




Grant Recipients 2003 – 2010

2010 GRANT RECIPIENTS

18 grants totaling \$38,300.00


The Affordable Housing Coalition of Talbot County - \$1,500.00

Providing affordable housing for the poorest of those seeking housing in historic Easton.

Founded in 2001, the mission of the AHC/TC is “to be the source of information, education and action regarding the need for affordable housing and develop recommendations for specific projects by acting as a catalyst for ideas and funding” in Talbot County. Composed of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, Department of Social Services, League of Women Voters, and concerned private citizens, the coalition is an advocacy group that focuses on rental properties and affordable housing for the poorest of those seeking housing. In 2008, the Coalition created a pilot program, the “Joint Opportunities Initiative” (JOI), to develop a neighborhood revitalization program that will showcase repair, rehabilitation and infill strategies that can be replicated in other Easton neighborhoods and other rural towns. This grant will fund the Community Outreach Program to explain JOI benefits directly to the property owners in a 4-block area of East-End Easton (65 homes and 12 vacant lots in Easton’s Historic District) with the goal of adding to the stock of affordable rental and ownership housing. 

CASA of Caroline, Inc. - \$2,000.00

Advocating for every abused and neglected child in the Caroline County court system.

CASA of Caroline, founded in September 2003, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the best interest of children, victims of abuse or neglect, who through no fault of their come to the attention of the Circuit Court of Caroline County. Assigned CASA Volunteer Advocates, the rights of the children in need of assistance (CINAs) are addressed with the children, foster parents, natural parents, teachers, medical professionals, social workers, and others involved in the lives of the children. With the knowledge gained by the Advocates, they submit twice-yearly reports to the court and the judge relies on the assessments to protect the best interests of the children. In 2009, 24 advocates represented 37 children in foster care. This grant will support CASA of Caroline’s yearly pre-service training and other training opportunities for its volunteers, board members, and staff. 


CASA of Queen Anne’s and Kent Counties – \$2,000.00

Advocating for every abused and neglected child in the Queen Anne’s and Kent Counties court system.

Incorporated in 2007, CASA of Queen Anne’s and Kent Counties advocates for abused, neglected, or abandoned children in need of assistance (CINAs) in the counties they serve. The first volunteers were sworn in 2008 in Queen Anne’s County; and, in 2009, encouraged by the courts and community members, a multi-jurisdictional program was created, adding Kent County, one of the last 7 counties in the state without a CASA program, to the service region. The first Kent County CASAs were sworn in by the Kent County Circuit Court in January 2010. Currently, CASA of Queen Anne’s and Kent has 20 sworn-in volunteers and is serving 12 children. This grant will provide operational support for recruitment, training, and supervision of additional Advocates in Kent County.


Character Counts Mid-Shore, Inc. - \$1,000.00

Providing character education to students in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties.

Character Counts Mid-Shore’s mission is to provide and implement the highest quality character enrichment program to all communities in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties. The program is based on the Six Pillars of Character – *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship*. Founded in 1997, the program began in 1 elementary school and has grown to 24 area public schools. Programs include “Winners Walk Tall” in elementary schools, “Laws of Life Essay Contest” for public and private middle and high schools, “Parenting with Character”, “Character Counts in the Workplace”, and sports-based “Take 5 and Pursue Victory with Honor.” The grant will provide funding for Winner Walk Tall training for Character Counts’ 200 adult volunteers for a program that will offer techniques to students to reduce stress in their lives, learn self-awareness, and methods for making better choices. 

The Dixon House - \$1,000.00

Providing quality assisted living care to women and men from Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties.

The Dixon House is an independent and assisted living facility located in the historic district of downtown Easton. Founded as the Home for Aged Women 100 years ago, the name was changed to The Dixon House in 1984 to honor the family that originally donated the land and building – and to admit men, although the facility continues to attract mainly women from Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties. Its mission is to provide affordable residential care for senior women and men in a safe, caring home-like environment. Currently in the process of upgrading the facility, from improved nursing stations to security equipment, this grant will assist in paying for the automation of the opening and closing of the old-fashioned front door. This improvement will enhance the residents' ability to remain independent longer. 


For All Seasons - \$6,000.00

Offering a unique art therapy program to survivors of sexual assault.

For All Seasons provides affordable, accessible mental health services for individuals, families, and groups living on the Mid-Shore. Its services include 24-hour crisis intervention, individual and group therapy, advocacy, and mental health education. For All Seasons has partnered with 2 professional teaching artists to offer a unique 2-day program, “The Many Faces of Victims”, to 10 victims of sexual abuse. Working 1-1 with 10 carefully selected local artists in a professionally guided setting, the participants were shepherded through the process of creating pieces of art that depict their individual experience. The collection of pieces will be exhibited at a variety of venues, from For All Seasons' office to the public library as well as appropriate public events on the Eastern Shore.


Horizons at Radcliffe Creek School - \$1,000.00

Providing a 6-week summer program to disadvantaged children in Kent County.

The mission of Horizons at Radcliffe Creek School is “to provide targeted academic support, meaningful enrichment experiences, and character building citizenship skills to disadvantaged children in Kent County.” Since 1995, Horizons at Radcliffe Creek School, an affiliate of Horizons National, has provided a 6-week summer learning and enrichment program for low-income children of promise from grades K-4 in the Kent County public schools. In 2009, 60 students (53% girls) participated in the Horizons program. Students receive 2 meals, transportation to and from the site, 2 hours of reading and math instruction in the morning, 3 afternoons of swimming instruction, and 2 afternoons that may include field trips, science and social studies, art, music, and drama group activities. A critical, and required, piece of the program is swimming instruction. This grant will fund the cost of a qualified, certified Water Safety Instructor to provide the students with sequential instruction to provide water safety skills, swimming skills, and improved self-confidence. 

Ladies of Destiny, Kingdom Church & Ministries - \$2,000.00


Providing a supportive setting for women in Dorchester County

For 6 years the Kingdom Church & Ministries, located in Cambridge, has sponsored a successful “Ladies of Destiny” youth program for girls ages 11 – 19 whose mission is to encourage, among other things, healthy lifestyles, positive attitudes, academic achievement, and volunteerism. Twice monthly workshops focus on health, safety, relationships, and other pertinent topics presented by the LOD leaders and local agencies such as the Dorchester County Health Department. The “Enhancing the Lives of Young Ladies” project seeks to prepare 20 at-risk young women for jobs from Dorchester County for employment in retail and hospitality services by providing training in filling employment applications, resume writing, appropriate work attire, and interviewing skills. The grant will support this program, which includes field trip transportation, materials and supplies, and a facilitator stipend. 

Mid-Shore Community Mediation Center - \$3,000.00


Offering mediation services to Mid-Shore residents

Mid-Shore Mediation Community Mediation Center (MSCMC), founded in 2005, provides no-cost mediation and facilitation services to Mid-Shore residents. Mediation is a social technology that benefits both the people in conflict, the people who help resolve the conflict, and the communities where they all live. Led by an impartial trained volunteer, mediation is a way of facilitating communication in a relationship to resolve specific, concrete problems and circumstances between parties by raising the level of understanding between parties on the way to

reaching agreement. MSCMC works with over 20 agencies and organizations, including Teen, Family, and District Court, For All Seasons, Caroline Youth Coalition, and Neighborhood Service Center, to generate cross-referrals and provide the most appropriate and comprehensive answers to the needs of clients. MSCMC offers a variety of programs: Parent-Teen Mediation; Teen-Teen Mediation; Family Court Mediation; and, Re-Entry Mediation. This grant will support the Teen-Teen Mediation program, which uses 14 trained teen mediators to address problems referred from Teen Court or Juvenile Services. 


Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc. - \$2,000.00

Offering pro bono legal services on the Mid-Shore.

Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Inc. (MSPB), established in 2005, is the first regional pro bono referral agency in the state and the only one on the Eastern Shore. It pairs qualifying low-income individuals seeking legal assistance with volunteer attorneys to address clients' legal questions and/or need for brief advice, information, or referral. In 2008-2009, 268 clients received MSPB services, primarily in the family law/domestic arena. In 2009, they partnered with the Maryland Foreclosure Prevention Pro Bono Project and since that time has found that more women than men have defaulted on their loans and therefore face foreclosure. To meet the needs of these struggling clients, MSPB is initiating a new pilot project in conjunction with The Debtor Assistance Project, which works in Montgomery and Prince George's County with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, MD State Bar Association Consumer Bankruptcy Section, and the Bankruptcy Bar of MD. DAP will offer a day-long clinic one day a month at MSPB's Easton office to meet with qualified clients to help them avoid unnecessary bankruptcy filings. This grant will support the costs of bringing DAP to the Mid-Shore. 


NDAAIGA, Harriet Tubman Center - \$2,500.00

Providing quality educational programs and opportunities for youth in Dorchester County

The North Dorchester African American Independent Growth Alliance (NDAAIGA, pronounced na-DAY-ga) is a non-profit that takes a multi-faceted approach "toward encouraging adults and young people to be positive role models and leaders." NDAAIGA operates the Harriet Tubman Team of Excellence Education Center, located in Hurlock. The Team of Excellence consists of teachers, school mentors, and community members who volunteer their time and resources to help others acquire the skills to become self-reliant, committed goal seekers and achievers. The Center offers a strong program of tutoring, mentoring, homework time, computer tutoring, and supervised recreation to Dorchester County youth ages 4 – 18. This grant will go to the "Scholarships for Seekers of Excellence" that will provide need-based aid to students who would otherwise be unable to participate in the educational enrichment program. 


Our Haven Shelter/Queen Anne's County Christian Assistance - \$2,500.00

Offering shelter and support services to homeless in Queen Anne's County

Our Haven Shelter, under the auspices of Queen Anne's County Christian Assistance, operates the only emergency winter shelter in Queen Anne's County that is open to men, women, and children. Open from Dec. 1 to mid-April, the shelter provides clients with 3 meals, bedding toiletries, clothing (including interview clothes), as well as payment for medical and mental services. The shelter program has just finished its 5th year and plans to continue the shelter operation and open a transitional housing program. Land has been purchased and plans are in place to build a facility to house the shelter and transitional home programs. The grant will support a Director of Operations/Case Manager for the 2010/2011 shelter year whose responsibilities will include a broad array of services for shelter guests and coordination of private and public assistance. 


Page Turners: Girls Who Read to Achieve - \$1,800.00

Promoting the value of reading as a means to education and leadership to Dorchester County middle-school students

Page Turners (formerly Girl Talk) improves educational outcomes for at-risk, adolescent girls in grades 6 - 8 in Dorchester County through a network of school-based, afterschool book clubs to empower them, through the discussion of literature, to become self-aware leaders in their communities while improving their reading and critical thinking skills. Its curriculum will be thematic, discussion-based exploration of the literature that will allow for the exploration of a variety of disciplines and the themes "Who am I?" (6th grade), "Who are We?" (7th grade), and "What is our Role?" (8th grade). This grant will provide funding for the books for the 3 book clubs at Maces Lane Middle School, Cambridge. 


Partnering for Youth After School Programs - \$3,000.00

Providing after school programs to Queen Anne's County students

Founded in 1995, Partnering for Youth (PFY) After School Programs' goal is to build a safe and more positive after school environment for students, strengthen attachment to school, improve academic success, enhance physical fitness and personal well-being, and heighten family investment in the after school program. Beginning in 1 elementary school site with 70 students, PFY now serves 2,000 students at 13 sites at Queen Anne's County elementary and middle schools. In addition to PFY and the County Board of Education, other agencies are involved in program delivery, among them are Parks and Recreation, Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Sheriff's Department, Health Department, and other community organizations churches, and parents. The program offers 2 13-week sessions per school year and students select academic, recreational, fitness/nutrition, and social competency activities according to their interest. Tutoring for math and reading is provided to students identified by the school staff. All sites allocate time to complete homework. The after school programs are offered for a modest fee. This grant will provide scholarships for economically disadvantaged girls to participate in the PFY programs. 


Phillips Wharf Environmental Center - \$3,000.00

Providing environmental education programs from its Tilghman Island center in Talbot County

Founded in 2005, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center (PWEC) is an environmental/nature/education institution located on Tilghman Island that supports the efforts of Chesapeake Bay restoration through education of sound environmental practices. In 2008, PWEC instituted a successful "Building Environmental Leadership Capacity in Bay Hundred Women" for 6th girls from Tilghman and St. Michaels elementary schools. This year, PWEC has introduced the Fishmobile, a mobile science center that will take the marine species from PWEC along with the educational component of Bay science and stewardship to schools, summer camps, and community groups in the region. This summer, the participants in the Environmental Leadership program will help develop programs for the Fishmobile. This grant will support both the Leadership and Fishmobile programs, including a stipend for a woman scientist-intern who will put the Fishmobile on the road. 


Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff - \$2,000.00

Providing a drug and alcohol educational program to youth in Queen Anne's County

The Trust Fund for Queen Anne's County Traffic Safety, through the Queen Anne's County Partnerships for Children and Families, will support the RESET program to be offered for by the Office of the Sheriff. The mission is to ensure availability of appropriate prevention, intervention, and treatment resources. Very successful in its first year, RESET will again offer a 4-session early drug and alcohol intervention educational program for youths ages 14-21 who have been referred by Queen Anne's County Teen Court, Department of Social Services, Health Department, or Circuit and District Courts. The goal is to reduce drunk driving, illegal substance use, and drug/alcohol-related crime. RESET provides an opportunity for participants to avoid a criminal record and a chance to reset their attitude and behavior. The grant will fund need-based scholarships for the program. 

Re-Building Together – Caroline County, MD - \$1,000.00


Offering free home repair services for low-income residents in Caroline County

Rebuilding Together – Caroline County, incorporated in 2007, is an affiliate of the national Rebuilding Together, the largest volunteer home rehabilitation organization in the country. Its free home repair services, provided by qualified and experienced volunteers, are available to low-income elderly, the disabled, or families with children who own and live in home requiring necessary but unaffordable repairs or improvements. Each applicant is assisted by a qualified volunteer who helps determine if financial need requirements are met and to verify the structural needs of the dwelling. Rebuilding Together – Caroline County also operates a salvage depot to recycle reusable building materials. The grant will provide funding for material costs of wheelchair ramp constructions or other critical dwelling needs. 

St. Michaels Community Center - \$1,000.00

Offering educational and recreational programs to Bay Hundred residents

The St. Michaels Community Center was founded in 1990 by a group of charitable and dedicated individuals from Christmas in St. Michaels and the community. It seeks to fill the unmet needs of the Bay Hundred area population by offering educational and recreational programs for every age group, from babies to senior citizens. The immediate focus is on the youth and teen population in an effort to provide them with opportunities to increase self-esteem, sense of community, and an appreciation for teamwork among peers. Every Wednesday night Kids Time


reaches 15 – 20 participants ages 7 – 11 and Teen Night draws over 30 participants, ages 12 – 17. The students make their own dinner, set tables, clean up, and enjoy a group activity. This grant will support the costs of the activity supplies for the Kids Time and Teen Night programs. 

2009 GRANT RECIPIENTS

15 grants totaling \$40,640.00


CASA of Queen Anne’s County, Inc. - \$4,500.00

Advocating for every abused and neglected child in the Queen Anne’s and Kent Counties court system.

CASA of Queen Anne’s, formed in 2007, has trained its first group of volunteer advocates and seen them sworn in as officers of the court who now are working to meet the needs of abused, neglected, and abandoned children who are in the Queen Anne’s County court system. With the success and strength of this program, the circuit court judges in Queen Anne’s and Kent counties have urged the creation of a multi-jurisdictional program by expanding into Kent County, one of the seven remaining Maryland counties without these valuable services. This grant will provide support to raise public awareness and community support as well as volunteer management in Kent County. 


Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center - \$2,000.00

***Providing educational opportunities and creating partnerships
to strengthen the health care system in Dorchester County***

The mission of the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is to recruit and retain health care professionals and build healthy communities through educational opportunities and collaborative partnerships. AHEC’s Health Careers Program focuses on recruitment of students into the wide variety of health careers needed on the shore. This grant will fund field trips to campuses such as the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to broaden the choices of Eastern Shore students interested in a career in the health care field. 


Easton Recreational Opportunities and Clubs for Kids, Inc. (Easton ROCKS) - \$1,500.00

Providing needed after-school activities in Talbot County

Easton ROCKS After School, Inc. provides Talbot County middle-school aged students with special interest programs and physical activities. This grant will support a new program, Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.), developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association and United Church of Christ, providing sexual education for students in grades 7-12. The 25-hour program, which will be led by three trained and certified facilitators, is nonsectarian. The goal is to provide facts about anatomy and human development and to help participants clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. The grant will fund purchase of the curricula, visuals (slides and video), and materials. 


Family Support Center of Queen Anne’s (Judy Center) - \$4,000.00

Serving the needs of Queen Anne’s County families

Family Support is a child-centered, family-focused program to improve the lives of families with children up to three years of age. Services and resources are offered to enhance adults’ parenting skills, life skills, and peer support. Children are placed in the child development program, which includes regular developmental screening tests. The Center plans to offer a drivers education program to assist six “mature mothers” (with access to automobiles) in obtaining their driver’s license. This will allow these women to make themselves and their families more self-sufficient. The grant will fund this program, which includes the cost of learner’s permits, classes, classroom location certification, childcare, and transportation to and from class. 


Girl Talk: Read to Achieve – 2 grants of \$1,390.00 each

***Promoting the value of reading as a means to education
and leadership to Dorchester County middle-school students***

Girl Talk will improve educational outcomes for at-risk, adolescent girls by creating a network of school-based, after-school book clubs to empower them, through discussion of literature, to become self-aware, active leaders in their communities while increasing their reading achievement and critical thinking skills. The grant will provide funding for Girl Talk clubs for 6th - 8th grade girls at North Dorchester Middle School and Mace’s Lane Middle School in Dorchester County. 


Healthy Partners - \$3,000.00

A public – private partnership offering fitness and nutrition education to at-risk teen girls in Talbot County

BodyWatts, a lifestyle studio in Easton, will offer a pilot program, “Girls Reaching for Real Life,” in conjunction with a Talbot County non-profit organization. Designed for 20 teenage girls at risk for obesity, the program will meet two hours daily, Monday-Friday, for eight weeks. Half the time will be devoted to group exercise and half to education and support. The goal is to educate, motivate, and encourage the young women to develop a healthy lifestyle. A fitness assessment and workout assignment will be included, along with coaching to address self-esteem issues. The grant will support the cost of materials and stipends for certified trainers, a licensed dietitian, and a nurse practitioner. 


Kingdom Church and Ministries - \$3,000.00

Providing a supportive setting for women in Dorchester County

For five years the Kingdom Church & Ministries, located in Cambridge, has sponsored a successful “Ladies of Destiny” youth program for girls ages 11 - 18 whose mission is to encourage them to be “ladies of excellence.” Through monthly workshops on health, safety, relationships, and other pertinent topics, the program has developed integrity and self-respect among its participants. The ministry has discovered that the young women are not fully prepared for jobs available in Dorchester County in retail and hospitality and therefore plans to enrich the program by adding resume writing, understanding application forms, interview skills, and dressing for success. The grant will support costs of the project, including a facilitator’s stipend, materials, and field trips to local businesses and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The program will serve 20 at-risk young women from Dorchester County. 

New Beginnings Youth and Family Services, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Serving low-income Dorchester County residents

New Beginnings Youth and Family Services, Inc. is a non-profit service organization located on the grounds of the Bay Country apartment complex in Cambridge. Bay Country is a model affordable housing development that offers services focused on self-sufficiency skills for its residents, many of whom live there rent-free through federally subsidized housing credits. In 2001 the Bay Country Girl’s Program began as an informal group of girls aged 7 to 16 and has since grown in size and scope. New Beginnings is pleased that no female teenager involved in their programs has become a teen mother. This grant will fund a new “Girls Circle,” a weekly structured support program for 25 girls between the ages of 9 and 18 to foster self-esteem and help them maintain authentic connection with peers and adult women in their community. 


Phillips’ Wharf Environmental Center - \$5,000.00

Providing environmental education programs from its Tilghman Island center in Talbot County

Founded in 2005, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center (PWEC) is an environmental/nature/education institution located on Tilghman Island that supports the efforts of Chesapeake Bay restoration through education of sound environmental practices. This grant will fund two sessions of a pilot program, “Building Environmental Leadership Capacity in Bay Hundred Adolescent Girls,” for 6th grade girls from Tilghman and St. Michaels elementary schools. It will provide environmental stewardship strategies and basic ecology concepts while developing confidence and friendships that will nurture a sense of collegiality and friendship and help the participants’ entry into middle school. The grant will fund equipment, supplies, and instructors for the 12-hour 6-session program.


Queen Anne’s County Christian Assistance - \$2,500.00

Offering shelter and support services to homeless in Queen Anne’s County

Our Haven Shelter, operated by Queen Anne’s County Christian Assistance, is an emergency winter shelter from December through mid-April. Services have included three daily meals, bedding, clothing, toiletries, and payment of services (doctor visits, prescription medications, and counseling). The shelter program has just finished its fourth year and plans to continue that operation as well as opening a transitional housing program. This grant will fund an assistant director/case manager for the 2009/10 shelter year whose responsibilities will include a broad array of services for shelter guests and coordination of private and public assistance. 


Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff - \$2,400.00

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Rebuilding Together – Caroline County, Md, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Offering free home repair services for low-income residents in Caroline County

Rebuilding Together – Caroline County, incorporated in 2007, is an affiliate of the national Rebuilding Together, the largest volunteer home rehabilitation organization in the country. Its free home repair services are available to low-income elderly, the disabled, or families with children who own and live in homes requiring necessary but unaffordable repairs or improvements. Each applicant is assisted by a qualified volunteer who helps determine if financial need requirements are met and to verify the structural needs of the dwelling. Work is done by volunteers under the direction of a qualified and experienced volunteer "House Captain." Rebuilding Together – Caroline County also operates a salvage depot to recycle reusable building materials. This grant will fund installation of two or more access ramps for needy women homeowners in Caroline County. 


St. Martin's Ministries, Inc. - \$2,000.00

Offering a full array of supportive services to Mid-Shore residents from its location in Caroline County

The mission of St. Martin's Ministries is "to help meet the basic human needs of impoverished people, to respect and affirm their dignity, and to address the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty." Services are offered through St. Martin's Barn, which provides food, financial subsidies, and clothing to those in need, and St. Martin's House, which provides a full array of support services and temporary housing for homeless women and their children. This grant, which is augmented by a 1-1 match from another organization, will support a pilot program called "Women Working for Change." In the past, residents' attendance at skills-based classes offered at local social service and other governmental agencies often conflicted with jobs and appointments. By bringing the classes onsite, "Women Working for a Change" will avoid such conflicts, so that no matter when a resident enters St. Martin's House, the same educational content will be offered as part of a coordinated cycle. Classes include financial management, employment readiness, basic computer skills, parenting skills, and nutrition and wellness education. 

Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls - \$1,800.00

Serving girls from across the Mid-Shore

Summer Days Math and Science for Girls was founded in 1994 to encourage adolescent girls to pursue these subjects. This grant will fund full scholarships for two Queen Anne's County public school girls to attend camp and will support the Director's need to improve the camp's e-mail and web capabilities through the purchase of an updated cell phone and one year of service. 

2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

14 grants totaling \$35,554.44

Cambridge Church of Christ - \$2,000.00


Providing a supportive setting for women in Dorchester County

For 10 years, the Cambridge Church of Christ has sponsored a "Tuesday Night Togetherness Class" in which women have worked to develop positive, nurturing relationships with each other and the community. A new program, developed by this group, will teach young about the purpose and value of giving back to the community. Entitled "People United to Bring About Change" (PUTBACK)", the 10-month long program will enroll about 25

young people who with the aid of mentors will volunteer at the Maryland Food Bank, assist the elderly in nursing and retirement homes, and learn basic life skills. They will then teach younger children what they have learned.


Caroline County Human Services Council - \$500.00

Offering a full array of supportive services to Caroline County residents

The mission of the Caroline County Human Services Council, also known as the local management board, is to develop and promote a caring environment that provides efficient and effective services to the residents of the county by working in partnership with public and private individuals, agencies and organizations. This grant will fund the purchase of five child auto safety seats for use by the "Nurturing Parenting Program." The new car seats will provide enhanced safety for children when they and their parent(s) are transported to program-related appointments in the county. 

CASA of Caroline County, Inc. - \$2,500.00

Advocating for every abused and neglected child in the Caroline County court system.

CASA of Caroline is a not-for-profit agency that provides trained advocates for abused, neglected, or abandoned children in Caroline County who have been found to be Children in Need of Assistance (CINAs), put under the authority of the court, and placed in foster care. CASA of Caroline currently provides advocates for over 70% of the Caroline County children placed in foster care. Of the 43 children now in foster care, 95% suffer from developmental limitations and exhibit symptoms of emotional pain, anger, fear, loneliness, or abandonment. This grant provides funds for training advocates in short-term art/play intervention techniques, allowing them to create a neutral environment for accessing information about the CINA's emotional state and for rehabilitation. The grant also provides for art supplies, games, tuition, or admission fees to art, music, or cultural activities. 


CASA of Queen Anne's County, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Advocating for every abused and neglected child in the Queen Anne's County court system.

CASA of Queen Anne's was formed in 2007 and anticipates training its first group of advocates this spring. A grant to CASA of Talbot County in 2006 from the Women & Girls Fund was instrumental in helping this group get started. Like all CASAs, this agency uses trained advocates to provide a voice in court for the most vulnerable members of its community, children who are under the protection of the court due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. This grant will be used to produce a PowerPoint presentation and the purchase the necessary equipment to recruit volunteers, to solicit donations, and to increase public awareness about the agency's mission.


Character Counts! Queen Anne's County - \$754.44

Providing character education to students in Queen Anne's County

Character Counts!, founded by the Josephson Institute of Ethics, is a nonprofit, nonsectarian coalition of schools, communities and nonprofit organizations working to advance character education. It does this by teaching a curriculum called "The Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship." The Queen Anne's County program works with public school students in grades K- 6 and Grade 9. This grant provides funds for the training of Character Coaches and for materials to use in their classroom presentations. The grant-funded training particularly focuses on behavioral skills coaches can teach students to help them deal with bullies. 


Chesapeake Culinary Center, Inc. - \$3,600.00

Providing culinary arts vocational training for Mid-Shore residents

The Chesapeake Culinary Center is a grass-roots non-profit organization, staffed by hospitality industry professionals that includes a culinary arts program and a public restaurant. The CCC also conducts vocational training for social services clients and an after-school program for high school students. This grant funds vocational training at the Emerson House Restaurant's summer program, which teaches teenagers all aspects of the restaurant business. Fourteen students will be admitted to the 12-week summer program with priority given to at-risk and latchkey teenagers. In addition to teaching marketable job skills, this program offers students the opportunity to develop personal self-esteem and self-sufficiency, as well as teamwork, time management, and work ethic skills. 


Dorchester County Family YMCA - \$2,500.00

Serving Dorchester County families

The Dorchester County Family YMCA began serving the community in 1986 and now, with close to 3,000 members, has become a gathering place for individuals and families of every socio-economic level. The YMCA works with Head Start, Department of Juvenile Justice, and Department of Social Services, to provide a broad array of services to the community. This grant will provide funds for a Summer Girls Health Education Program. Designed for 10 girls between the ages of 9 and 11, the camp will address childhood obesity through an age-appropriate, multi-pronged approach. Activities will include strength and cardio training, nutrition education, grocery shopping and meal preparation, physical activities, and psycho-educational groups that teach stress and emotion management. Parents and caretakers will also be involved in the program. 


New Beginnings Youth and Family Services, Inc. - \$2,000.00

Serving low-income Dorchester County residents

New Beginnings Youth and Family Services, Inc. is a non-profit service organization located on the grounds of the Bay Country apartment complex in Cambridge. Bay Country is a model affordable housing development which offers services that focus on self-sufficiency skills for its residents, many of whom live there rent-free through federally subsidized housing credits. The Youth Center is a hub for a variety of activities, such as parenting classes, work skills training, nutrition programs, and women's support groups. This grant will fund the "Bay Country Girls' Program," which will serve 10 elementary school and 15 teen-aged girls. Activities will introduce the girls to budgeting, food preparation and nutrition, conflict management, and violence prevention. Other activities include "Girls Night Out," weekly issue discussion sessions, and "Reading Buddies" in which the girls partner with first through third graders for daily reading sessions that promote a love for reading and respect for books as well as helping the little ones work toward their school's reading medals. 


North Dorchester African American Independent Growth Alliance - \$2,000.00

Providing quality educational programs and opportunities for youth in Dorchester County

The North Dorchester African American Independent Growth Alliance (NDAIGA, pronounced na-DAY-ga) is a non-profit that takes a multi-faceted approach "toward encouraging adults and young people to be positive role models and leaders. NDAIGA operates the Harriet Tubman Team of Excellence Education Center, located in Hurlock. The Team of Excellence consists of teachers, school mentors, and community members who volunteer their time and resources to help others acquire the skills to become self-reliant, committed goal seekers and achievers. The Center offers tutoring, mentoring, homework time, computer tutoring, and supervised recreation. This grant will support the Summer 2008 Learn Serve and Earn Program. In partnership with local employers, the program arranges summer employment for up to 10 students between the ages of 12 and 15. Provided with the opportunity to learn positive work ethics of promptness, regular attendance, good attitude, and hard work, students are also coached in anger management, business planning, and career opportunities. 

Prince Theatre - \$700.00

Providing a variety of cultural and educational programs out of the Prince Theatre in Chestertown

The Prince Theatre Foundation's mission is "to foster and promote broad public use of the historic Prince Theatre in Chestertown, Maryland for the purpose of cultural and community activities that encourage wide participation in and access to the arts in our area." This grant will provide tuition assistance for the Summer 2008 Playmakers Program, a daily 5-week summer camp that culminates in a large-scale production for the entire community. While the workshops are designed to allow students to strengthen skills in the areas of theatrical performance and storytelling, the activities used also help students improve communication skills, self-esteem, literacy, decision-making skills, and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively. 


Rebuilding Together – Caroline County, Md, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Offering free home repair services for low-income residents in Caroline County


Rebuilding Together – Caroline County, incorporated in 2007, is an affiliate of the national Rebuilding Together, the largest volunteer home rehabilitation organization in the country. The organization works to assure that homeowners, who qualify for assistance, live in warmth, safety, and independence. Its free home repair services are available to low-income elderly, the disabled, or families with children who own and live in homes requiring necessary, but unaffordable repairs or improvements. Each applicant is assisted by a qualified volunteer who helps determine if financial need requirements are met and to verify the structural needs of the dwelling. Repair work or

improvements are done by volunteers under the direction of a qualified and experienced volunteer “House Captain”. Additionally, Rebuilding Together – Caroline County operates a salvage depot to recycle reusable building materials. This grant will fund the installation of access ramps for two elderly women in Caroline County.


St. Martin’s Ministries, Inc. - \$5,000.00
*Offering a full array of supportive services to Mid-Shore residents
from its location in Caroline County*

The mission of St. Martin’s Ministries is “to help meet the basic human needs of impoverished people, to respect and affirm their dignity, and to address the root problems that perpetuate the cycle of poverty”. Services are offered through St. Martin’s Barn, which provides food, financial subsidies, and clothing to those in need, and St. Martin’s House, which provides a full array of support services and temporary housing for homeless women and their children. This grant, which is augmented by a 1-1 match from another organization, will support a pilot program called “Women in Transition.” The program is designed to strengthen the organization’s ability to follow-up on residents after they leave St. Martin’s House, thus improving positive outcomes for the previously homeless women and their children. In addition, a Women in Transition Fund will be created as an ongoing source of funding for these women’s one-time or short-term needs related to their transition from the House to independent living. 

Talbot County Early Head Start at the Talbot County Family Support Center - \$5,000.00
Providing comprehensive services for teen mothers and their infants in Talbot County


Talbot County Early Head Start at the Family Support Center promotes school readiness for young children. This grant provides funds for the “We-Care Childcare Teen Mother and Child Program,” a unique program that provides services specific to the needs of up to 6 teen mothers under the age of 16. The mothers continue their full-time schooling with their peers, developing needed social and educational skills as they mature. During the day, the children are entered in the Talbot County Early Head Start program and receive quality childcare, early childhood educational programs, nutrition, wellness and medical services. Upon returning to the center after school, mothers participate in parenting classes and parent-child literacy activities. 

Visions America Community Development Corporation - \$3,000.00
Serving residents of Dorchester County

Visions America Community Development Corporation (VACDC) is a community-based organization located in Cambridge that primarily serves at-risk members of the minority population. To date, it has served hundreds of Dorchester County families through a wide variety of services targeting the community’s most pressing needs. Programs range from educational services for infants through teens to senior care and in-home aid services. Youth awareness programs cover topics like teen pregnancy, drug awareness and prevention, family planning, and tobacco-use prevention and cessation. Sustainability training is offered to adults in areas like housing, credit repair, and small business development. This grant supports a new program called “Community Outreach for Healthy Lifestyles” which addresses the county’s childhood obesity crisis by encouraging proper nutrition and regular physical activity. Led by qualified education professionals, a registered dietician, and a physical fitness professional, the year-round program will serve at least 55 young people. The program’s goal is to provide the education and skills necessary to create and maintain a sustainable healthy lifestyle for the young people and their families. 

2007 GRANT RECIPIENTS
9 Grants totaling \$32,500.00

Community Alliance for the Performing Arts (C.A.P.A.) - \$2,500.00
*Setting the stage for youth to succeed by fostering the growth
and diversity of performing arts on the Eastern Shore*

This grant will aid the organization’s ability to assist Mid-Shore children, ages 6 through 18, by providing need-based scholarships. For 2007, CAPA is expanding its original *SummerFame* program by two weeks with added in-depth sessions and smaller class sizes; also added are two 1-week *SummerFame* programs to be offered at Tilghman Elementary School. In the fall, CAPA will add singing and dancing to its after-school performing arts program. All of these projects provide a nurturing environment within which to reinforce positive attitudes, self-confidence, and newly learned skills. 


Channel Marker, Inc. - \$5,000.00

Providing prevention and support services to individuals, their families, and the community to maximize the mental health potential of all

This grant will be directed to the Primary Mental Health Project, designed to provide the earliest possible identification of at-risk children. The Primary Project operates in four Talbot County elementary schools (Easton, St. Michaels, Cordova, and White Marsh) where all students in Kindergarten through Third Grade are pre-screened to identify the target population. Through therapeutic, nondirective play in a safe, structured setting and under the supervision of a Child Associate trained by Channel Marker, the at-risk students will improve their social skills, academic skills, task orientation, and ability to tolerate frustration. In operation for over 20 years, Channel Marker, Inc. has a strong record of providing mental health care services across Caroline, Talbot, and Dorchester counties.


Easton Day Care Center, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Providing quality childcare for children in Talbot County

This grant supports the *Help a Child Grow* initiative by providing tuition assistance to Easton Day Care for families headed by single mothers who have significant need and are working or attending school in order to further their careers and move toward economic sustainability. In operation since 1970, it currently maintains five accredited facilities throughout the county. 


Easton Recreational Opportunities and Clubs for Kids, Inc. (Easton ROCKS) - \$5,000.00

Providing needed after-school activities in Talbot County

Easton ROCKS after School provides Easton Elementary students in grades 1 through 5 with a fun, safe, and educational place, before and after school, to participate in enriching special interest programs and physical activities. Programs are open to all regardless of their ability to pay the nominal charge. The goal is to improve academics and physical fitness, build school and community spirit, foster friendships, and provide a wide array of programming. With this grant, Easton ROCKS will be able to purchase the curricula for Girls Inc. Operation SMART: Science, Math, and Related Technology. The new "Just for Girls" programming will have math, science, health and social skills, and physical fitness components. 


For All Seasons, Inc. - \$3,500.00

Providing affordable, easily accessible quality care, prevention, support, intervention, and therapeutic services to residents of the Mid-Shore

This grant will provide for two clinicians to develop and facilitate a pilot Mother-Daughter Connection Program. Twelve mothers and their middle-school age daughters will have the opportunity to increase their healthy communication patterns and develop strategies for the mothers to assist their teenagers in ways the daughters find supportive. For All Seasons, Inc. provides affordable, easily accessible quality care, prevention, support, intervention, and therapeutic services to residents of the Mid-Shore. 


Prince Theatre Foundation - \$2,500.00

Providing a variety of cultural and educational programs out of The Prince Theatre in Chestertown

This grant will support tuition assistance, staff salary assistance, and educational materials for theatre workshops to be held between June 2007 and May 2008. The workshops at The Prince Theatre are designed to have students strengthen skills in areas of theatrical performance and further develop their self-expression, self-esteem, literacy, decision making skills, and ability to work independently and collaboratively. Storybook Theatre is an after-school program to be run in 2 sessions in fall 2007 and spring 2008. Playmakers Summer Program will offer a daily, 5-week summer camp that culminates in a final, large-scale community production. 


St. Martin's Ministries - \$3,000.00

Offering a full array of supportive services to Mid-Shore residents from its location in central Caroline County

This grant will provide dental care for the women and children living at Saint Martin's House. The women in residence there are each in the process of making a life change. They are enrolled in educational classes, they seek jobs, and they participate in structured programs in order to learn life skills such as parenting, self-esteem, and personal financial management. They receive regular counseling for the problems that have led them to seek shelter at Saint Martin's House. 


Shared Opportunity Service, Inc. (SOS)/Kent Family Center - \$5,000.00

Serving residents of Kent County

This grant will support a second year of the successful Girls on the Run of Kent County, which, in the course of training girls ages 8 to 13 for a 3.1 mile run, promotes healthy attitudes including teamwork, self-acceptance, positive body image, conflict resolution, and nutritional awareness. In addition to the 2007-08 school year program, there will be a summer 2007 session. Kent Family Center's mission is "to assist families in becoming healthy, stable, and self sufficient and to offer them information, guidance, and support." 

Visions Learning Center (Visions America Community Development Corporation) - \$3,000.00

Serving residents of Dorchester County


This grant provides funds for a pilot program, Learning and Lifestyles. During an 8-week summer program, minority and at-risk students will learn computer skills and increase their reading, writing, and language proficiencies. Life skills include cooking, childcare, and the development of career goals. Visions Learning Center is a community-based organization located in Dorchester County that offers services from senior care to small business development courses. Visions Learning Center's goal for the Learning and Lifestyles program is to foster self-esteem and self-confidence as well as improved academic success. 

2006 GRANT RECIPIENTS

9 Grants totaling \$27,800.00


Community Alliance for the Performing Arts (C.A.P.A.) - \$1,500.00

Setting the stage for youth to succeed by fostering the growth and diversity of performing arts on the Eastern Shore

This grant was used for need-based scholarships for CAPA's 2006 summer programs, *SummerFame*, *Curtain Call*, and *Curtain Call Junior*, as well as the *Performing Arts Workshops for kids*. These youth programs serve Mid-Shore children ages 5 – 19 and build self-esteem through acting programs set in a nurturing environment. CAPA's mission is "to set the stage for youth to succeed by fostering the growth and diversity of performing arts on the Eastern Shore of Maryland." 


CASA of Talbot County - \$3,000.00

Advocates for every abused and neglected child in the Talbot County court system

This grant was made to support CASA of Talbot's efforts to provide services in Queen Anne's County. In order for the program to begin operation by FY 2008, a needs assessment must be conducted, followed by informational and planning meetings and the creation of a management plan. All of this is being done at the request of and in partnership with The Hon. Thomas G. Ross, County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County. 

Channel Marker, Inc. - \$5,000.00


Providing prevention and support services to individuals, their families and the community to maximize the mental health potential of all

A grant for support services for Talbot County elementary school girls is part of the Primary Mental Health Project aimed at learning skills and other school-related competencies. This program screens Talbot County students in grades K-3 to identify children in need of early intervention mental health services. The project sought to serve a total of 65 students in the Talbot County schools during the 2006-07 school year. Channel Markers, Inc. has over 20 years of intensive community experience of providing mental health services. 

Healthy Families Queen Anne's/Talbot through the Queen Anne's County Health Department - \$3,500.00


Serving families with recognized risk factors for child abuse and neglect

This grant was used for The Healthy Families Sustainability Project to fund home visiting staff during the second half of FY 2006. The program provides neurologically based childhood development curriculum to 44 high-risk families in Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties. Healthy Families QA/T serves a target population of residents who are first-time parents, eligible for Maryland's Children's Health Insurance Program, and who have been identified as being at-risk for poor parenting outcomes. Eligible families are offered Healthy Families and voluntarily engage

in an intensive, strength-based service that begins during pregnancy and continues until the target child starts school. 

New Beginnings Youth Center - \$5,000.00

Serving low-income Dorchester County residents

This grant supported the People of Courage Program, a 3-month program for people wanting to re-enter the workforce, embark on their own business, or return to school. Based on an individual assessment, each participant's program was geared toward advancing the appropriate skills. The goal of the program is to serve a total of 20 persons in 2 sessions. 


Shared Opportunity Service, Inc. (Kent Family Center) - \$2,500.00

Serving residents of Kent County

This grant funded a 10-week session of Girls on the Run® as part of the Kent Family Center's After School Youth Program. The experiential curriculum is a nationwide program geared for girls ages 8-13 which promotes healthy character development skills as the girls train for a 3.1 mile run. Kent Family Center's mission is "to assist families in becoming healthy, stable and self sufficient, and to offer them information, guidance and support."


Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls - \$1,800.00

Serving girls from across the Mid-Shore

Our grant was used to fund two new positions for Summer Days for its 2006 summer sessions. At each of the 2 sessions, a Junior Counselor was added to the staff, thus enriching the camp experience by being a valuable role model and mentor for the campers. Summer Days provides an excellent setting for young girls to explore the fields of math and science, to gain self-sufficiency, and to develop life-skills through education in a fun and safe setting. 


Talbot Community Connections, Inc. - \$2,500.00

Working with the issues of safety, security, health and well-being of residents of Talbot County

This grant provided funding for the purchase of a set of anatomically detailed dolls which are being used with victims of child abuse in the forensic interview at the Child Advocacy Center, located in the pediatric wing of Memorial Hospital at Easton. Also, the grant helped to defray the cost of training necessary for proper use of the dolls. Talbot Community Connections, Inc. was formed as a non-profit organization to raise funds to answer unmet needs of the Talbot County Department of Social Services. 

Talbot Mentors, Inc. - \$3,000.00

Bringing together caring adults with Talbot County children who can use a friend


This grant was used to support mentoring services, such as volunteer screening, mentor training, and matching procedures. Currently, there are 65 mentor/mentee matches, of which 40% are girls. The goal was to add 12 new matches during the 2006-2007 school year. Talbot Mentors' mission is "to match children in Talbot County with volunteer mentors in order to support those young people in the challenges and opportunities through friendship, guidance, and education." 

2005 GRANT RECIPIENTS

7 Grants awarded totaling \$25,000.00


Caroline County Mental Health Clinic of the Regional Mid-Shore Mental Health Services - \$5,000.00

Provides mental health services to Caroline County residents

This grant provided funds for a 12-week support group for "at-risk" parents of children from birth to 6 years of age. Through this program, the families learned parenting skills and coping mechanisms, giving them tools to help strengthen their families and improve their quality of life. 


CASA of Caroline - \$3,750.00

Advocates for every abused and neglected child in the Caroline County court system

This grant provided funds to CASA of Caroline (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for volunteer recruitment, pre-service training, and continuing education. Founded in 2002, CASA of Caroline currently has 10 advocates and hopes to recruit an additional 30. These volunteers work to meet the needs of Caroline County's most vulnerable young people who find themselves in the judicial system through no fault of their own. 


CASA of Talbot County - \$1,000.00

Advocates for every abused and neglected child in the Talbot County court system

Because cases have become more complicated by parental addiction and mental health issues, the need for more extensive training has evolved. A grant was made to provide increased training through the purchase of additional training materials and videos. 


Clare House for Women - \$5,000.00 – organization defunct (2007)

A sanctuary for women in need in Dorchester County

The Community of St. Francis Clare House, which is located in Cambridge, opened in 2004 and has served as a sanctuary to over 20 women in need. The organization has provided housing, meals, transportation, medical assistance, and access to community services to area women who are disadvantaged or in transition due to prison release, illness, substance abuse, escape from domestic abuse, or homelessness. This grant was used to help fund the position of Administrative Coordinator for the house, which allowed the organization to serve more women more efficiently. 

Easton Day Care Center, Inc. - \$4,000.00

Provides quality childcare for children in Talbot County

This grant provided tuition assistance for those children attending the day care programs who have the most financial need and whose mothers are working and/or attending school to further their careers. Easton Day Care, through its 5 sites in Talbot County, serves a diverse population of children between the ages of 2 and 12. 

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence - \$4,000.00

Provides shelter, counseling, and advocacy services to Mid-Shore residents

The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence, located in Denton, serves as the central access point for assistance on domestic violence within the counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot. In 2003-2004, MSCFV provided services to 628 individuals. This grant provided funding of the organization's "Client Needs Fund," which makes one-time payments to post-crisis victims of domestic abuse with financial transitional needs.

St. Luke's Nursery School - \$1,250.00

A pre-school for children in the Bay Hundred region of Talbot County


This grant provided scholarship assistance for children from low-income families or who had working single mothers residing in the Bay Hundred area of Talbot County. Located in St. Michaels, and in operation since 1979, the pre-school offers a quality program that helps prepare children for school in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere.

2004 GRANT RECIPIENTS

6 Grants awarded totaling \$19,402.00


Mental Health Association in Talbot County - \$3,000.00

Provides services for Mid-Shore residents

This grant helped to fund a second printing of "My Child's Journal." Written in English and Spanish, the journal is distributed cost-free to every woman across the Mid-Shore during her seventh month of pregnancy. The goal is to prepare women from all socio-economic income levels for their children's birth and to help cement a long-term relationship between parent and child. 


New Beginnings Youth Center - \$5,000.00

Serving low-income Dorchester County residents

New Beginnings Youth Center in Cambridge opened in 2001. It provides mentoring, tutoring and after school programs for at-risk youth and parents who live in the low-income neighborhoods it serves. Statistics kept by the Cambridge Police Department show a significant drop in all categories of crime since the center opened its doors. Our grant was used to fund two programs at the Center. The first program brought young mothers together in an informal setting to learn life and conflict resolution skills, while the second sought to create "a belief by girls that they can achieve," by providing structured summer and after-school programs. The model established at New Beginnings is being used in other communities across the state. 

Pickering Creek Audubon Center - \$2,412.00

An environmental resource serving the Mid-Shore

This grant funded a “Lifeskills” program in conjunction with the Talbot County Family Support Center. The 8-week program provided young mothers of children under 4 with opportunities to develop parenting skills and a healthy lifestyle while learning about their environment. 


St. Michaels Housing Authority - \$6,300.00 (program closed 2007)

Serving residents of the Bay Hundred region of Talbot County

This grant provided scholarship funds in 2004 at TLC Childcare Center in St. Michaels. TLC is the only infant day care provider in the Bay Hundred area of Talbot County. The mission of the childcare program is to help keep parents in the work force while alleviating one of their most pressing concerns – finding safe, stable childcare.


Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls - \$1,200.00

Serving girls from across the Mid-Shore

A grant provided scholarship funds and helped to purchase much needed computer equipment for the summer camp program. The computer equipment aided in administration of the camp, was used for the campers’ math and science research, and was used to create a slideshow for the end-of-the-session ceremony. 

Talbot County Family Support Center - \$1,490.00

Serving residents of Talbot County


A grant was to be used to fund a program that educated young women about the dangers and difficulties of teen pregnancy and parenting. Called the “Realities of Teen Pregnancy – a program by teens for teens,” it was to send a panel of teen mothers into local schools and community organizations to discuss the realities of their lives. *Because of a change in funding at the State level, this program was never undertaken; so the grant money was returned to the Women & Girls Fund.* 

2003 GRANT RECIPIENTS

4 Grants awarded totaling \$12,260.00


CASA of Talbot County - \$5,000.00

Advocates for every abused and neglected child in the Talbot County court system

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was created in 1990 to advocate for every abused and neglected child who is in the Talbot County court system through no fault of their own. This grant was awarded to fund a training resource center of videos, books, and pamphlets for CASA’s many volunteers. The training resources were also made available to the other CASA organizations on the Mid-Shore. 


For All Seasons - \$3,360.00

Serves women and girls throughout the Mid-Shore

This grant provided funding for two professionals to develop and facilitate after school groups for “at-risk” girls. The groups’ aim was to maintain connections with peers and adult women in the community, while at the same time increasing self-esteem and self-expression through verbal and creative activities. The groups covered a broad range of topics relating to the many needs of these girls. 

Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls - \$900.00

Serving girls from across the Mid-Shore

Summer Days provides an excellent setting for young girls to explore the fields of math and science during its 2-week sessions. This grant helped provide scholarship money and also helped bring a renowned forensic scientist to the camp. The Summer Days Math & Science Camp for Girls was started in 1994 to help introduce girls to math and science and to promote the pursuit of science careers for women. Since careers in the sciences have not typically been valued or nurtured among girls in the United States, this program seeks to fill that gap. 

Talbot County Family Support Center - \$3,000.00

Serving residents of Talbot County

Our grant funded prenatal classes for Spanish-speaking and adolescent mothers, part of the underserved population of our community, instructing them in the importance of pre- and postnatal care. Participants learned the importance of prenatal and newborn infant care in assuring safe births and healthy babies. 