The Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc. is a nonprofit, community corporation created by and for the people of Washington County. We help our donors make a positive impact on their community. Since 1997, we have grown to more than 340 funds, overseeing the investment of over $40 million. We have a five-year annualized investment return that makes us one of the top performing community foundations in the country.

Special Features of a Community Foundation:

1. **Personalized service.** The Foundation makes giving easy, flexible and effective, accepting a wide variety of gifts and providing donors the greatest flexibility. You can contribute cash, stocks, property and bequests. You may establish one of the following types of funds: unrestricted, field of interest, designated or donor-advised. You can create the fund in your name or in the name of a loved one, or whatever you choose. Your gift will also receive the maximum tax advantages under state and federal law.

2. **Local expertise.** Our professional staff has an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape our community. We monitor all areas of community need—including human services, education, environment, healthcare, the arts and economic development. We can help you learn more about local agencies and programs that make a difference in areas that you care about most.

3. **Community Leadership.** We invest in the long-term, bringing people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. We believe in building communities.

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