



# GREENBELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT





March 2015

Dear Honored Friends,

The Greenbelt Community Foundation is pleased to highlight the accomplishments of the past years and to celebrate the year ahead. The Foundation began in 2006 and works to build a bridge between donors and worthwhile projects. These projects encompass educational, environmental, arts and sciences and other projects that support Greenbelt youth and residents. A listing of funded projects has been included in this report, which demonstrates the impact that your contributions have on the ability of local non-profit groups and organizations to provide important services in Greenbelt.

The Foundation begins 2015 by celebrating our most recent grantee, the Greenbelt Maker-Space. This organization has been doing some amazing work since it started, fostering intergenerational activities and encouraging all genders and diverse ethnic groups to participate in today's technologies. Maker-Space has become a wonderful asset to Greenbelt.

We at the Foundation hope you have found all of our efforts over the past nine years, worthy of continuing support today and into the future. Please consider the Greenbelt Community Foundation when making your charitable decisions. It is our hope that you will remember us during your estate planning process and/or in your will.

Next year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary! How time flies. We look forward to touching more Greenbelters as we nourish all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

*Suzette Agans,*  
Advisory Board Chair

PS. Please also find enclosed the 2014 financial statement and an executive summary of GCF's 3-year strategic plan.

*Alight Dance, Schrom Hills Park 2014*



To learn more about what the Greenbelt Community Foundation does, please visit our website, [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net). To discuss sponsorship ideas or other ways to collaborate, please contact us at [admin@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:admin@greenbeltfoundation.net).

## **Greenbelt Community Foundation Funded Projects from 2008 until 2014**

### **Spring 2008**

#### **Camp Fire USA**

Funding used for leadership and personal develop skills focused on grades 6 -12 in Greenbelt West; included Greenbelt Police, community volunteers and Department of Social Services.

#### **Friends of the Greenbelt Museum**

Funding used to remake the orientation film. Update and modernize the film's historical accuracy, and discussed issues such as racial segregation, town planning, public housing and women's roles in the creation of Greenbelt.

### **Fall 2008**

#### **Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society (CHEARS)**

Funding supported the 2008 Green Man Festival.

#### **Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble**

Helped support the ensemble's concert invitational performance tour in China as part of the 2008 Olympic festivities.

#### **Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA)**

Funding supported programs and new initiatives for art shows and publicity.

#### **Friends of Still Creek (FoSC)**

Funding purchased an LCD projector to be shared with other organizations for environmental education.

#### **Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA/GATE)**

Funding supported "A Celebration of 10 Years of the Animation Program" held in June 2008.

#### **Greenbelt Elementary School Sixth Grade Chorus**

Funding supported "Welcome to America - Our Country in Song", an invitational concert at Disney World Memorial Day weekend, 2008.

#### **Greenbelt Farmers Market**

Funding supported creation of a farmers market in Roosevelt Center.



**Greenbelt in Focus**

Funds supported the production of monthly video programs shown in local movie theaters.

**Greenbelt International Cultural Festival**

Funding supported the festival.

**Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's Church**

Funds helped to create an emergency Food Bank.

**Spring 2009**

**Campfire USA**

These funds were to provide youth in the Greenbelt West community, with asset based, outcome measurable programs that reinforced their academic and social skills and deter them from participation in negative behavior.

**Coop Grocery Store** - Coop purchased Member/Information Bulletin Boards.

**Fall 2009**

**Transitions Theater – Voices**

Greenbelt Elementary School – Arts in Action program was developed.

**Spring 2010**

**Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center’s - Rest Room Rescue**

Funding supported bathroom upgrades in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act.

**Greenbelt Museum’s** - Garden Project created.

**Camp Fire USA’s Computer Technology Program**

Funding used to provide computers and access to youth in the Springhill Lake neighborhood.

**Fall 2010**

**Girl Scout Troop 4816**

**“Watershed Preservation and Restoration”**

The girls in Troop 4816 worked on four watershed restoration projects as part of their silver and silver trefoil awards by planting a rain garden on Greenbelt city land, studying the ecology of the retention pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen, and establishing a water quality monitoring program for youth.

*Campfire USA*



**Springhill Lake Elementary School**  
**“Arts Integrated Extended Learning Opportunity”**

An after-school program for third through fifth grade Springhill Lake Elementary students who exceeded proficiency in reading and also integrated the visual arts into existing curriculum.

**“Arts in Action Two”**

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA brought three artists into Greenbelt Elementary School who provided drawing, painting and ceramics classes to students in kindergarten through sixth grade during the spring semester of the 2011-2012 year, which supported and enriched the academic subjects they were studying.

**Spring 2011**

**“Hometown Heroes: 75 Years of extra-Ordinary Greenbelt Women”**

Alight produced a multi-dimensional program celebrating 75 years of Extra-Ordinary women who shaped the community we live in today and performed this production at various venues throughout the City.

*GCF's next deadline for grant applications is April 15. We are looking forward to funding wonderful new ideas or projects that nourishes all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods, so please pass along to your friends and neighborhoods that we have money to give away, from \$500 to \$5,000.*

**“Early Childhood Music Enrichment Program”**

Greenbelt Nursery School enhanced the education in each of its four classes for 3 and 4 year olds using local artists and focused on the benefits of music education outside of the classroom setting.

**Fall 2011**

**Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) - “75th Anniversary Animation Special”**

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program created an animated video with Greenbelt youth ages 11-15 that addressed the challenge brought on by the three physically separated geographic areas of Greenbelt. Students from all three areas worked as teams and created the animation over two years. Participation was free, making the project accessible to all Greenbelt youth.

**Spring 2012**

**Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) - “Tap-Roots”**

Tap-Roots integrated an agricultural education program into Greenbelt Middle School committed to introducing topics of environmental sustainability, a genecology, food safety and nutrition.

**Friends of the Greenbelt Museum - “Greenbelt: The First 75 Years”**

In conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Committee, this project supported the new exhibition “Greenbelt: The First 75 Years” that was mounted in the museum's satellite exhibition space in the Greenbelt Community Center.

**Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center - “Restroom Rescue - Door and Opener”**

This project allowed replacement of the present entrance door to the Greenbelt Arts Center and installation of an automatic door opener in keeping with the Americans with Disability Act.

**Greenbelt Farmers Market - “Farmers Market Risk Reduction and Signage Improvement”**

The Farmers Market replaced temporary portable signage with highly visible permanent signs on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road and much smaller 'Trailblazer' signs on Crescent Road and Southway.

**Fall 2012**

**Alight Dance Theater - “Stargazing”**

A fusion of dance, shadow play and music, Stargazing told the story of the starry night from the spectacular death of a star to the splendor visible from our own backyards.

**Camp Fire Patuxent Area Council - “Camp Fire LEADS!”**

Designed to help youth in Grades 7-10 "Find their Spark and Thrive," this 18 month program included integration of skills development, leadership, service learning, and mentoring.



**Eleanor Roosevelt High School - “Guitar and Keyboard Equipment Funding”**

ERHS classes offered students the opportunity to learn about and perform music on the piano and guitar.

**Greenbelt Homes Inc. - Woodlands Committee - “Pioneer Park Rain Garden”**

An 80-foot rain garden was installed in a pocket park next to Gardenway Road to capture rainwater while reducing storm runoff and demonstrating an innovative storm water management practice.

**Spring 2013**

**Greenbelt Lady Angels Association - “International/Domestic Basketball Tournament”**

The aim of the Greenbelt Lady Angels Community Involvement Project was to create and implement a host of activities and events that promoted continuity in the Greenbelt West Community through basketball games, peer mentoring of girls, and community advocacy.

### **Greenstems, Inc. - “Club125 Citizen Science Program”**

Greenstems, Inc. used Club125 in Greenbelt Center as an educational facility to develop a "citizen scientist" program. This program consisted of a 3-month curriculum of seminars, classes and project workshops culminating with a public show-n-tell science fair.

### **Greenbelt News Review - “News Review Student Training”**

The Phillip Merrill School of Journalism at the University of Maryland supplied student reporters to the Greenbelt News Review for a number of years. This infusion of youthful volunteers brought new life to the staff but the quality of the articles the students submitted to the newspaper for publication varied. This workshop guided students through an orientation and familiarized them with the editorial and organizational needs of the newspaper.

### **Fall 2013**

### **Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) in partnership with Alight Dance Theater - “Three Sisters: Gardens for All Seasons”**

The Three Sisters Demonstration Garden is located in three different Greenbelt sites: the historic city center, Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Between April and October 2014, each location was the site of a performance created by Alight Dance Theater artists, which guided audiences through an active exploration of the garden sites.

### **Greenbelt Community Arts Center - “Dry at Last”**

Installation of a permanent dehumidifier to control damaging humidity and condensation at the rear of the theater improved the experience of theatergoers and provided a space for set construction and storage.

### **Spring 2014**

### **Greenbelt News Review (GNR)**

The Greenbelt News Review strives to rethink and redesign GNR’s online presence so that the paper continues its vital role in Greenbelt’s community life. The grant helped to implement a plan for sustainable and extensive electronic print that complements traditional print.

### **Greenbelt Co-op Incubator**

This joint submission focused on six potential new cooperatives; A Franklin Park Day Care/Preschool, a Compost Co-op, a Movie Theater Co-op, a Kids Co-op, A Thrift Store Co-op and a Healthy Eco Yards Co-op. The purpose of this incubator project request was to obtain professional help to write bylaws and to incorporate these businesses.

*Representatives from the Franklin Park Day Care/Early Learning Center Cooperative*



## Greenbelt Community Foundation Financial Report

January – December 2014

	Amount
<b>2014 INCOME:</b>	
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Individual Gifts	23,662.00
Government Grant*	25,000.00
Corporate Gifts	1,910.00
Sponsorships & Other Income	4,355.53
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,927.53</b>
<b>2014 EXPENSES:</b>	
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Administrative Services & Fees	3,531.94
Printing & Postage	247.99
Office Supplies/Equipment	729.85
Community Outreach & Meetings	2,433.98
Miscellaneous	154.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,098.41</b>
<b>2014 GRANTS AWARDED:</b>	
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Grants Approved	9,960.00
<b>TOTAL NET 2014 INCOME</b>	<b>37,869.12</b>
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<b>HISTORICAL INCOME:</b>	
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Gross Income (2007-2014)	354,139.04
Gross Expenses (2007-2014)	49,442.02
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME:</b>	<b>304,697.07</b>

\* Prince Georges County grant for the purposes of supporting educational projects in Greenbelt.



## Strategic Plan (2014-2017) *Nourishing all of Greenbelt's Neighborhoods*

December 2014

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greenbelt Community Foundation Advisory Board launched a strategic planning effort in 2014 to set the Foundation's direction for the next three years. The resulting plan was developed with significant input from community members, stakeholders, and city leaders. We are pleased to share this plan with you and hope you will join us in its implementation.

#### 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.*

#### Vision

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

#### What the Community has to say about the Foundation

*"GCF has a friendly and predictable cycle for solicitation and award of qualified grants."*

*"...the Community knows the groups that get funded on a personal basis."*

*"GCF has a strong, diverse board, with good people recruited."*

### GOALS

**1**

• **Outreach - Expand the Foundation's visibility as a highly-regarded organization that provides valuable benefits.**

**2**

• **Catalyst - Develop and support programs that respond to community priorities related to quality of life in Greenbelt.**

**3**

• **Financial Sustainability - Build a financially strong Greenbelt Community Foundation.**

**4**

• **Leadership - Increase the Foundation's capacity to provide visionary leadership and pursue innovative practices.**