

# *Greenbelt Community Foundation*

## *Community Report: Fall 2016 - Spring 2018*



**“The mural is important to me because I was one of the fourth graders who helped make it. I mostly did panels in the bottom right corner. ... we got to use cement and tile cutters. I love the vibrant, shiny colors. This was the best art project I have ever done.”**

***Abraham C.***

*(Greenbelt Elementary School)*

*Greenbelt Association for the Arts Mosaic Mural Project*

## **A Message from The President**

Dear Friends,

This report highlights the twelve programs the Greenbelt Community Foundation funded from the fall of 2016 to the spring of 2018. The total of \$61,920 awarded has supported programs with a range of objectives: to increase environmental literacy, provide mentoring and leadership for young girls, repurpose an under-used classroom into a music library, develop a student-to-student tutoring program, and create a project to help new artists get their work in the public eye. This is not the full list. You may read about these and all 12 programs in the following pages.

With your support, we have touched thousands of lives over the last 12 years by providing critical support for worthwhile projects implemented by cooperatives and community groups that make Greenbelt special.

By investing in the arts, education, science, technology, community enhancement and the environment, GCF is working to fulfill the original vision of Greenbelt. We endeavor to continue the vibrant community that makes our city great. We believe in cultivating and sharing our city's creativity and devotion to a cooperative community where all can benefit, and all can contribute.

We are delighted to share with you the success stories since our last Community Report. You will read about wonderful programs and projects including a large children's art project, renewing dance for our community, saving our written history and a wonderful walk in the woods.

With true appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CS' or 'C. Shaw', written in a cursive style.

Carol M. Shaw, President

# Greenbelt Community Foundation Summaries of Projects

Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

## Fall 2016

**Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS)** received \$4877 for its intergenerational Action Research Project engaging individuals of all ages in activities aimed at increasing environmental literacy. These included a series of educational public workshops promoting organic land care and permaculture methods; an Earth Squad science research project involving 5 volunteer families composting and building up the soil at the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens and Food Forest sites in three neighborhoods in Greenbelt; and an Earth Squad project looking at the differences between the growth and survival patterns of a few northern and southern varieties of grapes, blueberries and strawberries grown in the Three Sisters Gardens.



**Alex and Olmsted** used its grant of \$2500 to expand Milo the Magnificent, a 10-minute puppet show to a 60-minute performance. Alex and Olmsted also developed an educational workshop that taught participants of all ages how to create puppets such as the ones seen in the show and held the workshop at both the New Deal Café and Beltway Plaza. Friends of the New Deal Café Arts was its fiscal sponsor.

## Spring 2017

**The Greenbelt Arts Center** received \$5000 to install a fully code-compliant permanent theatrical lighting power distribution system. By moving and consolidating some of the hardware and wiring, the theater becomes better able to mount the varied performances enjoyed by so many of the Greenbelt community – and beyond.

**The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music Program** used its \$5000 to repurpose an under-used classroom into a music library. By purchasing large storage cabinets, organizing copious amounts of sheet music and consolidating equipment into a dedicated space, the Music Department has created a multifaceted resource for the four concert bands and several smaller ensembles which contribute so much to the broader school community.



**THE GEMZ**, a mentoring and leadership program for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 18 years old, received \$4,234 to promote awareness of its programs and increase the number of girls participating. The GEMZ program activities focus on building better self-esteem, self-confidence and leadership skills among the girls.

**The Better Place** was awarded \$5000 to identify and train four ERHS students to serve as tutors for younger students. The organization was able to establish sites at the Greenbelt Library and the Springhill Lake Clubhouse where the high schoolers met with middle schoolers to provide academic support and leadership training as well as expand community awareness of the group's services. The Better Place was also able to forge connections with Greenbelt Cares as well as the Greenbelt Middle School community to further support students' progress.

**Alight Dance Theater** continued its involvement with the Greenbelt community by using its \$4,655 grant to offer a workshop designed to engage participants with literature, dance and innovative storytelling. Individuals of all ages collaborated to make new stories from old ones using words, play, and movement. This multigenerational project culminated in new professional production, "Page 115: Playing with Words," performed by alight dance theater at the Community Center.

**The Center for Dynamic Governance**, awarded \$4,770, is working with The Old Greenbelt Theater to maximizing volunteer program effectiveness is the focus of this project, particularly in a situation where there is paid and volunteer staff. This mixture calls for different strategies than an all volunteer organization because there are differing commitments, accountabilities, and more complex interpersonal dynamics. Over the course of a year, they will work with relevant staff, board members and volunteers to create a program that will be sustainable for OGT and replicable by other Greenbelt community groups.

<p>A Community Collaboration  <b>GreenbeltCARES</b>  <b>The Better Place, Inc.</b>          FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE FREE  <b>FREE Tutoring</b>          Tuesdays / Thursdays from 2:00pm – 5:00pm          GreenbeltCares / The Better Place, Inc.          Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse          6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770</p> <p>Saturdays from 10:00am – 12:00pm          GreenbeltCARES          Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse</p> <p>Saturdays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm          The Better Place, Inc.          Project Tutor          Greenbelt Library          11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770          Project Tutor is sponsored by the          Greenbelt Community Foundation</p> <p><b>"Help Us Help Youth Excel Academically"</b>          Contact          Judye Hering &amp; Chris Person          for more info</p> <p>jhering@greenbeltnmd.gov          chriswperson@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>Students Improve through Tutoring</b></p>  
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## **Fall 2017**

**The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts** received \$2000 to create a Mosaic Mural for Greenbelt Elementary School. Mounted on the front of the school, the mural represents the culmination of three months of work by approximately 229 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders under the direction of Valerie Theberge, a local muralist, and Nolte Nagy, the art teacher for the school with assistance from parent and community volunteers as well as the City of Greenbelt. The mural was unveiled May 17, 2018.



**The Old Greenbelt Theatre** is a time machine. Patrons often share memories when they visit: “I used to work here at the theater” or “I saw my first movie here!” or “I used to live here in Greenbelt, and I just love coming back to visit.” Greenbelt’s history is primarily documented with photographs, which focus on its construction and early years. But there are other forms of historical knowledge, from private photographs to home movies to oral histories. This grant will aid the OGT in bringing greater awareness of the importance of media to the preservation of Greenbelt’s history and to ensuring the continuation of our progressive future. Our ultimate goal is to focus our moving image history with a Media Arts Literacy Lab to continue to educate and engage the younger generation of Greenbelters.

## **Spring 2018**

**The Greenbelt Archive Project** has received \$5000 to continue its work digitizing decades of newspapers which are in danger of crumbling into dust in file cabinets. Although papers published prior to 1943 have been made accessible on Chronicling America, there are still approximately 25,000 pages which still need to be scanned and digitally managed in order to preserve these weekly stories of Greenbelt history.

**Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)** With its \$1,530 grant, will provide support for local artists, including assistance in the promotion and hanging artwork, as well as advertising to attract new artists. It also plans to hold receptions for artists whose artwork is being displayed.



**Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival/ CHEARS** received \$2,350 to expand its activities to other parts of the city. For decades, the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival has taken place in Old Greenbelt- carving pumpkins in Roosevelt Center and staging a walk through the Greenbelt forest preserve. However, it has often been difficult for those living outside of the center of Greenbelt or people with mobility or transportation issues to participate

fully. For the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Festival, organizers plan two additional locations for carving and walking, Schrom Hills Park and Franklin Park/Beltway Plaza so that everyone can join in and learn about the importance of the woods that surround us.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 financial report is from the Community Foundation of for the National Capital Region (CFNCR.) In 2017, it changed its name to the Greater Washington Community Foundation (GWCF.) That is why the April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 appears to be from a different organization. Until October 1, 2018, GCF was a field of interest fund in this organization. On October 1, 2018, GCF “retired” from GWCF since it received its own 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Statement of Financial Position and Activities  
April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017



Greenbelt Community Foundation

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Assets**

Cash/Central Investment Fund	\$20,382.48
Combined Investment Fund	\$183,442.27
Common Stock	\$0.00
Separately Invested Funds	\$0.00
Other Assets	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$203,824.75</b>

**Liabilities and Fund Balance**

Grants and Other Payables	\$0.00
Beginning Fund Balance	\$167,173.09
Net Change	<b>\$36,651.66</b>
Ending Fund Balance	\$203,824.75
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$203,824.75</b>

**Statement of Activities**

<b><u>Total Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Quarter Ending 03/31/17</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Contributions	\$6,790.00	\$43,641.00
Interest and dividends	\$743.33	\$4,040.98
Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$6,267.00	\$15,544.57
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,800.33</b>	<b>\$63,226.55</b>
Grants	\$4,887.00	\$18,887.00
Community Leadership Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Appropriations	\$3,820.47	\$5,539.26
Management Fees	\$562.06	\$2,148.63
<b>Total Grants and Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,269.53</b>	<b>\$26,574.89</b>
Revenue -- Net Change	<b>\$4,530.80</b>	<b>\$36,651.66</b>

<b>Amount Available for Grantmaking</b>	<b>\$203,824.75</b>
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Statement of Financial Position and Activities  
April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018



Greenbelt Community Foundation

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Assets**

Money Market Fund	\$19,629.38
Combined Investment Fund	\$176,664.44
Common Stock	\$0.00
Separately Managed Funds	\$0.00
Other Assets	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$196,293.82</b>

**Liabilities and Fund Balance**

Grants and Other Payables	\$582.00
Beginning Fund Balance	\$203,824.75
Net Change	<b>(\$8,112.93)</b>
Ending Fund Balance	\$195,711.82
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$196,293.82</b>

**Statement of Activities**

**Total Revenue**

	<b><u>Quarter Ending 03/31/18</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Contributions	\$4,465.00	\$18,935.00
Interest and dividends	\$858.03	\$4,427.95
Realized and Unrealized Gains	(\$1,378.41)	\$13,067.03
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,944.62</b>	<b>\$36,429.98</b>

Grants	\$7,000.00	\$38,071.01
Community Leadership Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Appropriations	\$3,130.81	\$5,893.53
Management Fees	\$0.00	\$578.37
<b>Total Grants and Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,130.81</b>	<b>\$44,542.91</b>
<b>Revenue -- Net Change</b>	<b>(\$6,186.19)</b>	<b>(\$8,112.93)</b>

**Amount Available for Grantmaking** **\$195,711.82**



**We truly appreciate the work of the following volunteers who have work hard during this time to make GCF support to the community possible.**

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*We try hard to thank our volunteers. Please let us know if your volunteer work has not been recognized.*

# Statement of Purpose

## *VISION*

*Our vision is for a thriving, engaged community that is socially responsible, environmentally conscious, and supportive of education, the arts, and sciences.*

## *MISSION*

*The mission of the Greenbelt Community Foundation is to promote community projects that build upon the ideals of collaboration, cooperation, and engagement through the generous participation of individuals and organizations.*