

Together, We Are...

...Helping Students in Need

alternative programming for K-12 students who are experiencing challenges to learning in the traditional public school environment. At both schools, a large percentage of students receive free or reduced meals at school, and many of these students also lack adequate food at home. Through the Weekend Food Program, the students in need are identified by school staff and provided with a bag or backpack full of food items every Friday during the school year. Weekend Food Programs are organized by staff and volunteers and supported entirely by donations. In 2017, the Foundation's campaign to support the Weekend Food program raised \$2,445. In recognition of our service to students in need, the Maryland State Bar Association's Local and Specialty Bar Committee presented the AABA with its "Best Service to the Public Project" award during the Annual Conference of Bar Presidents in October 2017. Award recipients are selected based on the project's innovativeness, goals achieved, member participation and public served.

This year, the AACBF helped local students in need by supporting the **Weekend Food Program** at three Anne Arundel County public schools: Solley Elementary School in Glen Burnie, Meade Middle School on Ft. Meade, and the Phoenix Academy in Annapolis, which provides



During our conversations with AACPS, the AABA board learned that in our county's schools, there are 30 unaccompanied minors living on their own without family support. At last year's holiday party, we collected \$1,200 to support these students. Working with the Office of School and Family Partnerships to learn about these students' needs, we decide to provide each student with gift cards to Chick-fil-A, Chipotle and Target.

...Inspiring Youth Interest in the Law

Contest, which is open to public and private high school students. Over the past 18 years, more than 2,850 students from 11 county high schools have submitted essays.

The AACBF also encourages local youth to expand their interest in and knowledge of the law by sponsoring an annual **Essay**



In spring 2017, the Bar Foundation held its 18th annual High School Essay Contest. For this year's competition, local high school students were asked to consider how the U.S. Supreme Court should rule on *Packingham v. North Carolina*. Students had to consider this question: Can a State make it a crime for a registered sex offender to access any social networking site or website that might be frequented by minors? A senior from Rockbridge Academy in Millersville received the first place award.

...Providing Comfort to Families in Need

In cooperation with Graul's Market, AABA volunteers delivered the meals to the Admiral Oaks Community Center in Annapolis on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Since 2002, the AACBF has raised more than \$78,000 through the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

In 2017, the AACBF continued the successful **Thanksgiving Dinner Program** for the sixteenth year. Through this program, the Foundation raises fund to provide Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings to underserved families in our county. This year, the Bar Foundation provided dinners to 41 families.

In 2017, the Bar Foundation also continued our participation in the Angel Tree Program to ensure that local children in need would have gifts at Christmas. Working with the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County and Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, we collected gifts for 35 children from 11 families.

...Ensuring Access to Justice for All

Through the AABA Community Service Division, we support efforts to ensure that all citizens have equal access to justice, especially those facing economic challenges. Programs supported by our members include the **Ask-A-Lawyer in the Library** program, which provides up to 20 minutes of free legal advice to individuals who do not qualify for legal service programs, but who still cannot afford legal counsel.

For the past five years, AABA members have also volunteered to assist at the **Anne Arundel County Homeless Resource Day**. During this day-long event, attorneys provide legal advice and services to homeless individuals in our area. This year, 11 attorneys participated in the event and provided guidance to 48 homeless individuals.

Caring for the Communities We Serve

Each year, the AACBF provides much-needed legal assistance to the underserved and makes charitable gifts and contributions to community based agencies. With your generous contributions, the Foundation has made a positive impact on communities throughout our county, creating a better quality of life for all residents.

2017 Bar Foundation Program Distributions At-A-Glance

Weekend Food Program	\$2,445
Holiday Gift Cards for Unaccompanied Minors	\$1,200
High School Essay Contest	\$1,000
Thanksgiving Dinner Drive	\$2,730

TOTAL \$7,375

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Make a Donation and Make a Difference
You can make a difference by contributing the \$25 voluntary checkoff on the AABA annual dues notice and/or by giving an in-kind or monetary donation. The Foundation carries the IRS classification of a 501 (c) (3) organization, and therefore your contribution is tax deductible as a charitable donation. Every contribution, large or small, is welcomed and appreciated. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Protecting Children Giving Guidance

Caring for the Community Helping Those in Need

Inspiring Students

**The Anne Arundel Bar Foundation
2017 Annual Report**

The Community Efforts of the Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation

Since 1990, the Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation (AACBF) has pursued its mission to foster and maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of law. Each year, we support several charitable and service initiatives that strengthen our community and ensure equitable access to justice. The AACBF made significant progress in 2017, distributing nearly \$7,375 in funds to projects that had a direct impact on our local youth and neighbors in need.

The AACBF is extremely grateful to the members of the Anne Arundel Bar Association (AABA) who volunteered their time or donated essential funds this year. In this Annual Report, you will find details on each of the programs we supported this year. With your continued generosity, we can continue to build on our success in 2018.



Supporting Communities Throughout Anne Arundel County Since 1990

The Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation (AACBF) is the charitable arm of the Anne Arundel Bar Association. As a separate and distinct entity from the AABA, the AACBF must raise funds sufficient to meet its own operating expenses. Donations through the voluntary checkbox on the AABA membership renewal form help to keep the AACBF running and our programs moving forward.

“This year, our Bar Foundation continued its tradition of giving back to the community. Through our charitable programs, we were able to assist many neighbors in need and support programs that help local students thrive and succeed in school.”

-- David Putzi, President
Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation