

Dear Friends and Family,

We are excited to welcome you to our inaugural newsletter! In this and coming issues, we will share with you our latest news and updates and highlight some of the outstanding organizations we are partnering with to provide direct services to children and families.

In these difficult times, we are grateful that many of you are already partners with us through your generous donations. We have been in contact with the grantees we have supported, asking how we can provide additional financial and operational assistance at this time. The need is great, and we want you to know who we are helping and how we are providing that help.

We hope you enjoy these updates and are able to stay safe and healthy in these unprecedented times.

Best,

The Family Foundation Board

Grant Spotlight: *ScholarCHIPS, Inc.*

As a high school junior, Yasmine Arrington, then a teen working with Learn-Serve International (a nonprofit supported by The Family Foundation) developed a scholarship program for college-bound students who were children of incarcerated parents. With \$1,000 seed funding from Ashoka's Youth Venture in October 2010, Yasmine launched ScholarCHIPS with an ambitious goal of raising \$30,000 to provide scholarships for DC students.

By 2012, ScholarCHIPS raised enough funds to distribute its first scholarships and welcomed its inaugural cohort of eight scholars. In addition to the scholarships, this program also provides ongoing support to their recipients including workshops and a mentoring program.

ScholarCHIPS college assistance applications are available for graduating high school seniors who live in the DC metro area and are children of incarcerated parents. The scholarships are awarded in June, and the recipients then attend our College Freshman workshop.

To date, ScholarCHIPS has awarded over \$200,000 to 61 scholars and will welcome their ninth cohort of scholars this June 2020.

ScholarCHIPS is proud that their scholarships have led to 18 college graduates, and many of ScholarCHIPS alumni have gone on to pursue advanced degrees and/or are working in their career fields.



“ *The Family Foundation has become an important part of our network. They have provided several grants, and each one has had an important impact on ScholarCHIPS. They've helped us raise funds with their initial matching grant, then they helped us expand our team and bring on a consultant to help build up our Mentoring program. ScholarCHIPS and I are eternally grateful for the direct and ongoing support that The Family Foundation has provided us.* ”

—Yasmine Arrington

The Family Foundation

We established the Foundation in 1975 to provide educational and mental health services for emotionally disturbed adolescents and to provide charitable support to individuals, families, and organizations who serve these populations. Over the past 15 years, we have granted more than \$700,000 to fund these efforts.



Our Strategy Is Simple:

We make small, targeted grants to enable organizations working with youth and with families launch a new idea, add a needed aspect to an existing program, or expand the reach of their existing work. While we have primarily focused our grant making in the DC-MD-VA area, we have also supported initiatives beyond these boundaries, both in the US and abroad. Grants have also been made to individuals and families in times of need or crisis and to others who have dedicated themselves to this work.

Who Do Our Grants Impact?

Learn-Serve International equips middle and high school students from diverse backgrounds with the entrepreneurial vision and leadership skills to tackle social programs nationally and globally

NAMI/DC and NAMI/MC work directly with youth and families on issues of mental health and suicide prevention

Independent Grounds offers a vocational work-study program for individuals with disabilities

Connected Psychology works directly in the DC public schools and has trained graduate students to work in the field of mental health

Beyond the Spectrum serves students and families affected by Autism including an expanded vocational program for their students

Bread & Roses offers summer programs for youth initiatives in the arts

Gbongbonton, Community Primary School (Sierra Leone) serves 300 local children who previously had no school in their village

Breaking the Cycle "encourages, supports, and provides opportunities for youth to positively develop and "break the cycle" of events that have occurred in their lives"

How Can You Help?

From providing scholarships, mentorship, and a support network to youth with incarcerated parents to supporting a vocational work-study program for individuals with disabilities, your support has already gone a long way.

We hope you will continue to partner with us as you have so generously done in the past. Needs remain great and resources are limited. With your help, The Family Foundation, Inc. can continue to provide impactful help to programs that are doing wonderful work to improve our communities, their families, and their children's lives. You can donate in two ways:

1. Send a check directly to:

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1700 Briggs Chaney Road
Silver Spring, MD 20905

2. Online via our website:

thefamilyfoundationinc.com/donate

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