

FEDERATED CHARITIES

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THE "ART" OF THE DOG



OUR

MISSION...

FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS

has been to provide compassionate community services and offer education and resources which support nonprofits in a collaborative environment so they can better serve their local clients

FROM THE STAFF:

You're probably noticing a change. Don't worry, we've noticed it too. A little more color maybe? No matter, we just wanted to shake things up a bit...since we had an extremely successful 2016 and just finished up an equally successful event in June with The "Art" of the Dog. We also wanted to tell you about several new programs that impact the Frederick community and are part of your legacy as a group of caring and committed people.

This newsletter also includes some of the kind of information you would typically see in an annual report. We thought you might want to know how things went for Federated Charities last year.

Enjoy!
Elin & Queen

BRICKS AND MORTAR

As a member of the Nonprofit Centers Network, we use our 23,000SF building to provide affordable and professional office space for 501(c)(3) organizations so they can repurpose as much as 40% of rental costs directly back into their own mission-based services.

LLOYD & CHARLOTTE HOOVER CHARITY INCUBATOR

We offer free co-work space to new and emerging nonprofit organizations in our Incubator

RAPID RESPONSE

Sometimes our agency or another agency gets a call from someone for something that just isn't in the budget. Our Rapid Response program offers one-time, emergency assistance for just those moments...when something like a pair of khaki work pants is all they need.

...OUR PROGRAMS

BEVERLY A. SHARRER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET

Each year we loan out as many as 1,000 pieces of home health care equipment to Frederick residents, which represents a health care savings cost of more than \$40,000 annually.

NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT

In addition to fiscal sponsorship and professional consultation, we sponsor a series of training sessions designed for staff and board members of charitable organizations

COMMUNITY TABLE

This program is a joint initiative of The Housing Authority of the City of Frederick, The Common Market and Federated Charities. It teaches families how to use locally grown produce to prepare healthy meals.



Frederick has a long history as an agricultural community and the abundance of local produce makes it easy for many of us to eat healthy meals. **The Community Table Project**, now in its second year, is designed to promote healthy eating in a neighborhood without a nearby grocery store and where residents may have transportation, budget or other limitations that restrict their access to locally grown/produced food. Affordability and the limited time that many working parents can devote to regular family cooking is also one of the needs that the project addresses.

Research shows that healthy eating patterns can be adapted to and individual's budget, taste preferences, traditions and cultures so one of the features of the program is that participants learn how to use flavor to stretch more costly meal components. In addition to monthly community cooking events, regular participants receive a weekly bag of free, local farm produce during the farmers market season and after attending four sessions also receive a crock pot.

Your support makes programs like The Community Table a reality.

WE WANTED TO SEE IF WE COULD HOST A PARTY...



After all, our staff and our tenant-partners get to work in our lovely building every day but our Community Outreach Committee wanted to show off to a few more people...100+ to be exact. A beautiful evening in early June helped us introduce a whole new audience to the programs and services we offer.

The "Art" of the Dog featured a silent auction with generous art and baskets contributed by local craftspeople who know how important our iron dog really is as a symbol of Frederick. We

served food and wine and highlighted the historic archives on display on our first floor. Guests flowed into the Director's Rose Garden in the back of the building for a lively night of conversation and (we hope) new friendships.

The event was so successful that we think we're going to host it again ...mark your calendars for early June 2018 and plan to join us to celebrate all that we accomplish together to make Frederick a great place for all its residents.

visit our website or Facebook to see more event photos!

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:



Mr. M called our office to borrow a wheelchair but he and his wife had a problem: she had chronic health issues, they were on a fixed income and everything was tight, including the gas budget to get around to appointments. We were able to do several things for Mr. and Mrs. M: our **Medical Equipment Loan Closet** loaned them a wheelchair; we put them in touch with one of our partnering agencies, and; we used our **Rapid Response** funds to send them a gas card so they could get to appointments.

Over the next week, they had a friend drive them out to pick up a wheelchair,

our partnering agency reached out to help them get a long-term wheelchair and a handicapped vehicle and the gas card arrived in the mail. When we called back to follow up Mr. M was so excited that he put "Momma" on the phone to tell us how blessed they are.

Stories like this illustrate how the simplest gestures make a huge difference and how even the smallest program can meet needs for the kinds of things that none of us thought we were going to have to deal with...until we do.

Your financial contributions help pay it forward to families like Mr. and Mrs. M. Thank you.