

Community Foundation of Howard County Privacy Policy

The Community Foundation of Howard County places a high priority on protecting your privacy. This privacy policy was created in order to demonstrate the Community Foundation's firm commitment to the privacy of our donors, grantees, prospective donors, vendors, board members, committee members, volunteers, staff and website users. At the Community Foundation, we maintain information on grantees, vendors, board members, committee members, volunteers, donors, prospective donors and staff for the purpose of keeping accurate financial records and providing information about the Foundation. We gather this information from phone calls, correspondence, and third party sources.

We use this information for follow-up contacts with you. This is our way of keeping you up to date on our services, programs, and benefits. This also enables you to receive current information about the local, national, and global community to better meet your philanthropic needs.

Email Privacy

We maintain email mailboxes in an effort to support individuals who visit us online. We read every email message that we receive and do our best to respond within 48 hours, if a response is required. Your email address will only be used within the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation does not sell or rent email addresses to anyone outside the organization.

Our Website

At our Website, we do not collect personally identifiable information about you. We do not use "cookies" (small pieces of information stored on your computer), and we do not track any type of personal information from Website users. So, if you just want to browse and learn about our services, programs, and benefits, we invite you to do so.

You may establish a hypertext link to this site from your Website, so long as the page containing the link properly attributes the linked site to the Community Foundation of Howard County and does not state or imply any sponsorship of your site by the Foundation. As a service to you, the Community Foundation of Howard County provides links to Websites of various philanthropic and nonprofit organizations. A link to a Website is not an endorsement, authorization, sponsorship, or affiliation with respect to such site, its owners, or providers. The Community Foundation is not responsible for the privacy practices or the content of such external websites. If you choose to follow such links to external websites, you do so at your own risk.

Sharing Information

Information on our volunteers, such as lists of board members and committee members, is provided in several of our publications, including our annual report. We will periodically publicize information about our donors, but only with the permission of the donor. Except in those instances, we do not share information on donors or prospective donors with anyone outside our organization. We never sell information to third parties.

Security and Protecting Your Information

The personal information we maintain is contained in a password-protected database. Access to the database is limited to authorized users. Our server is protected by a firewall and other security measures. Our Website is maintained on an off-site server separate from the server that contains our database. Our Website has security measures in place to protect the loss, misuse and alteration of the information under the Community Foundation of Howard County's control.

You may, at any time, contact us and we will discontinue sending you information which publicizes the Community Foundation of Howard County and its programs.

Any changes to this Privacy Policy will be posted on our Website.

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