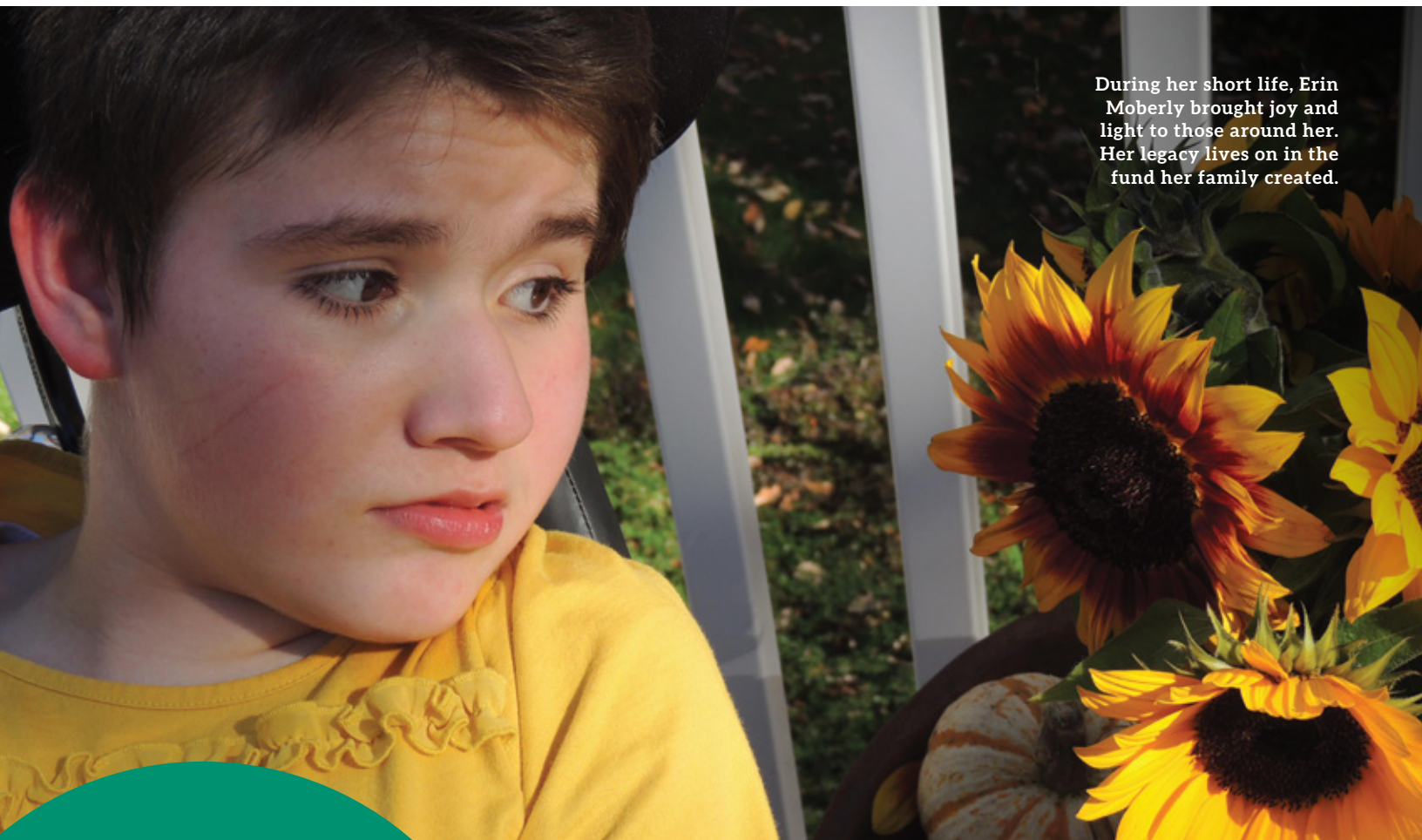


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During her short life, Erin Moberly brought joy and light to those around her. Her legacy lives on in the fund her family created.

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Honoring Erin: A Legacy of Love and Giving

Erin Moberly took therapeutic horseback riding lessons, attended Rock Creek School, and was a regular at Oktoberfest at Schifferstadt. Her favorite thing was the sound of her father's voice and being with people who loved her. Born with a rare condition leading to severe and profound developmental delays and complex medical issues, Erin did not walk or talk and needed full adult support for all things. Her parents, Kevin and Nikki Moberly, said that Erin had a unique way of making her needs clear through vocalizations and eye gaze.

In spite of an original diagnosis that suggested Erin wouldn't survive past the age of 3, she passed away two days after Christmas in December 2019 at the age of 19. Erin had a strong will to live leading her parents to have a profound sense of pride in her warrior spirit. Her passing left them with a deep sense of loss for their child, and for the vibrant community that had surrounded and supported Erin throughout her life.

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On a trip to their lake house, Kevin Moberly enjoys a day on the water with his daughter, Erin.

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NIKKI MOBERLY

To honor Erin’s memory and continue her legacy, the Moberly family established The Erin Christine Moberly Memorial Fund with the Community Foundation. The fund is dedicated to supporting individuals with special needs in Frederick County, ensuring that others receive the same level of care and inclusion that Erin did during her lifetime. This year, the fund reached a significant milestone and made its first grant to the Rides for Good program (part of the Safe Ride Foundation), providing rides to residents of Frederick County with special needs who require transportation to services.

Erin’s life was defined by love and connection. She participated in community events, attended Rock Creek School, enjoyed time at the family’s lake house, and was surrounded by a dedicated team of nurses and caregivers who became like family. Erin’s presence shaped every aspect of their lives. Nikki said they worked to make sure Erin was involved in as much as possible, always considering if she would be safe and comfortable.

When Erin passed away, Nikki described the loss as multi-layered. Beyond the immense grief, she also experienced a shift in identity. “Being Erin’s mom was filled with meaning and purpose every day,” Nikki shared. “After Erin died, I was on a search for purpose, and I found it in several ways—one of which was giving back through this fund.”

In addition to creating the fund, Nikki became a Certified Grief Coach, building on her decades of experience as a hospice volunteer. Through The Erin Christine Moberly Memorial Fund, the Moberly family is ensuring that Erin’s spirit continues to touch lives.

“Erin’s life was important to us,” Nikki said. “She had a deep and profound impact on the people who knew her. We wanted to provide a way for her to continue to impact lives in an important and meaningful way through this fund.”

The first grant to the Rides for Good program is just the beginning. With continued support, the fund will expand its reach, making a lasting impact on the lives of individuals with special needs in Frederick County. Erin’s legacy is one of resilience, connection, and boundless love—and through this fund, that legacy will live on.



Erin is celebrated for earning the Rock Creek School CARE Award.

Nikki Moberly poses for a photo with her daughter, Erin.

Building a Lasting Legacy: The Power of a Permanently Endowed Fund



A permanently endowed charitable fund with The Community Foundation of Frederick County is a powerful way to create lasting impact. Unlike one-time donations, an endowed fund is carefully invested, ensuring that charitable gifts continue to support causes for generations to come. Read on to learn more about the benefits of an endowed fund and how to get started.

- ◆ Establishing an endowed fund allows you to support your favorite nonprofit organizations, scholarships, or community initiatives in perpetuity. The principal remains intact while investment earnings generate annual grants, creating a sustainable source of funding that grows over time. This means that a single gift today will continue making a difference year after year.
- ◆ Working with the Community Foundation offers additional benefits. Our professional fund management ensures responsible stewardship, maximizing the fund’s long-term impact. You also have the flexibility to tailor your funds to specific causes, whether it’s education, health care, the arts, or local community programs.
- ◆ Beyond financial benefits, an endowed fund is a meaningful way to honor a loved one or leave a personal legacy. It ensures that your values and charitable priorities endure, strengthening Frederick County for future generations.
- ◆ Setting up an endowment fund is easier than you might think. Our team will prepare simple paperwork capturing the name of the endowment fund and any areas of interest you’d like to support, including any specific nonprofit organizations. Then, you can transfer cash—or, even better for tax purposes, you can transfer appreciated assets such as stock or real estate. You’ll be eligible for a charitable tax deduction in the year you make the transfer to establish the fund. You can make future transfers to your endowment fund each year, too, to achieve your tax and estate planning goals.
- ◆ Our team is also happy to work with you and your professional advisors to structure a bequest to your endowment fund following your death. We highly recommend considering a bequest in the form of a beneficiary designation on an IRA because of the multiple tax benefits.

Whether you’re looking to give back, support a cause you care about, or create a legacy of generosity, a permanently endowed charitable fund with The Community Foundation of Frederick County is an investment in a brighter future. To learn more about how you can make a lasting difference, contact our Philanthropic Services team via email at Giving@FrederickCountyGives.org or call 301.695.7660.



[Standing Left to Right] Trustee Anne Reaver; Caitlyn Lee Lewis, 2024 Youth in Action honoree; Trustee Detric Kemp; Shirley Shores, 2024 Wertheimer honoree; President and CEO Betsy Day; and seated in front is Elaine Junker, 2024 Wertheimer honoree.

WERTHEIMER NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN MAY

The Community Foundation will be accepting nominations for The Wertheimer Fellows for Excellence in Volunteerism Award from May 1–31. The applications must be completed online via our website—FrederickCountyGives.org/Wertheimer.

The Wertheimer Fellows award honors the legacy of the late Janis Miller Wertheimer, a well-known Frederick businesswoman and prolific volunteer. The awards program is made possible through The Janis Miller Wertheimer Endowment Fund. Since it was started in 2003, more than 67 individuals have been celebrated for their commitment to community service.

The Wertheimer Youth in Action Award, now in its 13th year, recognizes youth in grades 9–12 at the time of nomination who are positively impacting the community by volunteering their talents and energies in extraordinary ways.

The honorees will be recognized at the Community Foundation’s Annual Report to the Community in November 2025. Wertheimer Fellows are awarded \$25,000 to establish or add to a permanent fund with the Community Foundation for the nonprofit or charitable endeavor of their choice. The Wertheimer Youth in Action honoree will receive a \$2,000 grant to support a Frederick County nonprofit organization of their choice.

LEARN MORE about Janis Wertheimer and the Wertheimer Awards at FrederickCountyGives.org/Wertheimer.

The Community Foundation's GRANT SNAPSHOT

Thanks to the support of donors, last year the Community Foundation distributed \$5.9 million in grants to hundreds of nonprofits serving in the areas of health and human services, youth programs, historic preservation, basic human needs, the arts, elder care, animal well-being, the environment, and so much more.



Seniors participate in YMCA of Frederick County's Rock Steady Boxing program. The program, supporting individuals with Parkinson's Disease, received a grant from **THE ADDIE B. NULL HEALTH CARE FUND**.



A grant from **THE H. REESE AND JEANNETTE K. SHOEMAKER CHARITABLE FUND** helped the Frederick County Division of Animal Control support dogs like Achilles as they waited for a loving home.



THE JAY "DOC" GEISER FUND provides grants that support students in the Culinary Arts Program at the Frederick County Public Schools Career and Technology Center. These grants cover the costs of professional certifications to prepare students for continuing education and the workforce.



Madison is an active 6-year-old who lives with multiple disabilities, including epilepsy. A grant from **THE H. GEORGE BAKER MEMORIAL FUND FOR EPILEPSY SUPPORT** was provided to The Monocacy Foundation to help Madison's family purchase a specialized car seat that allows her to travel safely around the community and to medical appointments.



YMCA of Frederick County's Kids Unlimited program provides summer camps for children with autism and other special needs. A grant from **THE FREDERICK KEYS CARE FUND** supports program activities like arts and crafts, sensory play, sports, and group games.



A grant from **THE DR. GEORGE AND CAROLYN SMITH FUND** provided support for Maryland Ensemble Theatre, Inc.'s summer show of Finding Nemo, Jr. Photo credit: Meech Creative, LLC



Everyone should have access to enjoy art and with the support of a grant from **THE COLLEEN M. REMSBERG MEMORIAL FUND**, The Delaplaine Arts Center was able to subsidize classes and produce exhibits for all to enjoy. Visiting artist Bruce I. Campbell presented artwork at his Art at Noon talk.



A grant from **THE BEATTY CRAMER HOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND** supported the preservation, ongoing maintenance and operation of the Betty Cramer House. Built in 1732, the home is Frederick County's oldest known house and represents a remarkable blend of Dutch, English, and American carpentry techniques.

Mission of Mercy provides free medical and dental care for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) families with children, and seniors. In fiscal year 2025, Mission of Mercy received \$50,000 in strategic grant support from the Community Foundation.



Strategic Funding Partners Stability and Support

Our world is constantly evolving, bringing new challenges and uncertainties. In times of change, it's natural to seek stability—to look for something steady, something reliable. Where can you turn when everything feels uncertain? How can you make a difference when you aren't sure where to start?

You can start with the Community Foundation. Please consider making your gift to become a Strategic Funding Partner today.

For nearly 40 years, we have been a constant presence, providing unwavering support to our community. Through economic downturns, public health crises, and shifting societal needs, we have remained steadfast, ensuring that resources go where they are needed most.

Guided by data, including insights from the 2022 Human Needs Assessment, we continue to focus on Frederick County's most pressing challenges—supporting families with children, addressing substance use disorder, and preparing for an aging population. Our commitment never wavers; we are here for our community today, tomorrow, and always.

We invite you to stand with us in support of our nonprofit partners.

Our Strategic Funding Partners ensure that we will be ready to respond with funding that makes an immediate impact. Every dollar you give will go directly back into the community, providing stability and support for those who need it most.

In a world of change, be part of something constant. Make your gift and partner with the Community Foundation today.

THREE WAYS TO BECOME A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STRATEGIC FUNDING PARTNER



Complete the form below and return it in the envelope provided by May 15, 2025, go to FrederickCountyGives.org/sfp, or scan the QR code here to make your gift today.



For more information, contact Betsy Diehl, Vice President of Philanthropic Services
301.695.7660 | b.diehl@FrederickCountyGives.org.

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- \$_____ Preparing for an aging population
- \$_____ An unrestricted gift supporting the greatest need

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THE JAKE BAKER 27 FUND

Founded by James and Karen Baker in memory of their son, Jake, to support programs that raise awareness of the importance of mental health and suicide prevention.

THE RICHARD AND MARY SUE GROSSNICKLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded by Richard Grossnickle to support students pursuing careers in the field of agriculture, nursing, or the trades.

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Founded by The Dr. J. Elmer Harp Medical Center, Inc. to support students in the Middletown area who are pursuing careers in a health care related field.

THE CHARLES HARRIS FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

Founded by Charles and Elizabeth Harris to provide grants to nonprofit organizations.

THE MICHAEL A. HOMBACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded by Marisa Hombach to support students who are pursuing careers in education, social work or behavioral health.

THE CHRISTOPHER AND LUCIA KLINE FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

Founded by Christopher and Lucia Kline to provide grants to nonprofits with programs that address mental health and dyslexia.

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Founded by Sarah Hofman in memory of her fiancé, Jeremy Magers, to provide grants for baseball and softball activities in Frederick County.

THE MICAH 6:8 FUND

Founded by Daniel Davis and Suzane Schmidt to provide grants to nonprofit organizations.

THE JEANIE KELLER REEDER FAMILY RESCUE FUND

Founded by Jeanie Keller Reeder to support the Frederick Rescue Mission.

THE HAROLD GLEN AND AUDREY G. BENSON TRUMPOWER FOUNDATION NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded by The Harold Glen and Audrey G. Benson Trumpower Foundation to support Carroll County residents enrolled in the Nursing program at McDaniel College.

THE MAYOR RON YOUNG TRIBUTE SCULPTURE PROJECT FUND

Founded by community volunteers to support the design, creation, and placement of a statue along Carroll Creek to honor Mayor Ron Young's leadership that brought about the renaissance and revitalization of downtown Frederick.

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