



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Body, mind, & spirit: creating a brighter future

THE
MARION I. & HENRY J.
KNOTT FOUNDATION

ABOUT US: 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

46 YEARS

of giving back to the community

\$61.4 MILLION

held in assets as of December 31, 2023

\$2.6 MILLION

awarded in grants in 2023

10 MARYLAND COUNTIES AND JURISDICTIONS

comprise our giving area

33 FAMILY MEMBERS

currently serve on the Board of Trustees

4 GENERATIONS

of family engagement

4 FULL-TIME

Executive Team members work in our office

3 GRANT CYCLES

are held in February, June, and October

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The year 2023 brought a good deal of growth to the Knott Foundation as we celebrated 46 years as a family philanthropy founded on the values of **Understanding** and responding to the needs of our community; **Respecting** the values of the Roman Catholic faith; **Engaging** in the ongoing education of trustees and staff; **Ensuring** good stewardship; and **Encouraging** open communication.

We were thrilled to welcome Kelley Kilduff as our new Executive Director. Prior to joining us, Kelley was the Vice President for Advancement and University Communications at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Also expanding our team, we were delighted to welcome Jessica Feldt as our Grants & Database Administrator. Jessica comes to us from Preservation Maryland where she was the Preservation Initiatives Manager.

We are a foundation in transition and are pleased with our new trajectory. Under the auspices of our previous President, Mary Lindsay Gallagher, a special committee led by Marion Knott started the process of looking at strategic funding three years ago. This work was inspired by the success of our BOOST (Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Time) strategic initiative, introduced a few years ago. During the December 2022 Board Meeting, approval was granted to launch three new strategic grantmaking initiatives centered around Catholic Schools, Workforce Development, and Youth Empowerment. Built on the foundation laid by my parents, Henry and Marion Knott, in 1977, this strategic work presents an opportunity for us to collaborate, learn, and share more openly. In tandem with the traditionally broad and responsive grantmaking offered by our General Fund, this work honors the ingenuity and hard work of our founders. We believe it will also amplify the impact of our grantee partners.

This is an exciting time for us, and we look forward to continuing our traditional General Fund grantmaking while launching the new strategic initiative in fall 2024 with optimism and prosperity for our grant recipients.



Have a great year,

Martin G. Knott
President, Board of Trustees

Kelley Q. Kilduff
Executive Director



EDUCATION LEVELING UP COMPUTER LABS FOR LEARNING & LIFE



Bishop Walsh School uses education grant to connect students to global opportunities

Opened in 1966, Bishop Walsh School is an Archdiocesan Catholic School founded by the Christian Brothers and located in Cumberland, Maryland. Originally founded as a high school, the Bishop Walsh of today represents a consolidation of five Catholic schools, now serving 300 students in grades pre-K through 12. Emphasizing STEM and the arts in a faith-based environment, it is the only Catholic school in Allegany County, Maryland.

Challenging diverse learners through an atmosphere of high expectations and involvement, Bishop Walsh graduates lifelong learners grounded in the Catholic faith and possessing the skills necessary for success in life with a heart for service.

Henry and Marion Knott, our founders, believed that education was the key to success. They sought to support both students who were excelling academically and students who had limited access to opportunity. They believed that hard work combined with access to a quality education was the foundation from which all people could succeed in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Knott prioritized Catholic education both because of their personal faith and because they valued both the character development it nurtured in students and the moral stability it provided to the community. And though they primarily supported Catholic education, their interests were not exclusive. They sought to support the greater Baltimore community by providing opportunity to motivated students in and outside the Catholic faith.

When investing in education, the Knotts had high standards for schools and students alike. They supported schools that were producing leaders, and that were well-run institutions. Their expectation was that students, after benefitting from educational opportunity, would emerge as active citizens, ready to give back and become leaders in their communities. They truly believed that education was, is, and will always be the quickest path to leveling the playing field and upward mobility.

Today, the Marion I. and Henry J. Knott Foundation continues our founders' commitment to education by prioritizing Catholic education. We also support special needs schools, private colleges and universities, out-of-school-time programs, and other education-related activities that provide opportunity for students and produce lasting outcomes within the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

AN EXCEL(LENT) INVESTMENT

Academic excellence is a cornerstone of life at Bishop Walsh. Over 97% of students go on to attend 4-year college. These same students score higher on AP national exams and standardized tests than their peers, both here in Maryland and across the nation.

While research continues to show that effective teachers are the most important school-level factor influencing student outcomes such as those noted above, the demand for and expectation of technology in the classroom continues to rise. In fact, it has been estimated that U.S. K-12 schools spend between \$26 billion and \$41 billion on education technology each year, and while public schools can rely on property taxes and federal aid to cover a large portion of these costs, private schools, such as Bishop Walsh, must rely upon tuition and fundraising to meet this ever evolving and expensive need.

Most recently the Knott Foundation awarded Bishop Walsh \$90,000 to help them meet this need with the aim of bringing technology access in-line with the school's long-established academic excellence. Part of a larger technology project, Knott support enabled the school to improve its network infrastructure, invest in interactive whiteboards, secure new desktop hardware, and purchase collaboration-minded furniture.

INSTALLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

While the school has operated as a one-to-one Chromebook school for years in grades 3 – 12, Chromebooks can only do so much. Computer labs equipped with state-of-the-art hardware and software provide students with the opportunity to expand their digital literacy, develop collaborative working styles, and grow their working knowledge of programs and platforms used in college and career settings. For students with learning differences enrolled in the school's Pratt Program, these new tools equip teachers with the ability to offer differentiated instruction and evidence-based interventions to see these students soar.

Principal Jennifer Flinn stated, "thanks to the generous support of the Knott Foundation grant, we are thrilled with our new state-of-the-art computer labs. This transformative gift empowers our students with the latest technology, fostering collaborative projects, interactive learning, and hands-on exploration. The new computer labs have become hubs of learning, where students not only acquire essential digital skills but also engage in real-world applications, ensuring they are well-equipped for success in the digital age."

Incorporating the latest technology at Bishop Walsh has not only provided students with access to cutting-edge tools but also enhanced their understanding of technology as an instrumental



resource. This resource is vital for academic and career success, and perhaps more importantly, under the guidance of a Bishop Walsh teacher, it can encourage positive actions and foster connections framed by compassion.



CATHOLIC ACTIVITIES

USING TECHNOLOGY TO TRAVEL THE PATH FROM SEEKER TO SERVANT TO SAINT



The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton leverages Catholic activities grant to foster deep, inspiring connections to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton through technology

Born to a prominent family in New York City in 1774, Mother Seton arrived in Emmitsburg in 1808 simply as Elizabeth. Despite losing her mother at age 3, marrying at 19, being widowed at 29, and shunned by her family for converting to Catholicism, Elizabeth would go on to become the first native-born American saint. Her remarkable story remains relatable and relevant to us even today and is being brought to life in new ways through the use of innovative technology.

The Catholic faith and the Catholic Church community were of central importance to our founders – it was their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Knott responded to the needs of the clergy both out of gratitude for the compassion their own family had received, and a desire to support the work of men and women of integrity whom they saw serving the needs of the broader community. They supported the development of clergy and lay leaders to strengthen the Catholic Church, the reputation of the Catholic Church, and the Catholic community.

Our founders' devotion to the Catholic faith and support of the Catholic Church has its roots in family history. Mr. Knott's grandmother died young, and his own mother and aunt were raised and schooled by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, where his grandfather was a groundskeeper. That act of kindness made a huge impression on Mr. Knott. He and Mrs. Knott felt indebted to repay their generosity. As such, they focused on supporting the Catholic Church in part because of what the Church had done for the family, and also because of the role that faith played in their lives.

The Foundation honors this legacy by supporting organizations and programs that espouse the values and doctrines of the Catholic Church. Through our focus on Catholic activities, we support churches, faith communities, religious orders, retreat houses and spiritual centers.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SHRINE AND THE SETON SHRINE MUSEUM

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, located in Emmitsburg, is home to the remains of Elizabeth Ann Seton (Mother Seton). Recognized as both a Basilica and a national shrine, it provides a consecrated space for reflection and prayer for thousands of visitors each year.

Constructed in 1983 and originally located beneath the Basilica, The Seton Shrine Museum was too small and inflexible a space to communicate her story in the vibrant fashion it deserves. In 2018, in anticipation of the 200th Anniversary of Mother Seton's death, the Seton community saw an opportunity to rebuild and reimagine the museum.

ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE

The museum's transformation includes advanced technology, funded in part by the Knott Foundation, to immerse visitors in Elizabeth's world. A document reader reveals Elizabeth's writings, previously inaccessible due to their delicacy. Visitors can now connect personally with her through these artifacts. Tony Dilulio, Director of Programs, explains, "the ability to read something in Elizabeth's own hand, or out of one of her most cherished books, presents a profound opportunity to link the past to the present."

A customized interactive map illustrates the extensive impact of her life's work, including founding the first free Catholic school for girls (St. Joseph's Academy and Free School), and the first religious community for women in the U.S. (Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph), cementing her legacy in Catholic education and service.

Tony shared, "now that the museum is open, we get to see what it has done for people on a daily basis ... it is a great balance of engagement and a meditative experience for people." A recent visitor echoed this sentiment stating, "the new Seton Shrine Museum and visitor center perfectly tell the story of this inspiring but very relatable saint and engages you into 'all things Mother Seton'."

INSPIRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL

The reimagined museum extends beyond recounting Mother Seton's life; it invites reflection on our shared human experience. It prompts visitors to consider their struggles and potential for impact, echoing Mother Seton's ethos of living simply and serving others. Her legacy continues to ripple through time, inspiring service, and compassion across communities.

Through the strategic use of technology, the Seton Shrine Museum brings the past into a poignant present, allowing every visitor to walk the path from seeker to servant to saint.





HUMAN SERVICES

HOPE AND HEALING IN HARFORD COUNTY



SARC uses human services grant to renovate space and rebuild lives

SARC (The Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center) was established in 1978 as a small, grassroots, and volunteer-run program sheltering victims of violence in the homes of Harford County community members. More than forty years later, SARC remains a beacon of hope and a source of support for approximately 1,500 victims, potential victims, and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, and stalking on an annual basis. Through free-of-charge, confidential services ranging from counseling, legal advocacy and representation, case management, education, and housing, SARC provides the necessary tools for victims to create pathways for moving forward emotionally, physically, and financially.

Mr. and Mrs. Knott both came from humble beginnings and did not grow up wealthy. As a result, they had sincere compassion for others in need. Mrs. Knott, whose parents died when she was a young teen, had incredible compassion for people undergoing hardships in life. Mr. Knott started out driving a tomato truck, then spent time learning about construction, and eventually launched his own building business. He was given opportunities that changed the trajectory of his own life, and he wanted to do the same for others. They both believed in supporting people who wanted to help themselves and get ahead, and they hoped it would engender in them a spirit of giving and opportunity to pass on to others.

While they prioritized creating opportunity for people, our founders weren't above meeting basic needs. While living on their family farm and after having achieved success, they worked the land and donated the fruits of their labor to those in need. At another time, Mr. Knott's children recalled their father being particularly happy. Reportedly he had just gone to a coat manufacturer to buy out the remaining inventory at the end of season, and was on his way to donate the hundred or so coats to Catholic Charities to give to the homeless.

Compelled by their own life experiences and their faith, our founders had sincere compassion for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and in particular for women, children and families in crisis.

The Foundation continues this support by meeting many human service needs within the community. Our grants touch numerous areas – from helping to meet people's basic needs, to housing and homelessness, to workforce development, to family and children's services.

A SAFEHOUSE REBORN

On average, a person may attempt to leave an abusive relationship up to seven times before succeeding. While this statistic reflects various underlying factors, SARC's CEO Luisa Caiazza shared that many victims perceive the decision to leave as a tradeoff between securing their physical safety and sacrificing appropriate housing. Constructed in the 1950s and last renovated in 1996, SARC's Phelan Safehouse was reflective of this tradeoff – offering safety but little in the way of privacy, amenities, and access to trauma-informed healing spaces for therapy and childcare/play.

To address this, SARC launched a two-phase Capital Campaign, raising \$5.2M with the goals of expanding the existing space and improving safety features all while highlighting designs promoting well-being and healing. Phase one of the expansion not only increased the number of available beds from 28 to 40, but also redesigned the rooming into an apartment-like spaces, providing greater privacy for victims. Phase two of the renovation, funded in part by the Knott Foundation, helped to build a new, highly secure private entrance with an airlock to the administrative and outpatient service offices.

FEELING SAFE AND STANDING STRONG

Family wellness and healing were the drivers behind the project, the outcome of which – a fully renovated space - opened to clients in May 2023. Safehouse Director Sierra Keys shared, "When we were finally able to move the clients into the space it was incredible to see the differences in how they interacted with the building versus what I remembered from what feels like a lifetime ago. We now have the space our clients deserve, a space that meets their needs and that we, as staff, can be proud to bring new clients into on what is usually the worst day of their lives."

Luisa added, "The renovated space offers ten suites for living rather than open bunkbeds, spacious communal kitchens with individual storage, a pet shelter, exercise room, craft room, outdoor playground, and more." Victims seeking assistance no longer need to experience the tradeoff between safety and suitable accommodation in Harford County.

BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

Nala came to SARC after her husband, in a fit of rage, tried to intentionally crash the family's car with Nala and their four young kids in it. Nala and her kids were able to escape with minor physical wounds, but while being evaluated at the hospital, the ER nurses realized that Nala needed help they couldn't provide and connected her with SARC. Nala was able to spend the next few months working, battling her abuser in divorce and



custody court, legally removing herself from their shared home, and cleaning up her credit. In the next few weeks, she and her children will be moving into their own home.

According to data from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV), the number of intimate partner violence (IPV) related deaths in 2021 was 58, its highest level in 17 years; this reality continues to persist, and Nala's story is just one of many.

The renovated Phalen Safehouse's presence in Harford County played a pivotal role in Nala's ability to address the abuse, work on herself, protect her children, and move forward in a safe and uplifting environment. Of the project Luisa stated, "this legacy project will forever be a beacon of hope to survivors seeking refuge in Harford County." Strong survivors like Nala are a testament to this statement.



HEALTH CARE SHEPHERD'S CLINIC



33 years of providing quality care and wellness services to uninsured adults in Baltimore City

Shepherd's Clinic uses a health care grant to fill a gap in health care by providing primary, specialty, behavioral health, and wellness services to those who are unable to afford insurance but do not qualify for government assistance.

Our founders raised a family during an era where good medical care was hard to come by. Hospitals were just beginning to be built as pillars within communities and were not as accessible as they are today. Mr. and Mrs. Knott saw the potential that accessible, quality care had for strengthening the community, and they were also empathetic towards the strife that illness and death causes in a family.

During his lifetime, Mr. Knott used his business acumen and builders experience to purchase and then donate land to Johns Hopkins for their west campus expansion, as well as to other institutions. He knew that having world class medical facilities would bring recognition and strength to the Baltimore community.

Today the Foundation continues our founders' commitment in health care by supporting compassionate care needs of families and their caregivers. We concentrate on programs that provide curative, preventative, rehabilitative, and palliative care, as well as patient support services.

ABOUT SHEPHERD'S CLINIC

Launched in 1991 with the goal of increasing access to primary medical care for the uninsured, Shepherd's Clinic serves hundreds of patients every year from their Northeast Baltimore clinic. In 2022, the Clinic's team of staff and volunteer physicians and nurses provided care to nearly 700 individuals, bridging the gap for those that cannot afford health insurance yet do not qualify for government assistance. The Clinic provides services for those who would otherwise avoid seeking care or risk incurring substantial medical debt with a visit to the emergency room. In the Clinic's 2022 Annual Report, the organization cited that around 80% of their patients would have ended up not seeking care or going to the hospital without Shepherd's Clinic.

Shepherd's Clinic provides primary and specialty medical care in addition to behavioral health care and wellness services. The Joy Wellness Center provides education on nutrition and chronic conditions like diabetes, and yoga classes. 85% of the Shepherd's Clinic's patients have multiple chronic diseases and are reliant on the regular access to care provided by Shepherd's Clinic.

RESPONDING TO NEEDS

Shepherd's Clinic used a \$30,000 grant from the Knott Foundation to support their ongoing programs and adjust and respond to increasing community needs through the pandemic. Keeping up with those needs has required the Clinic team to strategically grow. The Clinic had previously integrated services like transportation and food access into their programs but heard from patients that they could use assistance with enrollment for other social service programs. To respond to that need, the Clinic added a Case Manager this year to help create partnerships with organizations providing other critical services such as housing and employment.

Additionally, the Clinic added a Community Health Worker to expand their impact and reach and hired a Data Coordinator to identify issues facing their clients, the outcomes of the Clinic's care, and gain a better understanding of their clients. In the year following their grant award with the Knott Foundation, they also launched programs to address the most prevalent issues they see on a daily basis including the EMPOWER program to address hypertension, the TRIUMPH program to address diabetes, and IGNITE, which offers vaccinations.

IMPACT ON PATIENTS

Patients report a 93% satisfaction rate with the services provided by Shepherd's Clinic. One patient said, "They explain things very well, I would not be alive if it weren't for the whole team down there. The whole staff is good. I even see the mental therapist there. They help me quit smoking."



Another patient's experience was greatly improved by the Clinic's expanded services as well. "Patient R" had recently immigrated and was without health insurance. Past trauma and recent loss had left her with an acute need for behavioral health services. This need was identified by the primary care provider she saw at Shepherd's Clinic, and she was able to meet with a behavioral health provider the same day. The rapid response and sustained care provided by Shepherd's Clinic allowed "patient R" to make significant progress in her treatment and get connected to vital services.

The impact of the Clinic's work is also felt by the clinicians. One behavioral health intern said "I have been surprised by how much I've grown as a clinician throughout my short time at Shepherd's Clinic. The impact of treatment on this population is invaluable as these individuals either have never received behavioral health services prior or would otherwise not have access to treatment."



ARTS & HUMANITIES

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG HOUSE



A National Historic Landmark, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House uses discretionary grant to inspire and inform during Covid-19 pandemic and beyond

Built in 1793, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House was once the home of Mary Young Pickersgill. A widowed craftswoman, Mary is best known for her role in creating the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the war of 1812 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write what would become our National Anthem.

The mission of The Museum is to preserve the history of the making of the Star-Spangled Banner Flag, promote the legacy of Mary, and inspire personal connections to Baltimore and American history through place-based learning and the interpretation of the diverse lives of individuals who lived in the historic house since 1793.

Our founders valued arts and humanities for the well-rounded education it brings to humanity and the role it can play in strengthening a community.

Today the Foundation supports performing, visual and instructional arts programs in the community.

PRESERVING, EDUCATING, AND PERSEVERING

Officially opened as a public museum in 1927, the Flag House has undergone several transformations over the past 97 years. Aided by several successful capital campaigns, the Flag House of today expands beyond the footprint of Mary's home to include a visitor center and museum space highlighting more than 150 years of material culture including works on paper, period furnishings, photos, and Star-Spangled Banner-related artifacts. Perhaps most impressive is the expansive glass façade of The Museum replicating the original Star-Spangled Banner Flag. With its 15 stars and 15 stripes, this flag served as the country's national flag for about a quarter of a century, from 1795 to 1818. It now resides in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Given that history is a dynamic discipline, it is unsurprising that as the physical structure of the Flag House has expanded, so has the interpretation and presentation of the flag's story and that period in Baltimore and beyond. The Flag House of today uses immersive technology, audio tours, and virtual tools to bring a more nuanced and holistic perspective of the flag making process and the household of women, free and enslaved, that lived and worked to create the iconic flag. A key piece of this more holistic presentation was the discovery and acknowledgement of the work of Grace Wisher, a free-born Black girl from Baltimore who helped in the sewing of The Star-Spangled Banner Flag.

Like many museums and cultural institutions with collections of the Flag House's importance, consistent and specialized care is required to preserve the history contained within. As the world hunkered down in response to the pandemic, the Flag House could not simply turn off the lights and wait for the pandemic to pass. Reduced revenue from admissions, venue rentals, gift shop sales, and fewer visits from school groups, which are a major source of income for the Museum, required the Flag House to turn to the Knott Foundation and others to help bridge the gap. In addition to ensuring continuous care of their delicate artifacts, the Museum used the opportunity to create new virtual tools such as downloadable activity packets, long and short-format video tours, and a 3D scan of the historic house to tell their story.

LOOKING FORWARD

While not a 25-hour British bombardment, the Flag House like the Star-Spangled Banner Flag for which it is named, is still standing after the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. With its doors now fully open once again to the public, the museum Board and staff are planning for the future by examining past successes and exploring new ways to engage future generations. The tools developed in a time of necessity now serve to enrich the Flag House's accessibility as they continue to evolve in the stories they tell, the communities they reach, and the visitor experience.



2023 GRANT AWARDS

FOUNDATION GRANTS

Archbishop Curley High School, \$114,461
Associated Catholic Charities, Inc., \$53,375
Asylee Women Enterprise, \$45,000
B&O Railroad Museum, \$60,000
Baltimore Hunger Project, \$45,000
Baltimore Urban Baseball Association, \$10,000
Caroline Friess Center, Inc., \$45,000
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Church, \$80,000
Community Free Clinic, \$45,000
Dyslexia Tutoring Program, \$55,000
FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), \$50,000
Fuel Fund of Maryland, \$15,000
Gilchrist Hospice Care, \$50,000
Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO), \$46,900
HASA, \$15,000
Heartly House, Inc., \$45,000
HOPE for All Inc., \$42,000
Horizon Day Camp Baltimore, \$37,362
House of Ruth Maryland, \$65,000
Improving Education, \$45,000
Itineris, \$40,000
Jesuit Volunteer Corps, \$30,000
Living Classrooms Foundation, \$35,000
Maryland Book Bank, \$45,000
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, \$50,000
Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House, \$78,450
Mother Seton Academy, \$48,500
Mother Seton School, \$20,000
Mount de Sales Academy, \$150,000
Mount Saint Joseph High School, \$65,000
Next One Up Foundation, \$65,000
Open Works, Inc., \$48,500
Partners In Care Maryland, \$50,000
Pro Bono Counseling, \$40,000
Second Chances Garage, Inc., \$15,000
Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, \$45,000
South Baltimore Learning Center, \$50,000
St Francis de Sales, \$10,000
St. Augustine Church, \$27,000
St. Francis Neighborhood Center, \$48,500
St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School, \$80,000
St. Timothy Catholic Church, \$101,127
The Baltimore Basilica, \$60,000

The John Carroll School, \$80,000
The Light House, \$20,000
The Loyola School, \$115,000
Union Rescue Mission of Western Maryland, \$45,000
Weekend Backpacks, \$50,000

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

B & O Railroad Museum, \$1,000
Baltimore SquashWise, \$2,300
Baltimore SquashWise, \$5,000
Black Women Build – Baltimore, \$2,500
Bridges Baltimore, \$2,500
Camp Opportunity of Maryland, \$2,500
Camp Umoja, \$3,750
Center for Pregnancy Concerns, \$1,000
Garrison Forest School, \$1,000
Gilman School, \$5,000
Govans Presbyterian Church, \$2,500
Hampden Family Center, \$8,500
Helping Up Mission, \$865
House of Ruth Maryland, \$1,000
Interfaith Service Coalition, \$5,000
Itineris, \$500
Job Opportunities Task Force, \$1,000
Loyola Blakefield, \$1,000
Manna House, \$2,000
Marian House, \$2,500
Maryland Film Festival, \$500
Maryland Nonprofits, \$9,000
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, \$2,500
MERIT, \$3,750
Mother Seton Academy, \$1,000
Notre Dame Prep, \$500
Port Discovery Children's Museum, \$2,000
Roland Park Country School, \$2,500
Rose of Sharon Equestrian School, \$2,500
Sisters Academy of Baltimore, \$7,500
St. Casimir Catholic School, \$2,700
St. Casimir Catholic School, \$2,300
St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, \$2,500
St. James Academy, \$2,500
St. Paul's Schools, \$1,000
The BIT Center, \$2,500
The Samaritan Community, \$5,000
UEmpower of Maryland, \$500
Weekend Backpacks, \$5,000

MISSION

The Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation is a Catholic family foundation committed to honoring our founders' legacy of generosity to strengthen our community.

VISION

Our founders Marion and Henry Knott had a vision: To provide resources for nurturing and sustaining family unity through cultural, educational, health care and human service activities in the Roman Catholic community and through the activities of other deserving agencies that the Knott family encouraged and supported. This vision resulted in the establishment of the Marion I. & Henry J. Knott Foundation, Inc. a 501(c)(3) corporation, in 1977.

VALUES

Working as a family and grounded in our donor intent, we are guided by the following shared beliefs and values:

FAITH FIRST

align our giving with the values of the Catholic faith and prioritize the Catholic community

OPPORTUNITY OPENS DOORS AND HEARTS

provide people opportunities to be successful and get ahead as a means to engender a spirit of gratitude & generosity

CHARACTER COUNTS

look at character, and give to leaders and organizations that exude integrity and have a high standard of accountability

USE BUSINESS SENSE

make charitable giving decisions much like in business (look at financial soundness, impact, etc.), and don't fund a sinking ship

STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY

give locally, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, in ways that both meet needs, and that grow and strengthen the local community



KNOTT FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

As of December 31, 2023

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KNOTT FOUNDATION STAFF

As of December 31, 2023

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