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PRESENTING THE

*2023 Montgomery County
Philanthropist of the Year*



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LETTER FROM

Advisory Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends:

For 27 years, The Community Foundation's Montgomery County Advisory Board and staff have connected with hundreds of individuals, families, and businesses, supporting them to make a profound impact through their giving—especially here in our local community. Tonight, we celebrate our network of donors, philanthropic partners, and local nonprofit partners for growing the spirit of generosity throughout Montgomery County.

We are especially delighted to salute Mary Pat Alcus as our 2023 Montgomery County Philanthropist of the Year. Her inspiring example demonstrates what's possible when one is committed to building communities where all people can reach their full potential.

We are deeply grateful to our corporate event sponsors for underwriting the Celebration and to our Community Champions for investing in The Community Foundation's leadership work. Your support fuels The Community Foundation's efforts to mobilize and ignite the power of philanthropy to respond to critical community needs and build a thriving region where every person prospers.

Finally, to the new friends here tonight, we hope you will join our community of givers! We are excited to share with you the many ways that you can partner with The Community Foundation to make a deep and lasting impact on the causes you care about most.

Gratefully,



Catherine Leggett
Advisory Board Chair



Anna Hargrave
Executive Director

CELEBRATION OF GIVING

EVENT PROGRAM

WELCOME

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

2023 HONOREE SALUTE

*Presentation of the
Clifford M. Kendall Award
to the*

*2023 Montgomery County
Philanthropist of the Year*

Mary Pat Alcus

NETWORKING RECEPTION

WITH FOOD STATIONS AND OPEN BAR



Mary Pat Alcus

2023 Montgomery County Philanthropist of the Year

Mary Pat Alcus is a catalytic leader who combines her financial acumen, strategic thinking, and generous support to help vital organizations achieve major breakthroughs for our community.

Her local philanthropic journey began shortly after she and her husband, Darren, moved to Potomac, MD with their two children, Claire and Colin. Wanting to get more involved in their new home, the entire family became active leaders in kid-led giving circles through The Community Foundation. Mary Pat joined The Community Foundation's Montgomery County Advisory Board and its Grants Committee for Sharing Montgomery, the flagship grantmaking initiative which supports high-impact nonprofits working on the frontlines of the county's most pressing challenges. Between the giving circles and her leadership with The Community Foundation, Mary Pat quickly learned about the needs across our community and supported visionary organizations helping low-income residents pursue pathways out of poverty.

Professionally, Mary Pat is an institutional investment advisor and a Chartered Financial Analyst with over 30 years of experience advising foundations, endowments, corporate, and public pensions in the areas of investment strategy, investment policy development, manager selection, and performance monitoring. As a philanthropist, she loves leveraging her professional expertise to help her favorite nonprofits grow so they can make a deeper impact.

After reflecting on where the community's needs matched their deepest passions, Mary Pat and Darren decided to focus on helping children and youth to pursue their dreams. She was drawn to join the Board of Horizons Greater Washington which provides academic enrichment to empower low-income children to succeed in school and beyond. She also joined the Montgomery College Foundation Board shortly after she and Darren created scholarships to help promising students pursue higher education. All the while, she continued to take on more leadership roles with The Community Foundation including joining the Board of Trustees and chairing its Investment Committee. Time and time again, her game-changing leadership helped these organizations step up for our community and set bold goals for the future.

On behalf of the thousands of lives touched by her leadership and generosity, we congratulate Mary Pat on being named the 2023 Montgomery County Philanthropist of the Year. We know her example will continue to inspire others to discover the powerful difference we each can make when we commit to making our community stronger for all.

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PAST HONOREES

We are grateful that our extended Community Foundation family includes the past Philanthropist of the Year honorees.

Since 2007, The Community Foundation in Montgomery County has presented the Clifford M. Kendall Award to the following individuals who made a special impact on our community through their giving and service. We deeply appreciate that our past honorees continue to *give where they live* and set an inspiring example for us all.

2007	JOSHUA M. FREEMAN
2008	CRAIG RUPPERT
2009	STEWART BAINUM
2010	CAROL TRAWICK
2011	JEFFREY Z. SLAVIN
2012	PATRICE AND SCOTT BRICKMAN
2013	SOLOMON GRAHAM
2014	TAMMY DARVISH
2015	ROBERT AND ANNA TRONE
2017	CLIFF WHITE
2018	LINDA YOUNGENTOB
2019	HOPE GLEICHER & ANDY BURNES
2021	KEVIN BEVERLY
2022	MIMI BRODSKY KRESS

In 2016, we marked the 20th Anniversary by presenting two special awards to leaders who were formative to the creation of The Community Foundation in Montgomery County:

VISIONARY AWARD

Clifford and Camille Kendall

INSPIRED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sally Rudney, Founding Executive Director



IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Sally Rudney

This year, our extended Community Foundation family is grieving the loss of Sally Rudney, our founding Executive Director for Montgomery County, who passed away on September 19, 2023.

Sally was a connector. During her 17-year tenure, she helped hundreds of people and businesses establish their own funds at The Community Foundation and gain a deep sense of satisfaction by giving to the causes close to their hearts. Her approach always started by simply listening, hearing what inspired donors to take action and learning about their hopes for how they could make a difference. Sally also listened to and engaged the community, spending countless hours with nonprofit, community and government leaders, strategizing about how philanthropy could have the greatest impact.

A cornerstone of Sally's legacy is the donor-led giving process of our Sharing Montgomery grantmaking initiative. She knew that if caring neighbors visited all corners of our vast County and learned about the needs and opportunities, they would be inspired to give. Sally shaped the process so that philanthropists could work with peers who also want to give strategically, learning together how to evaluate a nonprofit's strength, leadership, finances, and potential.

Over time, Sharing Montgomery's philanthropic investments were leveraged further as more people, businesses, and foundations discovered these great nonprofits and ramped up their giving to help address the achievement gap, improve the safety-net, foster greater cultural and civic participation, and create new college and workforce pathways.

We will be forever grateful to Sally Rudney for her exceptional leadership, strategic thinking, and deep commitment which have made a profound impact across our community.

JOIN US AS WE BUILD A FUTURE WHERE EVERY PERSON PROSPERS

In May 2023, we launched the Together, We Prosper campaign to jumpstart our vision for advancing economic justice and ensuring The Community Foundation can respond to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

If you want to join the campaign and make a lasting impact on our community, here are three ways you can get involved:

GIVE TO THE SHARING MONTGOMERY ENDOWMENT

Sharing Montgomery is our strategic grantmaking initiative that brings together donors to learn about the issues affecting our community and direct investments toward advancing solutions. Your gift to the Sharing Montgomery Endowment will “keep giving” in perpetuity to high-impact nonprofits helping residents pursue pathways out of poverty. Thanks to two anonymous donors, your gift will be matched \$1 for \$1 (up to \$50,000)—doubling your impact!

SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO ADVANCE ECONOMIC JUSTICE

We are galvanizing a coalition of donors and doers to advance a bold vision – grounded in equity and economic justice – that will grow opportunity and secure prosperity for all who call this region home. If you want to build a stronger community by helping to close our region's racial wealth gap, join us as we invest in powerful and proven economic strategies and put them to work for our community.

ESTABLISH YOUR OWN CHARITABLE GIVING FUND

Creating a fund at The Community Foundation allows you the opportunity to organize your charitable activities through one expertly-managed and cost-effective charitable vehicle. Support causes that matter to you or consult with our staff on the most pressing needs facing our region. You can also work with The Community Foundation and your trusted wealth advisor to establish your own endowment, crafting your philanthropic legacy to support all the causes you care about now and forever.

**PLEASE CONTACT CAMPAIGN@THECOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.ORG
TO LEARN MORE.**

THANK YOU TO OUR Community of Givers and Changemakers

We would like to extend a special and heartfelt thanks to YOU—all the generous people who make up our community of givers at the Greater Washington Community Foundation.

We deeply appreciate the passion you bring to your giving, and the myriad ways you leverage your connections, strategic thinking, and creativity to help our nonprofit partners deepen their impact. Most importantly, your enthusiasm inspires friends and family to learn more, get involved, and give!

WE HOPE YOU FEEL PROUD OF OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING AND IMPACT ON OUR LOCAL REGION ...

MORE THAN \$1.7 BILLION
INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1973

\$95.9 MILLION GRANTED
LAST YEAR ALONE

77% OF WHICH WENT TO ORGANIZATIONS
SERVING OUR LOCAL REGION

SOME OF THOSE CAUSES INCLUDE:



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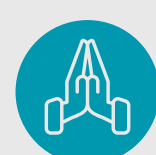
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OUR IMPACT

IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In addition to supporting thousands of nonprofits around the world and across the region, we are grateful that our donors gave over \$9.5 million last year to organizations in Montgomery County.

We are especially proud that many people, businesses, and foundations choose to pool their giving through our community impact initiatives to support:



BASIC NEEDS:

Providing support for those struggling to keep a roof over their heads and put food on the table.



ECONOMIC MOBILITY:

Connecting people to the education, training, and resources needed to secure jobs which pay a living wage.



WEALTH BUILDING:

Empowering people with opportunities to build assets so they can pursue pathways from poverty to prosperity.

OUR IMPACT

IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

We are proud that the grant recipients of our community impact initiatives represent some of the best local nonprofits working to build more equitable, just, and thriving communities.

ACTION IN MONTGOMERY

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Our donors join us for listening tours with nonprofit and community leaders to better understand the needs at the neighborhood level, the work happening on the ground, and how our support can make a meaningful impact.

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To help our nonprofit partners advance their missions, we provide flexible grants, coaching, and capacity building resources. We also began making larger multiyear grants to select cohorts of organizations, enabling them to expand and innovate their work.



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