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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$450,000 IN NEW NEIGHBORS IN  
NEED GRANTS**

**Donors Urged to Contribute to Challenge Grant**

Note to Media: To arrange interviews with current grantees and the clients they serve, contact Janice L. Kaplan at 202-277-5461 or JaniceLKaplan@JaniceLKaplan.com.

Three years into the continuing economic crisis, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region today announced new grants through its Neighbors in Need Fund totaling \$450,000 to local safety net nonprofits. The grants to 30 nonprofit organizations in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland support foreclosure and eviction prevention; shelter and transitional housing; food including fresh produce; clothing; prescription programs; and emergency financial support for rent, utilities, medications and dental expenses. The Community Foundation also is providing funds to help families in Prince George's County who were displaced from their condemned apartment buildings after the August 23 earthquake.

The new grants, which bring the total amount awarded by the Fund to date to more than \$4.7 million, "will benefit safety net nonprofits that continue to see an increased demand for their services in the face of local and federal government budget cuts along with Freddie Mac winding down its local philanthropic investments and Fannie Mae's announcement that this year's Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall will be its last," said Terri Lee Freeman, President of The Community Foundation.

For instance, grantees include:

- Doorways for Women and Families, where the average length of stay in the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home has steadily risen in the past four years, from just over three months to nearly five months with some families staying more than a year. As a result, in the past year, Doorways was forced to turn away 1,460 adults and children seeking shelter, half of whom were from Arlington.
- Housing Initiative Partnership, which provides foreclosure prevention workshops in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, is bracing for a storm in the coming months. That is because, in the fourth quarter of 2010, there were 17,000 notices of intent to close in Maryland; in the first quarter of this year, there were 66,000.
- Community of Hope, one of many nonprofits in our region responding to the increasing number of homeless families. According to a recent report by the Metropolitan

Washington Council of Governments, children represent an alarming 27% of the region's homeless population.

- St. Camillus Food Pantries in Silver Spring, a multicultural parish which provides culturally appropriate food to low-income residents in Southern Montgomery County and Prince George's County. The food pantry serves individuals and families; recent immigrants from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Africa compose 99% of the population served.
- United Communities Against Poverty in Capital Heights, Maryland, which is providing emergency assistance to hundreds of families affected by the August earthquake. Funds to United Communities Against Poverty, as well as to Shabach! Ministries, Inc., and Unity Economic Development Corporation, were provided by Neighbors in Need Prince George's, a "cousin" of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region's Neighbors in Need Fund.

The new grants will go to safety net organizations based in Washington, D.C., suburban Maryland (Aquasco, Capital Heights, Hyattsville, Landover, Riverdale, Rockville, Silver Spring, Suitland) and Northern Virginia (Alexandria, Arlington, Bristow, Dumfries, Falls Church, Herndon, Lorton, Leesburg and McLean).

Established in 2008, the Neighbors in Need Fund is the region's largest fund specifically designed to help safety net organizations who are providing "the basics" to vulnerable families and individuals struggling to survive the economic crisis. Grants from the fund have already helped more than 100,000 people in the region.

Earlier this year, the Fund surpassed the \$5 million mark. Donations have come from hundreds of individuals, families, corporations and foundations who have given anywhere from \$10 to more than \$2 million.

This fall, a generous Community Foundation donor issued a \$300,000 challenge grant supporting the Fund. Gifts will be matched 1:1, maximizing the amount the Foundation is able to award in grants to effective safety-net organizations into the future. Philanthropist Jaylee Mead, who has contributed to the Neighbors in Need Fund every year since it started, said, "challenge grants can inspire many people to step up to the plate and meet a critical need together as a group that would be too daunting for any funder to take on all alone." Donations may be made at [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org)

### **About The Community Foundation**

Since its founding nearly four decades ago, The Community Foundation has helped its neighbors in need by promoting and supporting effective giving and by finding innovative solutions to the region's most challenging problems. The Foundation is a "community of givers"—individuals, families and corporations who have established more than 800 charitable-giving funds with assets of more than \$340 million. In FY2010, The Foundation and its donors awarded some \$50 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in the Washington, DC, region and beyond. The Foundation has two regional affiliates—The Community Foundation for Montgomery County and

The Community Foundation for Prince George's County. To learn more about The Community Foundation and its Neighbors in Need Fund, visit [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org).

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October 2011 Neighbors in Need Fund Grants

Action in Community Through Service of Prince William, Inc., Dumfries, VA  
\$10,000 to support the emergency assistance program

Arlington Pediatric Center, Arlington, VA  
\$10,000 to support the prescription program which provides free prescription medications to meet the acute and chronic care needs of uninsured disadvantaged children

Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs, Inc., Arlington, VA  
\$15,000 to support emergency financial assistance program for rent, utilities, emergency medical and dental expenses, and prescriptions

Bread for the City, Washington, DC  
\$20,000 to support the Food Program which provides economically vulnerable residents with a three-day supply of nutritious groceries

Capital Area Food Bank, Washington, DC  
\$20,000 to provide food and fresh produce to partner agencies across the region serving 480,000 people

Carpenter's Shelter, Inc., Alexandria, VA  
\$10,000 to support David's Place day shelter which provides emergency services to chronically homeless people in Alexandria

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Washington, DC  
\$10,000 to support the emergency financial assistance program of the Montgomery County Family Center

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Arlington, VA  
\$10,000 to support emergency assistance programs for food, shelter, clothing and emergency financial assistance

Community Crisis Services, Inc., Hyattsville, MD  
\$15,000 to support the emergency financial assistance program for rent

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Riverdale, MD  
\$20,000 to support the Foreclosure Prevention Program

Community of Hope, Washington, DC

\$10,000 to support Girard Street Apartments, a transitional housing program for homeless families with children

Community Support Systems, Inc., Aquasco, MD  
\$15,000 to support the emergency financial assistance program

DC Central Kitchen, Inc., Washington, DC  
\$20,000 to support the Food Recycling and Meal Distribution program which provides 4,800 meals each day to low-income and at-risk DC-area residents

Doorways for Women & Families, Arlington, VA  
\$15,000 to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing to Arlington County, VA women and families impacted by homelessness and domestic violence

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Inc., Alexandria, VA  
\$20,000 to support emergency financial assistance program for rent and utilities

Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc., Hyattsville, MD  
\$20,000 to support the Foreclosure Prevention Program in Prince George's County and Montgomery County

Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Herndon, VA  
\$15,000 to support the prescription medications assistance program for children and low-income adults in Fairfax County

Lorton Community Action Center, Lorton, VA  
\$15,000 to support emergency financial assistance program for rent, utilities and prescriptions

Loudoun Cares, Leesburg, VA  
\$10,000 to support the Winter Fuel Fund

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., Rockville, MD  
\$20,000 to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing to individuals and families in Montgomery County

Neediest Kids, Inc., McLean, VA  
\$10,000 to provide low-income children with new clothes, school uniforms, and coats

NOVA ScriptsCentral, Falls Church, VA  
\$17,500 to support prescription medications for low-income uninsured adults and child patients at 19 partner clinics in Northern Virginia

Rockville Presbyterian Church dba Rainbow Place, Rockville, MD  
\$7,500 to support emergency shelter for homeless adult women in Montgomery County

Shelter House, Inc., Herndon, VA

\$20,000 to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and emergency financial assistance for homeless families and individuals in Fairfax County

St. Camillus Food Pantries, Silver Spring, MD

\$15,000 to support emergency food program that distributes culturally appropriate food to low-income residents of Southern Montgomery County and Prince George's County

Transitional Housing Barn, Bristow, VA

\$10,000 to support transitional housing program serving homeless women and children, primarily from Prince William County

United Community Ministries, Inc., Alexandria, VA

\$20,000 to support the eviction prevention component of UCM's Basic Needs Program.

Neighbors in Need Prince George's

Shabach! Ministries, Inc., Landover, MD

\$20,000 to support emergency food assistance to unemployed, low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families in Prince George's County

United Communities Against Poverty, Capital Heights, MD

\$20,000 to provide emergency assistance to families in Prince George's County affected by the August earthquake

Unity Economic Development Corporation, Suitland, MD

\$10,000 to provide foreclosure prevention and intervention for low and moderate income families in Prince George's County