Message From the President

Our primary mission is to support the Rural Maryland Council. We do this by effectively utilizing our structure as a private non-profit to raise and steward funds not available to the Council. It is important that we are not only a valuable administrative asset to the RMC, but also a valuable resource to rural Maryland. To enhance the effectiveness of the Foundation, the Board of Trustee’s went on a board retreat, where they began drafting a developmental plan. It was soon realized that a strategic plan would be more fitting for the future goals of the Foundation. The strategic plan has been drafted and will be brought to the Joint Planning Committee for approval.

With your help, the Rural Maryland Foundation assisted the LEAD Maryland Foundation Fellowship Program with sponsoring a tuition scholarship. The LEAD program develops new leaders for rural Maryland through training and skills development over a two-year period with intensive multi-day seminars across Maryland.

The Biennial Rural Summit was held December 1st and December 2nd. This year’s theme was “Redefining Resilience and Recovery”. The Summit was a success, with more than 200 attendees. Some of the highlights consisted of 16 breakout sessions, the awards and RMC annual board meeting dinner, a legislative panel, and several speakers, including Governor Larry Hogan, USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot, and the Summit’s keynote speaker Whitney Kimball Coe.

- Dan Rider
Who We Are

Our mission is to support efforts of citizens and government to meet the economic and social needs of rural Maryland.

We support the efforts of the Rural Maryland Council, an independent state agency.

For More Information on the RMC
https://rural.maryland.gov/

Our Website
http://www.ruralmdfoundation.org/

How To Donate

Our challenges for rural Maryland include high unemployment rates, high poverty rates, lack of transportation and a lack of health care, we can't solve these challenges without your help! Please donate today.

Donate Here
https://form.jotform.com/90944248349164

Watch the “We are Rural Maryland” YouTube Video at the link below!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWzYwA2LOCU

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2021 Financial Statement
Total Assets: $198,878.16
Revenue: $43,940.00
Expenditure: $21,138.58