

MCLEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

Since our last report in April 2009, the Foundation has undergone a name change, from McLean Citizens Foundation to McLean Community Foundation, and logo change. The name change was requested, and approved by the McLean Citizens Association, to facilitate the MCF's fundraising activities. As explained in the last Annual Report, from a fundraising perspective, the corporate community looks favorably on "community foundations" as entities to which they like to contribute. The name change is expected to help the MCF become a "community charity of choice" for the local business community while retaining its close ties to MCA.

Over the past year, the McLean Community Foundation (MCF) approved 10 grant requests for a total grant award amount of \$45, 590. This places the MCF over the million dollar mark in grant awards that it has provided to the McLean Community since it was established. The grants that MCF awarded this past year were given to the following:

1. Listening Workshops to conduct a workshop to educate local teens about how to better communicate with people who are deaf. The grant covered the cost of a videographer and production of the DVD's to be donated to local libraries and schools and the fee for the use of the church multipurpose room. The grant request was submitted by a 16 year old high school junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.
2. McLean High School Theatre Boosters for the cost of a new sound system and lighting.
3. Longfellow Middle School PTA for the cost of the two six-foot benches to be installed in the area known as the Villas, which contains 28 trailer-classrooms.
4. PRS, Inc. to support the payment for a Fairfax County teacher to provide adult educational services to the PRS clients who have psychiatric disabilities at the PRS Tysons facility.
5. Fairfax County Park Foundation for the cost of installing the border and drainage system for the renovation of Bryn Mawr Park playground at 6700 Tennyson Dr. in McLean.
6. McLean Orchestra to cover the cost of improving its technical abilities through new software and hardware.
7. Share, Inc. to assist with funding the development of an automated data management system for its client records.
8. Spring Hill Elementary School for seed money to develop a raised bed garden space to support its Outdoor Classroom Program.
9. Franklin Sherman Elementary School PTA to finish construction of the courtyard for its outdoor learning classroom.

10. Fairfax County Park Foundation to assist with funding the purchase of the Liberty Swing at Clemyjontri Park, which enables children in wheelchairs to enjoy the benefits of real swinging.

This past year the MCF again sponsored the Children’s Art Walk at the McLean Project for the Arts’ Artfest. At the Artfest, the MCF Trustees staffed a booth in which we handed out our new brochures and McLean Community Foundation recyclable bags. In December, the MCF sponsored the McLean WinterFest, McLean’s only community parade. These have been gratifying investments in enhanced visibility and involvement in community activities.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce honored the MCF by presenting it with its 2009 non-profit organization of the year award.

We thank our loyal donor base---those who support the Foundation in good times and frugal times. Answering our fundraising letter call, donors contributed \$16,844.25 since June 1st of this past year. We greatly appreciate the support of our new MCF Leadership Council of Peter Arundel, Dan and Karen Duval, Peter Fitzgerald, Debra Howard, Bill and Bobbie Kilberg, Chuck and Lynda Robb, and Elizabeth Lodal.

Respectfully submitted by the MCF Board of Trustees, April 2009

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