



COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2014 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Recipients to be celebrated at annual Winter Gala on December 13

(College Park, MD) On Tuesday, the College Park Community Foundation (CPCF) announced over \$4,000 in grants to six non-profit and service organizations for its 2014 grant cycle. Compared to its inaugural grant cycle in 2013, CPCF received over double the number of applications and granting over \$2,700 above 2013's total grant amount.

"We're very excited to have received so many strong applications this year, and are honored to be extending grants to a wide range of organizations serving the College Park community," said Richard Morrison, Chair of CPCF's Board of Directors.

The 2014 Grant Recipients:

Boy Scout Troop 298 has been awarded up to \$500 in matching grant funds to support the scouts attending summer day camp in Summer 2015. Funds raised by Boy Scout Troop 298 between now and May 31, 2015 will be eligible for the match.

The College Park Community Food Bank has been awarded a \$1,000 grant to support a new initiative to develop infrastructure and visibility. The grant will fund a stipend for an intern to develop better organizational systems, story collecting, messaging, and data gathering, including a volunteer and donor directory, updated website, and developing a data collection tool for the clients they serve. ***In addition, the CPCF will award up to an additional \$300 in the form of a matching grant for other funds The College Park Community Food Bank raises for this project through May 30, 2015.***

The College Park Community Library has been awarded a \$400 grant to support the purchase of a library software package that will allow the Community Library to improve their service capacity by being able to track their inventory, electronically check-out/in books, and easily inform customers of when popular items will be available.

Cub Scout Pack 298 has been awarded up to \$500 in matching grant funds to support the scouts attending summer day camp in Summer 2015. Funds raised by Cub Scout Pack298 between now and May 30, 2015 will be eligible for the match.

Meals on Wheels of College Park has been awarded a \$607 grant to support outreach and marketing efforts for clients and volunteers, including a redesigned website and targeted advertising campaigns.

The National Museum of Language has been awarded a \$700 grant to support a week-long language and culture summer day camp at the College Park Community Center during Summer 2015. The camp will provide 60 children with an introduction to a variety of languages, including Chinese, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Japanese. Children will learn language and culture through songs/music, visuals, language practice, folk tales, dance, games, and arts and crafts.

2014 Winter Gala

The 2014 Grant Recipients will be formally recognized at the College Park Community Foundation's annual Winter Gala on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. The Gala will feature hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, musical entertainment, and a silent auction, highlighting items from local businesses.

All are invited to attend. Proceeds from the event support CPCF's grant-making and outreach activities. Individual tickets for the Winter Gala are \$45 and may be purchased online at cpgala.brownpapertickets.com.

Business sponsorships are also available. For more information, please contact Nick Brennan at nbrennan@collegeparkfoundation.org.

About the College Park Community Foundation:

The College Park Community Foundation is a non-profit, community-run organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in College Park, Maryland

The College Park Community Foundation has three main goals:

Awarding grants on a competitive basis to charitable projects that serve the College Park community. Priority service areas focus on education, quality of life, and community building.

Providing networking resources for projects and organizations that serve the community.

Raising funds to support our work from individuals, businesses, and grant-makers who want to make College Park a better place.

Founded in 2011, the College Park Community Foundation is a component fund of The Community Foundation of the National Capital Region.

Learn more at www.collegeparkfoundation.org

About the College Park Community Food Bank:

The College Park Community Food Bank (CPCFB) is a local non-profit organization, which provides free groceries to residents of College Park and surrounding areas on the third Saturday of each month. The mission of the CPCFB is to reduce hunger in College Park and the surrounding communities by regularly offering food to individuals and families. Their vision is to ensure that families will thrive by having life-sustaining food. The CPCFB strives to be a place where clients and volunteers are respected and where persons come to serve and to be served.

The organization was started in September 2009 and since that time, as have served 6,500 families with what is the equivalent of 140,000 meals of food.

Learn more at <http://www.collegeparkfoodbank.com>.

About the National Museum of Language:

The National Museum of Language (NML) was incorporated in 1999 to promote a broader public understanding of and appreciation for language and languages – in history, contemporary affairs, and the future. The NML seeks to lead their visitors to their own discovery of the beauty and wonder of this fundamental human activity. The NML intends to offer traveling exhibits or fixed period exhibits on loan to local schools, libraries, community centers and other public venues, or “high traffic” private venues. The NML opened its physical doors in May of 2008, sustained by a nearly all-volunteer governing board and roster of docents. The NML has reached out to and collaborated with numerous national, regional, and local organizations and supporters similarly devoted to language education, appreciation, and public recognition and support. These activities have included permanent and rotating exhibits at the former College Park location, traveling and loan exhibits to various local and regional “high impact” venues, a regularly scheduled speaker series featuring experts on diverse topics in language, culture, and language science, and a series of four very successful summer camps that explored a different language each day with the focus on culture.

Learn more at www.languagemuseum.org.

About Meals on Wheels of College Park:

Meals on Wheels of College Park has been in existence for 40 years. The mission of Meals on Wheels of College Park is to provide the senior community, as well as persons who are disabled on a short- or long-term basis, with nutritious meals. The primary goal is to provide three meals, including one hot meal, to home bound clients five days a week as well as a human connection they may need to help with daily independent living. Every client is treated with respect and dignity and no one is refused, regardless of ability to pay.

Learn more at www.mowcp.yolasite.com.

About the College Park Community Library:

The goals of the College Park Community Library are to give College Park residents a public library within the city limits, to enrich or improve the quality of life of College Park

residents, and to support and improve educational and cultural opportunities for adults and children in the city.

Opening the library's doors in 2012 marked the beginning of our effort bring people together around books, ideas, and educational opportunities, thereby fostering a greater sense of community, and giving families another option for establishing and maintaining a life-long interest in books and learning. The College Park Community Library strives to bring people from College Park's various communities together, and to collaborate with other groups/associations within the city to provide programming. The collection of books covers a wide variety of interests, both fiction and non-fiction, including foreign language books. Through diverse programming, we endeavor to meet the needs of all age groups, from toddler story times to programs for adults and seniors. An annual book festival, offered in conjunction with the College Park Lions Club, has provided an opportunity for city residents to meet local authors and to celebrate the "art" of reading.

Learn more at www.cpcommunitylibrary.org.

About Cub Scout Pack 298:

The Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization that works with boys of all ages. Cub Scout Pack 298 works with boys from 1st Grade until 5th Grade and then they move onto the Boy Scouts. The Cub Scouts helps the boys learn various values while having fun in the process. Pack 298 includes boys from College Park and the surrounding areas.

About Boy Scout Troop 298:

The Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping boys grow and become men. With this program they will be able to learn life lessons along their path from each accomplishment they achieve with the help of the volunteers in each Troop. Troop 298 includes boys from College Park and surrounding areas.