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**WILLIAM M. SHIPP IS NEW BOARD CHAIR OF  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Attorney William M. Shipp, a dedicated philanthropist, volunteer and lifetime resident of this region, is the new Board Chair of The Community Foundation for Prince George's County (CFPGC), an affiliate of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. Shipp is Managing Director of O'Malley, Miles, Nysten & Gilmore, P.A., a regional business law firm based in Maryland.

In making the announcement, CFPGC Executive Director Desiree Griffin-Moore said, "I am delighted to welcome Bill Shipp as our new Board Chair. Bill's commitment to the greater Prince George's community – not only through his professional work but volunteer efforts including citizen boards and commissions, business and charitable organizations – makes him an asset to The Community Foundation, our donors and the nonprofit organizations we serve." Shipp has served on the CFPGC Board and its development committee since 2007.

"I look forward to working with The Community Foundation's staff, board members, donors and many community partners in ensuring equity, access and opportunity for all residents of our county," said Shipp. For example, in the past year, the CFPGC and its community of donors granted more than \$1 million to organizations serving needy residents of the county. The Foundation concentrates its giving on safety net programs, quality education, and workforce development.

Shipp plans to continue to grow the base of nonprofit organizations the Foundation supports by expanding the number of individuals and corporations with donor advised funds at the Foundation. "I am particularly interested in raising the visibility and relevance of The Community Foundation in the Prince George's corporate sector so businesses are more engaged in supporting our programs," he said.

Shipp is a graduate of The George Washington University and The George Washington University Law School. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ballet Theatre of Maryland and a member of the Board of Directors of The Family Tree, a charitable organization dedicated to child abuse prevention in Maryland. He is former Chairman of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, the Prince George's County Housing Authority, the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission and the Board of Management for the Prince George's County YMCA.

He succeeds Kwasi Holman, who served as CFPGC Board Chair since 2008. Under Holman's leadership, the foundation grew its assets and connected with new business partners. "It's a pleasure to come into a vibrant board ready to continue the good work of past board chairs such as Kwasi and Artis Hampshire-Cowan, who have built a strong foundation in the community," he said.

The organization's next community-wide event is its Civic Leadership Awards celebration on April 12. For information, call (301) 918-8480 or visit [www.thecommunityfoundationpgc.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundationpgc.org).

Since its founding nearly 40 years ago, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region 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 \$360 million. In FY2010, The Foundation and its donors awarded some \$54 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in the Washington region and beyond. For more information, visit [www.thecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.org).

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