Salary Support $40,000
Management Assistance Program $25,000

Joy of Motion Dance Center
www.joyofmotion.org
Joy of Motion provides dance training and performance opportunities that reinforce the principle that dance is for everyone.
General Operating Support $25,000

Mason/Rhynes Productions
www.mason-rhynes.org
Mason/Rhynes Productions provides performing arts workshops, residencies, and performances that are designed to challenge, enlighten, and entertain diverse audiences.
General Operating Support $10,000

Moving Forward: Contemporary Asian American Dance Company
www.dtsbco.com
Moving Forward: Contemporary Asian American Dance Company provides dance performances and education within the context of exploring and expressing Asian American consciousness.
Salary Support $20,000

National Children’s Museum
www.ncmuseum.org
Formerly the Capital Children’s Museum, the planned National Children’s Museum will engage, inform, and delight audiences with educational experiences that help advance youth as individuals, family and community members, and citizens of the United States and the world.
Capital Campaign $250,000

National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution
americanhistory.si.edu
National Museum of American History is working to preserve and provide increased access to the photographic archives of the historic Scurlock Photographic Studio, which documented Washington, DC’s African American community from 1904 to 1994.
Program Support $25,000

National Music Center and Museum Foundation
www.nationalmusiccenter.org
National Music Center and Museum Foundation strives to showcase and celebrate America’s rich musical heritage through education, enlightenment, and entertainment.
General Operating Support $25,000

Pyramid Atlantic
www.pyramidatlanticartcenter.org
Pyramid Atlantic promotes and nurtures artistic excellence for artists, youth, and the community through programs in print-making, hand paper making, digital media, and the art of the book.
Program Support $30,000
Management Assistance Program $15,000

Round House Theatre
www.roundhousetheatre.org
Round House Theatre explores the human condition through an eclectic body of plays and comprehensive educational offerings.
General Operating Support $30,000

Serenity Players
www.serenityplayers.org
Serenity Players is a community-based theater that works to bridge social gaps through self-expression, dramatic arts, and cultural heritage programs.
General Operating Support $2,500
Children, Youth, & Families

Alexandria Seaport Foundation www.alexandriaseaport.org
Alexandria Seaport Foundation uses Potomac River resources and heritage to benefit local communities. General Operating Support $30,000

Beacon House Community Ministry www.beaconhouse.org Beacon House helps at-risk youth and children achieve academic success while in public schools so they can go on to lead fruitful, fulfilling lives. General Operating Support $10,000

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington www.bgsc.org Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington helps children, particularly those considered at risk, to build confidence, develop character, and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, and responsible adults. Income Development $25,000

Brainfood www.brain-food.org Brainfood uses food as a youth development tool to build life skills in a fun, healthy, creative environment. General Operating Support $30,000

Bright Beginnings www.brightbeginnings.org A child development center for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers whose parents live in District crisis shelters or transitional housing. Bright Beginnings prepares homeless children to enter kindergarten and supports parents as they stabilize their home lives. Staff Development $100,000 Staff Development $25,000 Management Assistance Program $10,000

City Year Washington, DC www.cityyear.org/dc Part of the AmeriCorps network, City Year Washington, DC engages young adults in year-long terms of full-time, team-based community service in areas such as substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention, literacy, mentorship, and leadership development. Program Support $15,000

Columbia Heights Youth Club www.chycc.org Columbia Heights Youth Club provides DC youth with education, recreation, and personal growth activities and builds their resistance to crime, substance abuse, violence, and delinquent behavior. General Operating Support $25,000

Community Bridges www.communitybridges-md.org Community Bridges helps youth gain the skills and values necessary for their well-being, academic success, and development as change agents for the community. General Operating Support $25,000

Community Foundation for the National Capital Region www.cfnr.org Community Foundation for the National Capital Region sponsors the DC Alliance for Youth Advocates, a coalition of youth-serving organizations, youth, and concerned residents formed to ensure that District youth have access to high-quality and affordable developmental opportunities. Program Support $15,000

City Arts www.cityartsdc.org City Arts works to enhance and maintain the visual quality of the urban landscape, to provide inner-city youth with creative alternatives to destructive behavior, and to advance education, awareness, and appreciation for the visual arts. General Operating Support $25,000

City at Peace www.cityatpeace.org City at Peace is a nonprofit youth development organization that uses the performing arts to teach and promote cross-cultural understanding and non-violent conflict resolution. General Operating Support $25,000

Children, Youth, & Families

Theatre Lab www.theatrelab.org Theatre Lab broadens participation in theater arts and provides theater education for the elderly, underserved youth and adults, people living with HIV/AIDS, and incarcerated youth. Program Support $10,000

Transformer www.transformergallery.org Transformer supports and advocates emerging expression in the DC visual arts community by connecting and promoting artists locally, nationally, and internationally. General Operating Support $21,500

Washington Ballet www.washingtonballet.org Washington Ballet presents a full season of classic and contemporary ballet and provides dance education through its school of ballet and community outreach initiatives. General Operating Support $35,000

Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company www.woollymammoth.net Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company develops and produces new plays and educational programs that explore the edges of theatrical style and human experience. General Operating Support $30,000 Management Assistance Program $25,000

World Arts Focus www.worldartsfocus.org World Arts Focus brings arts education and performances to its neighborhood to support artists, build community, and stimulate revitalization. General Operating Support $80,000

Community Lodgings
www.communitylodgings.org
Community Lodgings works to improve the lives of Alexandria’s low-income and homeless families through housing, counseling, training, job help, and educational support programs.
Program Support $15,000
Community Preservation and Development Corporation
www.cpcd.org
Community Preservation and Development Corporation works to preserve housing for Greater Washington’s low- and moderate-income residents and provide services to help them improve their lives.
Program Support $25,000
Covenant House Washington
www.covenanhouse.org
Covenant House Washington combats youth homelessness and poverty in the District by offering free services to children and adolescents.
Management Assistance Program $15,000
Dance Institute of Washington
www.danceinstitute.org
Dance Institute of Washington provides outreach, educational programs, performance opportunities, and affordable, high-quality studio instruction in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.
Capital Campaign $200,000
DanceMakers
www.dancemakersusa.com
DanceMakers works to save and strengthen youth by using dance and performing arts to encourage creativity and promote mental and physical well-being.
Program Support $25,000
DC Action for Children
www.dckids.org
DC Action for Children is dedicated to improving conditions for children, youth, and families in Washington, DC.
General Operating Support $50,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000
DC Creative Writing Workshop
www.dccww.org
DC Creative Writing Workshop provides in-school and after-school literary arts instruction for middle and high school students in Southeast Washington.
Management Assistance Program $10,000
DC SCORES
www.dcscores.org
DC SCORES inspires and promotes academic achievement, community involvement, and athleticism among Washington, DC youth, strengthening urban public school communities through after school soccer and creative writing activities.
Management Assistance Program $15,000
Discovery Creek Children’s Museum of Washington
www.discoverycreek.org
Discovery Creek Children’s Museum of Washington uses environmental education to help children experience, appreciate, and become stewards of the natural environment.
Program Support $30,000
Earth Conservation Corps
www.ecc1.org
Earth Conservation Corps trains youth to restore the environment while opening doors to employment and strengthening communities.
General Operating Support $50,000
General Operating Support $30,000
East Capitol Center for Change
www.eccinc.org
East Capitol Center for Change is a local, family-centered youth and adult development organization that promotes community engagement to help residents of District Wards 7 and 8 develop productive, happy, and spiritually centered lives.
Salary Support $25,000
Eastern Choral Society
www.washingtonyouthchor.org
Eastern Choral Society’s Washington Youth Choir program engages youth in rigorous music education to reinforce academic and social skills needed for success.
Program Support $10,000
Emmaus Services for the Aging
www.emmausservices.org
Emmaus Services for the Aging connects isolated older people with their communities and provides broad services to foster their independence.
Program Support $15,000
Energy Institute of the Healing Arts Foundation
www.eiha.org
Energy Institute of the Healing Arts Foundation works to prevent, reduce, and eliminate health disparities among adults and children living in underserved communities.
General Operating Support $10,000
Fair Chance
www.fairchancedc.org
Fair Chance helps community-based youth and family organizations build sound organizational infrastructures, increase operational capacities, and achieve long-term sustainability.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $15,000
Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center
www.fcmlcc.org
Falls Church-McLean Children’s Center provides a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood program designed to give young children a strong foundation, regardless of their family’s economic resources.
Program Support $15,000
Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital
www.gsnc.org
Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital builds leadership and inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so they may become happy and resourceful citizens.
Program Support $25,000
Greenbrier Learning Center
www.gbc.org
Greenbrier Learning Center provides after school academic support for neighborhood children in south Arlington in order to develop their academic and interpersonal skills.
General Operating Support $25,000
H Street Community Development Corporation
www.hstreetcdc.org
H Street Community Development Corporation’s China Challenge youth program engages high school students from DC Wards 5, 6, and 7 in rigorous exploration of Chinese culture, language, art, history, business, and economics.
Program Support $10,000
Imagination Stage
www.imaginationstage.org
Imagination Stage works to make theater arts vital to children by nurturing their creative spirit, producing innovative, professional theater for families; and serving as a resource for teachers.
Management Assistance Program $14,525
Inner City-Inner Child
www.innercity-innerchild.org
Inner City-Inner Child is an early childhood education program that works with child development centers to improve their quality and to support the professional development of early childhood educators.
General Operating Support $20,000
Interages
www.interagesmd.org
Interages addresses community needs through caring and supportive partnerships between older adults and youth.
General Operating Support $20,000
Jewish Social Service Agency
www.jssa.org
Jewish Social Service Agency provides professional counseling and vocational and social services to the Greater Washington community.
Management Assistance Program $25,000
Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute
www.jypi.org
Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute helps teens learn responsible, effective philanthropy and civic engagement.
Program Support $3,000
Jubilee JumpStart
www.jubileejumpstart.org
Jubilee JumpStart supports parents residing in Jubilee Housing with quality, on-site child care.
Capital Campaign $2,000
Latin American Youth Center
www.layc-dc.org
Latin American Youth Center supports youth and families in their determination to work, live, and study with dignity, hope, and joy.
Management Assistance Program $15,000
Levine School of Music
www.levineschool.org
Levine School of Music provides music education to students of every age, ability, and socioeconomic background.
General Operating Support $25,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000
Life Pieces to Masterpieces
www.lifepieces.org
Life Pieces to Masterpieces provides opportunities for young African-American males in low-income and public housing to discover and activate their creative abilities to change challenges into possibilities.
General Operating Support $50,000
General Operating Support $30,000
Management Assistance Program $10,000
Martha’s Table
www.marthastable.org
Martha’s Table provides low-income families and teens with nutritious meals and supervised learning and literacy activities.
Program Support $15,000
National Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth
www.nccf.org
Through the National Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth, the Youth Transition Funders Group connects young people to support systems and institutions that will help them succeed in adulthood.
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $5,000
Northeast Performing Arts Group
www.nepag.net
Northeast Performing Arts Group provides performing arts instruction, academic support, and life skills training to youth residing east of the Anacostia River in Washington, DC.
General Operating Support $25,000
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Prince George’s Child Resource Center
www.childresource.org
Prince George’s Child Resource Center fosters stability in childcare programs, working families, and home environments so children can thrive.

Management Assistance Program $19,000

Reaching Inside for Self-Esteem
www.riseinc-dc.org
Reaching Inside for Self-Esteem offers programs, family-strengthening services, and HIV/AIDS outreach and education to youth and families in DC’s Wards 7 and 8 whose lives are threatened by poverty, violence, criminal involvement, HIV/AIDS, and drug and substance abuse.

Program Support $20,000

Recreation Wish List Committee of Washington, DC
www.recreationwishlist.org
Recreation Wish List Committee of Washington, DC provides quality recreational and educational enrichment services to District children and youth during out-of-school time in safe, well-maintained facilities.

General Operating Support $20,000

Rosemount Center
www.rosemountcenter.com
Rosemount Center works to prepare children and families for their futures by providing comprehensive early childhood education and family support services in a bilingual, multicultural setting.

Building and Renovation $75,000

Sitar Arts Center
www.sitarartscenter.org
Sitar Arts Center is a community arts center that provides arts programs and activities for at-risk children, youth, and their families.

Capital Campaign $100,000

Staff Development $100,000

Tides Center
www.yargdc.org
Tides Center sponsors the Youth Action Research Group, which works to build the capacity of young people to critically analyze the community and engage in community organizing, advocacy, and civic education.

General Operating Support $15,000

Civic Engagement

Action in Montgomery
www.actioninmontgomery.org
Action in Montgomery is an interfaith, multiracial network of 31 congregations that work together to effect social and economic change in Montgomery County.

General Operating Support $25,000

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
www.cbpp.org
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities houses the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, which analyzes the District’s fiscal issues and their implications for low- and moderate-income people.

Program Support $30,000

DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
www.dcappealed.org
DC Appleseed Center works to strengthen the financial health and management of the District of Columbia.

General Operating Support $50,000

IMPACT Silver Spring
www.impactsilverspring.org
IMPACT Silver Spring trains and supports diverse community members, fostering skills development, awareness, and relationship building across race, class, and cultural lines.

General Operating Support $45,000

Management Assistance Program $20,000

Neighborhood Funders Group
www.nfg.org
Neighborhood Funders Group strengthens the capacity of organized philanthropy to understand and support community-based efforts to organize and improve the economic and social fabric of low-income urban neighborhoods and rural communities.

Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $1,600

Tenants and Workers United
www.twsc.org
Tenants and Workers United builds the collective power of low-income residents, workers, women, and youth to achieve social and economic justice.

General Operating Support $25,000

Management Assistance Program $15,000

Washington Interfaith Network
windc-iaf.org
Washington Interfaith Network is a multiracial, interfaith, nonpartisan organization of Washington, DC residents working together to effect social change by training neighborhood leaders to address community issues and hold elected officials accountable.

General Operating Support $40,000

Education

21st Century School Fund
www.21csf.org
21st Century School Fund works to support education and community revitalization by increasing public and community support for modernizing urban school facilities in Washington, DC and across the nation.

General Operating Support $25,000

Management Assistance Program $15,000

Capitol Hill Community Foundation
www.schoollibrariesproject.org
Capitol Hill Community Foundation’s School Libraries Project is transforming eight outdated school libraries in the District with the intent of providing a replicable model for revitalizing public school libraries nationwide.

Program Support $25,000

College Summit
www.collegesummit.org
College Summit helps low-income high school graduates attain higher education by showcasing and encouraging their talents and achievements.

General Operating Support $25,000

Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cfnrr.org
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region houses the Youth Education Alliance, an organization of teenagers and young adults working to identify and solve problems in District schools.

Program Support $15,000

DC Education Compact
www.dcec.org
DC Education Compact is a community partnership that supports system-wide improvements to enhance student learning and achievement in Washington, DC.

General Operating Support $100,000

Urban Alliance Foundation
www.urbanalliancefoundation.org
Urban Alliance Foundation prepares economically disadvantaged DC high school students for the workforce and lives of self-sufficiency.

Program Support $80,000

Young Playwrights’ Theater
www.youngplaywrightstheater.org
Young Playwrights’ Theater uses theater and writing to foster dialogue, literacy, and conflict resolution among youth.

General Operating Support $30,000

Youth Professional Development
www.ypd-md.org
Youth Professional Development supports and advocates for teen parents as they confront challenges and gain self-sufficiency.

Program Support $20,000

Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $1,600
Employment & Skills Training

Academy of Hope

Academy of Hope provides quality education and job skills training to low-income adults in Washington, DC.

Management Assistance Program $20,000

ARRIBA Center

ARRIBA Center provides training, advocacy, and support to residents of Greater Washington who are physically, medically, and mentally disabled, economically marginalized, or from ethnic and cultural minorities.

Program Support $15,000

Centro Familia

Centro Familia offers training, technical assistance, and mentoring to Latinos who want to become licensed family childcare providers.

Program Support $15,000

Computer Community OutReach and Education

Computer Community OutReach and Education uses comprehensive computer skills training as a vehicle for building self-confidence and increasing employability among low-income individuals.

General Operating Support $25,000

DC Central Kitchen

DC Central Kitchen distributes surplus food from local restaurants and hotels to area community-based organizations, trains poor and homeless men and women to work in the food service industry, and operates a bakery and catering business that employs its graduates and other homeless people.

Program Support $20,000

Jubilee Jobs

Jubilee Jobs connects capable District residents with marketplace jobs.

General Operating Support $20,000

Life Skills Workshop

Life Skills Workshop empowers women re-entering the workforce with skills, knowledge, and support needed to transform their lives.

General Operating Support $10,000

STRIVE DC

STRIVE DC builds job readiness skills among District men and women with limited education, sporadic work histories, and other barriers to long-term employment.

General Operating Support $20,000

Health & Mental Health

Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services

Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services addresses the health care needs of low-income families who are uninsured or underinsured in Alexandria and surrounding communities.

General Operating Support $35,000

Arlington Free Clinic

Arlington Free Clinic provides health care services and medications to low-income, uninsured residents of Arlington County.

Salary Support $20,000

Columbia Road Health Services

Columbia Road Health Services works to remove financial, cultural, and language barriers and help low-income, uninsured people access quality health care.

Program Support $30,000

Consumer Health Foundation

Consumer Health Foundation works to improve the health of DC area communities and supports activities that enable people to be more actively involved in their own health.

Program Support $30,000

District of Columbia Behavioral Health Association

District of Columbia Behavioral Health Association works to expand and improve behavioral health services in the District of Columbia through public policy advocacy and professional education.

Program Support $25,000

District of Columbia Primary Care Association

District of Columbia Primary Care Association works to develop an integrated primary health care delivery system in DC that guarantees access to primary care and eliminates disparities in health outcomes.

Program Support $25,000

Grantmakers in Health

Grantmakers in Health works to foster communication and collaboration among grantmakers and others to strengthen grantmakers’ knowledge, skills, and effectiveness.

Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $2,000

Greater Baden Medical Services

Greater Baden Medical Services is a community-based primary care health center that provides high quality health care, health education, and transportation services to families living across three Southern Maryland counties.

Program Support $20,000

Greater Prince William Area Community Health Center

Greater Prince William Area Community Health Center increases access to high quality, culturally sensitive, comprehensive, and preventive health care to underserved and vulnerable residents of Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

General Operating Support $30,000

Green Door

Green Door prepares women and men with severe and persistent mental illness to work and live independently in the community.

Salary Support $20,000
underserved individuals in Montgomery County.

Mobile Medical Care
www.mobilemedicalcare.org
Mobile Medical Care provides quality medical care to low-income, working poor, homeless, uninsured, and underserved individuals in Montgomery County.

General Operating Support $20,000
Program Support $5,000

Loudoun Interfaith Relief
www.interfaithrelief.org
Loudoun Interfaith Relief provides emergency food to low-income, unemployed, elderly, homeless, or sick county residents regardless of their immigration status and shares food supplies with other area organizations.
Program Support $10,000

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington, DC
www.rmhc.greaterdc.org
Ronald McDonald House Charities awards grants to nonprofit organizations that directly impact the health and well-being of children in the Greater Washington, DC area.
Capital Campaign $25,000

Washington Free Clinic
www.wfclinic.org
Washington Free Clinic provides a broad range of primary health care services to an increasing number of people who lack access to health care.
Emergency Funds $25,000

Homelessness & Hunger

Calvary Women’s Services
www.calvaryservices.org
Calvary Women’s Services provides shelter, services, and transitional and permanent housing to homeless women in Washington, DC.
Program Support $15,000

Carpenter’s Shelter
www.carpentersshelter.org
Carpenter’s Shelter is the largest homeless shelter in Northern Virginia and provides transitional support services.
Salary Support $25,000

Community Ministry of Montgomery County
www.communityministrymc.org
Community Ministry of Montgomery County provides shelter, housing, clothing, emergency assistance, job training, counseling, and case management to low-income people in Montgomery County.
Program Support $15,000

Food and Friends
www.foodandfriends.org
Food and Friends provides home-delivered meals, groceries, and companionship to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging illnesses.
Program Support $25,000

Food Research and Action Center
www.frac.org
Food Research and Action Center houses DC Hunger Solutions, which works to fight hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of children and families in DC.
Program Support $75,000
Program Support $20,000

N Street Village
www.nstreetvillage.org
N Street Village works with a community of clients, staff, and volunteers on support services and a rental housing program that help homeless women gain stability and overcome homelessness.
Program Support $20,000

Rachael’s Women’s Center
www.rachaels.org
Rachael’s Women’s Center supports the District’s homeless men and women by providing meals, services, case management, and support at its day shelter, and offering permanent supportive housing to 17 formerly homeless women.
Building and Renovation $30,000
Program Support $25,000

Samaritan Inns
www.samaritaninnns.org
Samaritan Inns provides housing and services to homeless men and women to help them overcome drug and alcohol addiction and reclaim their lives.
General Operating Support $30,000
Housing & Community Development

Gateway Municipalities Community Development Corporation
www.gateway-cdc.org
Gateway Municipalities Community Development Corporation was formed by the residents of Brentwood, North Brentwood, and Mt. Rainier to rejuvenate their community, primarily through the arts.

General Operating Support $25,000

Homestretch
www.homestretch-inc.org
Homestretch provides transitional housing and services to homeless families in Fairfax County.

Building and Renovation $10,000

Hope and a Home
www.hopeandahome.org
Hope and a Home provides affordable housing and support services to help homeless and low-income families create stable homes and make lasting changes in their lives.

General Operating Support $20,000

Housing Unlimited
www.housingunlimited.org
Housing Unlimited provides permanent and affordable housing for low-income adults with mental illness.

Program Support $175,000

Jubilee Housing
www.jubileehousing.org
Jubilee Housing provides affordable rental housing and services to 850 low-income adults and children in the District’s Adams Morgan neighborhood.

Staff Development $100,000

Program Support $25,000

Local Initiatives Support Corporation
www.liscnet.org/washingtondc
Local Initiatives Support Corporation is a national community development intermediary that provides funding and technical assistance to neighborhood-based community development nonprofit organizations.

General Operating Support $180,000

CASA of Maryland
www.casademaryland.org
CASA of Maryland improves the social and economic well-being of Maryland’s low-income Latino and immigrant residents.

Capital Campaign $275,000

Program Support $25,000

Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cfncr.org
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region’s Bridging Differences Initiative supports diversity in the DC region and its nonprofit sector by raising awareness, developing and strengthening community partnerships, and investing in community leaders.

Program Support $40,000

Hispanics in Philanthropy
www.hiponline.org
Hispanics in Philanthropy works to strengthen Latino communities by increasing resources for the Latino and Latin American civil sector and by increasing Latino participation and leadership throughout the field of philanthropy.

General Operating Support $10,000

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington
www.kccscgw.org
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington provides social services, education, and advocacy to help Asian American and new immigrants adjust to life in the United States.

Program Support $25,000

Imigrant Communities

Asian American LEAD
www.aalead.org
Asian American LEAD promotes the well-being of Asian American youth and families through education, leadership development, and community building.

General Operating Support $30,000

Carlos Rosario International Career Center
www.carlosrosario.org
Carlos Rosario International Career Center provides comprehensive educational services to adult immigrants in the Washington, DC area.

General Operating Support $30,000

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
www.mchcn.net
Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless’ Partnership for Permanent Housing provides homeless men, women, and families with access to permanent affordable housing.

Program Support $20,000

Organizing Neighborhood Equity
www.onedonline.org
Organizing Neighborhood Equity creates and preserves racial and economic equity in the District and its Shaw neighborhood.

Management Assistance Program $25,000

General Operating Support $20,000

Reston Interfaith
www.restoninterfaith.org
Reston Interfaith provides housing, child care, social services, and emergency assistance to low-income people in Reston and Herndon.

Staff Development $100,000

Program Support $10,000

University of Maryland College Park Foundation
www.foundation.umd.edu
University of Maryland College Park Foundation’s Engaged University Initiative and Community Partners Program connects Prince George’s County residents with university students, faculty, and staff through mutually beneficial research, learning, and social action programs.

Program Support $25,000

Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers
www.washingtongrantmakers.org
Phase five of Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers’ Community Development Support Collaborative will continue to support housing, small businesses development, and job placement programs across the Greater Washington region.

Program Support $450,000

Language, Education, and Technology Center
www.linguageetc.org
Language, Education, and Technology Center works with volunteer teachers and tutors to offer English and literacy training to low-income adult immigrants in the District of Columbia.

General Operating Support $25,000

Neighbors’ Consejo
www.neighborsconsejo.org
Neighbors’ Consejo empowers low-income, homeless, and addicted people in crisis to move toward social and economic self-sufficiency.

Program Support $25,000

New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia
www.nneducation.org
New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia provides educational programs and related services to help immigrant and refugee families become self-sufficient and well-integrated.

Program Support $25,000

Newcomer Community Service Center
www.newcomerservice.org
Newcomer Community Service Center helps refugees and immigrants achieve self-sufficiency and fully participate in American society.

Program Support $25,000

Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington
www.kccscgw.org
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington provides social services, education, and advocacy to help Asian American and new immigrants adjust to life in the United States.

Program Support $25,000
### Law & Justice

**Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center**  
www.apalrc.org  
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center addresses language and cultural barriers that prevent Asians in Greater Washington from accessing legal services and understanding the legal system.  
*Staff Development $100,000*  
*General Operating Support $300,000*

**Ayuda**  
www.ayudainc.org  
Ayuda provides community-based legal services to immigrants in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and domestic relations.  
*General Operating Support $120,000*  
*Management Assistance Program $15,000*

**Bread for the City**  
www.breadforthecity.org  
Bread for the City provides critically needed services to children and adults in Washington, DC who face life in poverty.  
*Program Support $25,000*

**Campaign for Youth Justice**  
www.campaign4youthjustice.org  
Campaign for Youth Justice works to end the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating children under 18 in the adult criminal justice system.  
*Program Support $25,000*

**Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition**  
www.cairc.org  
Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition advances the human and civil rights of low-income immigrants and refugees.  
*General Operating Support $30,000*  
*Management Assistance Program $22,000*

**Central American Resource Center**  
www.carecendc.org  
Central American Resource Center provides legal services to Central American refugees seeking permanent immigration status.  
*General Operating Support $200,000*

**Children’s Law Center**  
www.childrenslawcenter.org  
Children’s Law Center provides a comprehensive range of legal services to poor children in the District of Columbia to help them find safe, permanent homes and education, health, and social services.  
*Program Support $25,000*  
*Program Support $25,000*

**Community Foundation for the National Capital Region**  
www.cnfcr.org  
A fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, the Washington, DC Police Fund promotes public safety throughout the District of Columbia.  
*Program Support $10,000*

**Community Legal Services of Prince George’s County**  
www.cpsgpc.org  
Community Legal Services of Prince George’s County educates, represents, and empowers low-income county residents confronting civil legal matters.  
*General Operating Support $20,000*

**Council for Court Excellence**  
www.courtexcellence.org  
Council for Court Excellence works to improve the administration of justice in local and federal courts and related agencies in Washington, DC by promoting court reforms, improving public access to justice, and increasing public support for the justice system.  
*Program Support $20,000*

**DC Bar Pro Bono Program**  
www.dcbar.org  
DC Bar Pro Bono Program works to mobilize DC Bar members to offer pro bono legal services to the District’s low-income residents and the organizations that serve them.  
*Management Assistance Program $10,000*  
*Program Support $1,000*

**DC Employment Justice Center**  
www.dcejc.org  
DC Employment Justice Center works to secure and enforce the rights of low-income workers in Greater Washington.  
*General Operating Support $25,000*

**DC Prisoners’ Legal Services Project**  
www.dcpprisonerhelp.org  
DC Prisoners’ Legal Services Project provides civil legal services and advocates for humane treatment of all persons convicted or charged with a criminal offense under DC law who are in prisons, jails, or community correction programs.  
*General Operating Support $20,000*

**DC Rape Crisis Center**  
www.drcrc.org  
DC Rape Crisis Center offers free crisis intervention services to survivors of sexual violence, as well as assault prevention education for community residents.  
*General Operating Support $25,000*

**Hope House**  
www.hopehousewashington.org  
Hope House works to help inmates stay connected with their families.  
*Program Support $15,000*

**Human Rights First**  
www.humanrightsfw.org  
Human Rights First advances justice, human dignity, and respect for the rule of law by advocating and providing direct legal services for asylum seekers and refugees.  
*Program Support $25,000*

**Just Neighbors Ministry**  
www.justneighbors.org  
Just Neighbors Ministry provides immigration legal services to low-income immigrants in Northern Virginia.  
*General Operating Support $20,000*

**Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**  
www.legalaiddc.org  
Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia provides free civil legal services to low-income residents in DC.  
*Program Support $25,000*

**Legal Services of Northern Virginia**  
www.lsvn.org  
Legal Services of Northern Virginia serves low-income Northern Virginia residents who are unable to afford private legal counsel.  
*Program Support $20,000*

**My Sister’s Place**  
www.mysistersplacedc.org  
My Sister’s Place provides shelter, transitional housing, education, and advocacy for battered women and their children.  
*General Operating Support $25,000*

**Offender Aid and Restoration**  
www.oaronline.org  
Offender Aid and Restoration helps offenders return to society and become productive citizens.  
*Program Support $20,000*

**Our Place**  
www.ourplacedc.org  
Our Place provides women who are or have been incarcerated with the support and resources they need to reestablish success in the community, reunite with their families, and find decent housing and jobs.  
*Program Support $20,000*  
*Management Assistance Program $15,000*

**Tahirih Justice Center**  
www.tahirih.org  
Tahirih Justice Center seeks justice for women fleeing international human rights abuses, particularly gender-based persecution and human trafficking.  
*General Operating Support $60,000*  
*Management Assistance Program $15,000*

**Virginia Justice Center/ Legal Aid Justice Center**  
www.justice4all.org  
Virginia Justice Center uses legal advocacy and education to help low-wage immigrant workers throughout Virginia gain fair treatment in the workplace.  
*Program Support $20,000*

**Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**  
www.washlaw.org  
Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs uses legal advocacy and education to help low-wage immigrant workers address poverty and discrimination.  
*Program Support $20,000*

**Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless**  
www.legalclinic.org  
Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless provides free legal services to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, and advocates on behalf of low-income people in the District.  
*Program Support $20,000*
Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $15,000
American Red Cross of the National Capital Area
www.redcrossnca.org
American Red Cross of the National Capital Area helps Greater Washington residents prevent, prepare for, and respond to natural and man-made disasters and emergencies. Program Support $25,000
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy
www.aapip.org
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy works to help transform philanthropy by engaging more members of the Asian American/Pacific Islander community in the philanthropic process. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $2,500
Association of Small Foundations
www.smalfoundations.org
Association of Small Foundations is a membership organization that offers peer learning opportunities, targeted resources, and a collective voice in and beyond the philanthropic community. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $1,000
Brookings Institution
www.brookings.edu
Brookings Greater Washington Research Program provides information and analysis on regional problems and fosters solution-driven discussions. Program Support $35,000
Catalogue for Philanthropy
Greater Washington
www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org
Catalogue for Philanthropy Greater Washington seeks to educate and excite donors about philanthropy, provide an annual showcase of some of the best examples of philanthropy in action, and improve charitable giving. Program Support $25,000
Center for Nonprofit Advancement
www.nonprofitadvancement.org
Center for Nonprofit Advancement strengthens, promotes, and represents nonprofit organizations based in Greater Washington. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $65,000 Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $25,000
Communications Network
www.comnetwork.org
Communications Network provides leadership, guidance, and resources to the philanthropic community to promote its strategic use of communications as an integral part of effective philanthropy. General Operating Support $5,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cnclr.org
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region’s Civic Spirit Award honors community leaders for their outstanding contributions to the Greater Washington region. Program Support $5,000
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cnclr.org
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region is working to increase awareness about Prince George’s County and support for its nonprofit sector. Program Support $2,500
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
www.cnclr.org
Alexandria Community Trust, a regional affiliate of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, seeks to increase philanthropic investment and engagement in Alexandria in order to improve the lives of low-income residents. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $15,000
CompassPoint Nonprofit Services
www.compasspoint.org
CompassPoint Nonprofit Services provides management support for nonprofits through consulting, research, and training programs that deliver management tools, strategies, and resources. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $15,000
Council on Foundations
www.cof.org
Council on Foundations promotes responsible and effective grantmaking, enhances the understanding of organized philanthropy, and secures and maintains public policy supportive of philanthropy. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $20,530
Foundation Center
www.foundationcenter.org
Foundation Center maintains a database on foundations and corporate giving, provides educational programs, maintains a content-rich Website, and tracks trends in foundation growth and giving. Program Support $50,000 Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $20,000
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
www.geofunders.org
Grantmakers for Effective Organizations is dedicated to promoting learning and encouraging dialogue among funders committed to the field of organizational effectiveness. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $17,500 Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $2,500
Grants Managers Network
www.gmnetwork.org
Grants Managers Network provides information and resources to help foster efficient and effective grantmaking and improve the field of philanthropy. General Operating Support $1,000
Greater DC Cares
www.dc-cares.org
Greater DC Cares trains and places volunteers with local nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $10,000
Independent Sector
www.independentsector.org
Independent Sector creates a national forum capable of encouraging giving, volunteering, and nonprofit initiatives that serve people, communities, and causes. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $8,694
Institute for Policy Studies
www.ips.org
Institute for Policy Studies sponsors the Social Action and Leadership School for Activists, which offers networking opportunities and education in organizing, fundraising, nonprofit management, political and policy issues, and advocacy strategies. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $15,000
Leadership Washington
www.leadershipwashington.org
Leadership Washington seeks to connect and challenge diverse regional leaders for the purpose of improving the quality of life in the region. Program Support $10,000
National Capital Area Foundation
www.nbot.org
National Capital Area Foundation is the nonprofit arm of the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the regional chamber of commerce for DC, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Program Support $10,000
Nonprofit Finance Fund
www.nonprofitfinancefund.org
Nonprofit Finance Fund serves as a development finance institution for nonprofit organizations, working to fill their overall need for capital through financing and advisory services. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $5,000
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington
www.nonprofitroundtable.org
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington works to build the strength, influence, and visibility of the nonprofit sector in Greater Washington. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $50,000
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington
www.nonprofitroundtable.org
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington’s disaster preparedness initiative ensures Greater Washington’s nonprofit sector is fully prepared and integrated into local and regional disaster preparedness, response, and recovery plans. Program Support $25,000
Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington
www.nonprofitroundtable.org Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington is working in partnership with Montgomery County, IMPACT Silver Spring, and the Montgomery County Community Foundation to support the county’s nonprofit sector through the Montgomery County Nonprofit Sector Support Initiative. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $20,000
NPower Greater DC Region
www.npolegdc.org
NPower Greater DC Region helps community-based nonprofit organizations better fulfill their missions through the use of technology. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $40,000
WAMU-FM, American University
www.wamu.org
WAMU-FM, American University is a non-profit, non-commercial public radio station licensed to American University. WAMU-FM broadcasts public affairs programs, local news, traditional American music, and National Public Radio programming. Program Support $50,000
Washington Area Women’s Foundation
www.thewomensfoundation.org
Washington Area Women’s Foundation fosters philanthropy that invests in the economic security and potential of all women and girls in the Washington metropolitan area. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $25,000
Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers
www.washingtongrantmakers.org
Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers promotes and supports effective and responsible philanthropy by serving the needs of grantmakers in Greater Washington. Nonprofit Sector Strengthening $10,650
The Meyer Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the people and communities of Greater Washington. Grants fall in the following program areas: arts, heritage, and culture; children, youth, and families; civic engagement; education; employment and skills training; health and mental health; homelessness and hunger; housing and community development; immigrant communities; law and justice; management assistance; and nonprofit sector strengthening.

**Eligibility**

To qualify for consideration, an applicant must be:

- A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and organized and operated for charitable purposes;
- Located within and primarily serving the Washington, DC region, defined as the District of Columbia; Montgomery, Prince George’s, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary’s counties in Maryland; and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford counties and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park in Northern Virginia.

The Foundation generally will not consider requests to fund:

- Individuals, either through scholarships or other forms of financial assistance;
- Scientific or medical research;
- Sectarian purposes (programs that promote religious doctrine);
- Special events or conferences;
- Endowments.

*For information about our two-step application process and deadlines, visit www.meyerfoundation.org.*
The Meyer Foundation is involved in significant work beyond grantmaking. We work to strengthen nonprofit organizations and to address important issues that will improve the quality of life for people in the region.

We’re known for listening deeply to community needs and developing strong relationships with grantees. Our program officers take a personal interest in the well-being of their grantees, providing guidance and referrals in such areas as planning, programs, management, and fundraising. Program officers serve as matchmakers for grantees that share common interests and goals, creating opportunities for collaboration and exchange.

We serve as trusted advisors. Staff members spend time mentoring early-stage donors and other grantmakers who want to make a difference with their money and who come to Meyer for advice and guidance about which organizations to support.

We know information is power — and we share it. We share news that keeps grantees and potential grantees informed. Through an award-winning Website and a monthly e-newsletter, Meyer shares information on local and national funding opportunities, classes, tools, and resources that nonprofits can use to improve the way they work.

Our Nonprofit Sector Fund is the only one of its kind in Greater Washington, DC. Through it, grantees are supported in the areas of financial management, governance, human resources, technology, and organizational assessment. Our Cash Flow Loan Program helps grantees in times of fiscal crisis and our Nonprofit Sector Strengthening program focuses on the overall health of the sector.

Our staff shares its expertise in grantmaking and leadership. Meyer’s staff spends time serving on committees and boards and takes leadership roles in key local and national philanthropic organizations.
The Nonprofit Sector Fund has helped the Meyer Foundation become a national leader in promoting organizational effectiveness and leadership development. *Daring to Lead 2006*, a national study of nonprofit executive directors conducted by Meyer and CompassPoint Nonprofit Services, sparked conversations among grantmakers and nonprofit leaders all over the United States.

Findings from that study led Meyer to launch *Rewarding Leadership*, a three-year, $2.2 million initiative designed to stabilize and strengthen the leadership of the Foundation’s grantees. The *Exponent Award*, which recognizes and supports outstanding nonprofit leaders, is the centerpiece of this initiative.

Through the Nonprofit Sector Fund, the Foundation:

- Provides management assistance grants to help organizations strengthen their management and leadership;
- Supports nonprofits that offer training, technical assistance, and leadership development to grantees and other nonprofits throughout Greater Washington;
- Works to increase the visibility and influence of the region’s nonprofit sector; and
- Provides short-term loans to organizations experiencing cash flow problems because of unexpected delays in funding.

In 2006, a large number of the Nonprofit Sector Fund’s grants focused on supporting and sustaining nonprofit executive directors. Grants to the Center for Nonprofit Advancement and the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington expanded the training, networking, and leadership development opportunities available to nonprofit executives in the region. Meyer supported the Center for Nonprofit Advancement’s *Start Smart* program, an intensive workshop series designed for first-time executive directors who have been in the role for less than two years.

Meyer management assistance grants allow organizations to hire consultants to help them navigate key organizational transitions. Examples include an arts organization that needed to build a larger, more diverse and engaged board as it prepared for a capital campaign; a small social service agency whose dynamic executive director asked for coaching to help her grow other leaders in the organization; and a successful advocacy organization that needed a more formal management structure after years of rapid growth. Management assistance grants in 2006 also supported marketing, communications, and fundraising planning; improvements in accounting and financial management; and executive transition.

*To learn more about the Nonprofit Sector Fund or to view complete application guidelines, visit www.meyerfoundation.org.*
Financial Highlights of 2006

Statement of Financial Position for year ending December 31, 2006

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<th>Assets</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Nonprofit sector fund loans receivable, net</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
<td>209,221,012</td>
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<td>Property and equipment, net</td>
<td>196,628</td>
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<td>Deposits</td>
<td>138,701</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
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Liabilities

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<td>Current liabilities</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
<td>$227,049</td>
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<td>Grants payable</td>
<td>726,000</td>
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<td>Total current liabilities</td>
<td>953,049</td>
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<td>Long-term liabilities</td>
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<td>Grants payable, net</td>
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<td>Deferred excise taxes on unrealized gains</td>
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<td>Deferred compensation</td>
<td>53,927</td>
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<td>Total long-term liabilities</td>
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Unrestricted Net Assets

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<td>Total liabilities and net assets</td>
<td>$212,031,850</td>
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Statement of Activities for year ending December 31, 2006

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<th>Revenues</th>
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<td>Dividends and interest</td>
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<td>Realized gain (loss) on sale of investments</td>
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<td>Unrealized gain (loss) in investments</td>
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<td>Contributions</td>
<td>6,000</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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Expenses

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<td>Program</td>
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<td>Management and General:</td>
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<td>Investment activities</td>
<td>2,301,307</td>
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<td>Other management and general</td>
<td>388,247</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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<td>Increase in unrestricted net assets</td>
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<td>Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year</td>
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<td>Unrestricted net assets at end of year</td>
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Overview of Funds Committed in 2006

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<tr>
<th>General Grantmaking*</th>
<th>Number of Grants</th>
<th>$ Amount Committed</th>
<th>% of Subtotal</th>
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<tr>
<td>Arts, Heritage, and Culture</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>$1,849,500</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>Community Service</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>$992,500</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>$1,130,000</td>
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<td>Health and Mental Health</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>$665,000</td>
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<td>Law and Justice</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>$661,000</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Neighborhood Development and Housing</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>$1,517,500</td>
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<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>206</td>
<td>$6,815,500</td>
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<th>Nonprofit Sector Fund</th>
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<th>% of Subtotal</th>
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<td>Management Assistance Program</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>$525,025</td>
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<td>Nonprofit Sector Strengthening</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>$1,019,474</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Cash Flow Loan Program</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>$237,000</td>
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<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>$1,781,499</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>GRAND TOTAL</td>
<td>281</td>
<td>$8,596,999</td>
<td>100%</td>
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* Grants in 2006 were made under these six categories which have since been updated.
A Heartfelt Thank You

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Patricia A. McGuire
President, Trinity (Washington) University

The Meyer Foundation gratefully acknowledges 12 years of service by departing directors Boisfeuillet Jones Jr., Publisher and CEO of the The Washington Post, and Patricia A. McGuire, President of Trinity (Washington) University. Bo and Pat joined the Meyer board in 1995, and have given selflessly of their time, intellect, and wisdom. We salute their deep commitment to Meyer, the nonprofits of Greater Washington, and the people they serve.

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