



2020: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Things are certainly different around here...definitely more quiet. One thing we know for sure is that the silence of a largely empty building for a few months has given us the opportunity to consider what's "now" for Federated Charities. You'll see in this newsletter and on our website (www.federatedcharities.org) that we've spent time with our board of directors, with our tenant-partners and with our colleagues to consider what we provide and how we provide it. Maybe we're just getting comfortable with the rhythm of our own breathing...except for the tapping outside our windows (more on that inside) but it's clear that the support we provide is still necessary for individuals and families who are experiencing the pandemic or any other kind of crisis. Turn the page, visit our website or follow us on social media to get a sense of how important the social service safety net really is now...and how we're a part of it.

SAY GOODBYE (TEMPORARILY) TO CHARITY!

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Some people are afraid of dogs, but I'm afraid of the opposite of dogs. The absence of dogs. Dogless space.

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We watched Charity drive away at the end of July (we might have cried a little bit). Part of a planned restoration project, this statue hasn't had any major repairs for 35 years and unfortunately, his paws are starting to show some wear and tear. So, he's off to the vet for new feet, a new base, a coat of paint and some TLC evaluation to ensure that he stands in front of the Federated Charities building for another 100 years. This project is on top of our other restoration project, which will stabilize the bricks in several areas of our original building, replace siding and air conditioners and do some water mitigation work.

Charity has watched over our building since 1858 and it's not hard to imagine that soldiers marching through Frederick during the Civil War petted him just like we do today. [He's part of our history and our future at Federated Charities](#) and he stands as a landmark for the clients who visit our nonprofit tenants and a reminder that we still have more work to do.

During his surgery, we will replace him with a banner featuring our art contest winner below.



#SPACEMATTERS ?

We maintain a large building in Frederick so we're always thinking about space in one way or another. This summer, we're considering our walls as contractors repoint the bricks and rebuild chimneys on the outside of the building but we'll also be turning our focus to the inside of the building in the fall when we replace 4 of our commercial air conditioners. Space isn't just a physical question for us either, #SPACEMATTERS includes our emotional space and the space where our work occurs in the community. We are driven by our desire to establish and support an intentional community of fellow nonprofits. Through our history, we have developed programs and services to level the playing field for more people in Frederick, but over the course of this summer, it's clear that we can do more. So, we are listening closely to the people we serve and those we may not be serving in the hope that we can become better allies in all the spaces we occupy.

You're part of the journey with us, Almost 5 years ago, we listened to the community tell us who they thought we were and could be and the decisions we've made based on those conversations have guided us in the development of our programs and services as a nonprofit center. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us then and now. We are always interested in getting it right.



PEOPLE MATTER (SO DO KITTENS)

Federated Charities supports the community safety net by ensuring that our partners spend fewer financial resources on overhead. For our part, this means substantial reductions on rent and utilities, discounted internet services and printing and copying, access to meeting space, free professional development opportunities, flexible leases, and free co-working space. Collectively, your support for our programs pays forward more than \$200,000 of impact each year for their programs that matter in our community

We're not going to pretend it hasn't been lonely in the building for the past several months with many of our tenant partners working from home. But once they started to return, we wanted to plan some de-stressing fun so we invited a variety of four-legged visitors to the office over the past several months...starting with dogs (of course)!

The 6 dogs who patiently wore cameras in May for The ART of the Dog made this annual event look a tiny bit different on the computer screen in your kitchen but we had almost as much fun as usual. Wait, you haven't seen it yet? Don't worry, all you have to do is visit www.theartofthedog.org and grab a beverage. Get comfortable and spend 30 minutes learning about the things you never knew about Federated Charities and also watch the dogs run around the building...how awesome is that?

We enjoyed ourselves so much that we decided to bring in other visitors for morning coffee, including several kittens and a couple of pet goats. A recent New York Times article on the state of the nonprofit industry paints a bleak picture of plummeting resources and increased demands for services and we see the exhaustion in the faces of our people every day. One of the ways we support them is by bringing whimsy to the workday. We know kittens won't make our challenges any easier but they did give all of us a momentary respite.

Why does any of it matter? Because it ensures that there is a consistent safety net for you and your family whether you need it today or any time in the future.

TENANT SPOTLIGHT



**MARYLAND
LEGAL AID**

Maryland Legal Aid has been a partner in our building since 2001 and offers free, civil, legal services to low-income individuals. By sharing space in the Federated Charities Nonprofit Center they can provide assistance to as many as 156 additional clients each year.

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And then there were three...



Slowly but surely we are adding meters to our collection for the [Power of Change](#) project. In July we unveiled our first meter sponsored by Frederick County Bank/A Division of ACNB Bank and will be giving the proceeds from all three meters to Mission of Mercy during the 3rd quarter of this year.

Our community outreach programs provide either direct support to individuals or to other nonprofit organizations. Sometimes our budget doesn't include the kinds of purchases that our clients really need. Projects like the Power of Change or Rapid Response fill a gap for things like a bag of groceries, a new pair of glasses or an emergency car repair. Your spare coins in any one of our public art meters really does create change in our community. [Stay tuned for updates on our meter family and locations!](#)

Keep track on our meter map: www.powerofchange.org