



# Foundation Annual Update

Highlights of Giving • Year End 2023

## Our Mission:

To provide higher education financial scholarships to select individuals in the Clarksburg and Damascus communities who display the quality of character for which Patrick was known. Additionally, The Foundation hopes to fund various support service offerings for families in Montgomery County, Maryland and other communities in need.

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*The Patrick Shifflett Foundation would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for the trust and partnership you have given the foundation and the Shifflett family. Your support is the driving force to continue each year with the challenges and opportunities that come our way to ensure that we stay committed to supporting the needs of so many.*



*There is much to be hopeful for as we look ahead to the upcoming year. We will continue with our vision of helping others and providing for our community and organizations in the surrounding areas. Many of you have continued to touch our lives with your donations and presence at our events throughout the year. Your support not only honors Patrick but reminds us that even after death, his good works and kindness will live on. We thank you all for providing moments of light and peace during the dark times. Even though we will grieve the loss of Patrick forever and then some, it does not mean we are lacking happiness and joy, although it took some time to get there. There are times the waves overwhelm us, but those days are a little further apart than they were in the beginning. I feel that we will move mountains to honor Patrick and make sure he is not forgotten. Even if we can't protect his physical body, we can protect his memory. Being his parents is one of the greatest gifts we ever received and the impact that Patrick had on our lives will forever be with us, as will the love and the light he brought to our family. Lily and I look forward each year, as our events get closer, to spending time with all of you who mean so much to us and Patrick.*

*We are thankful to our volunteers who work tirelessly at all our events with nothing in mind other than honoring Patrick and the mission in which he inspired. We continue to thank everyone for their prayers and wish everyone a safe and blessed 2024.*

*Thanks "Big Pat" for being a standout young man.*

*With sincere gratitude,*

*Walter Shifflett*

*President, The Patrick Shifflett Foundation*



# Ways We Give - Highlights

Since our inception, the Patrick Shifflett Foundation has been able to donate or award a total of \$393,875 in Patrick's name. Here are some of the deserving organizations we gave to this year:

## **The Gabrielle Kennedy Benton Memorial Fund**

Through the Community Foundation of Frederick Co., this fund provides grants to non-profit organizations that support mental health programs for children, as well as supporting people with disabilities and Down syndrome.

## **Childhelp**

We continued our support of Childhelp, a program that through treatment, prevention and intervention changes the lives of children who have been harmed and abused by shaping their futures, filling them with harmony and love.

## **Christmas Giving**

On December 21 the Shifflett family gave Christmas blessings to 20 families in the local community who were in need of gifts for their children and dinner on their tables. Families were given a Christmas meal, presents for their children, and groceries for the holiday break. Special thanks to Porter & Shannon Shifflett and their daughters for their dedication to shopping, organizing and wrapping the gifts.



## **Clarksburg Baseball & Softball**

We continue to sponsor Clarksburg baseball and softball teams to give our younger players an opportunity to play the game they love.

## **Damascus Softball**

Damascus Sports Association is a non-profit volunteer organization providing sports to our community. The Softball program develops girls from Kindergarten to Grade 12 into ball players.

## **The EVAN Foundation**

We again partnered with the 18U Crush/CHS Softball Team for a toy drive benefiting kids undergoing cancer treatments at 3 local Children's National Hospital Oncology Unit locations. The Evan Foundation



fills multiple "treats and treasures" carts and wheels them out weekly to cancer patients. We look forward to replenishing the carts 3 times a year or as needed. Special thank you to Joana and Bella Bragg for volunteering to shop for the toys and treats

## **Food Drive**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we collected canned foods at the Damascus Safeway in early November, allowing us to fill many bins in our holiday giving programs. A special thank you to Ed Tippet for making this possible.

## **Inflow's Veterans Outreach Program**

This free service gives back and helps our military heroes by connecting veterans with technical jobs within the INflow organization.

## **K.I.C. Kares**

A charity with a simple mission: to spread KINDNESS. The charity's primary focus is to purchase, fill, and deliver care packages to families who have children in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICUs) around the country.

## **Special Olympics**

Inspired by Patrick's concern and love to make sure that kids with special needs feel included amongst their peers, our gift helps athletes find joy and confidence on the playing field and in life through the power of sports.

## **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**

With a goal to cure childhood cancer, St. Jude's mission is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases. No child is denied treatment based on a family's ability to pay.

## **Thanksgiving Meals**

On November 21, 2023, we continued our Thanksgiving Giving Program. We adopted 20 local families that were given an amazing Thanksgiving meal along with all the fixings and a bin full of staples to fill the families' pantries for the long holiday weekend.

## **Walk to Defeat ALS**

Foundation and family members walked in both Boston, MA and Rockville, MD for the ALS Association's Walk to Defeat ALS. The walk and donation help support people living with ALS—as well as increase awareness of the urgency to find a treatment and cure. We support ALS in memory of family member Chip Fanelli.





# Yearly Events

## Baseball Tournament

It's always a pleasure to see baseball players from age 8 to 18 playing the sport they love at our annual tournament, but it's equally gratifying to hear from coaches, parents and even our volunteers how special our tournament is. We like to use our tournament to remind young players what Patrick knew from an early age – that the game is about so much more than winning. At the end of each game, the coaches present an Honor Coin to a player on the opposing team



that best represents the teamwork, courage, and sportsmanship that Patrick was known for. We look forward to continuing this tradition June 1-2, 2024.

## Cornhole Tournament

We celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Patrick Shifflett Cornhole Tournament on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the beautiful fields



of Butler's Orchard. Over 200 people came to play cornhole, eat delicious food, and enjoy live music. Special thanks to Allied Event Solutions for keeping players and diners cool under huge tents. We're always grateful for



amazing food and drinks from GrillMarx (thanks to chef Doug Kellner and bartender Carlos Hickman) and great entertainment from Burt the Dirt band and Good Vibrations DJ.



This year's big winners were Dwayne Britton and Nick Shifflett, with Rodney Hemingway and David Kitts coming in second. But the true winners were all the loving participants and volunteers who get to spend a day together to remember our sweet Patrick. We're planning to host again on September 1, 2024 Butler's Orchard.

## Golf Tournament

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was a successful day for the Foundation as we hosted 144 golfers on October 6<sup>th</sup>,



2023 at Worthington Manor. Golfers enjoyed a hearty breakfast in the clubhouse before starting a fun-filled day on the course, including putting contests, hole-in-one contests and breaks at the always popular Tito's tents. When the golf ended, the party began with delicious burgers and bbq from GrillMarx and plenty of raffle and silent auction items to be won. We're proud our event is so popular and has completely sold out the past 2 years. Mark your calendar for October 4, 2024 so you don't miss out on next year's tournament.



### 2023 PSF Golf Tourney Champions:

Bobby Farmer, Dennis Cullop, Andrew Synan, Steve Weiss

### Runner-Ups:

Robert D'Attilio, Patrick Martel, Arther Slate, Ken Robertson

### 3rd Place Team:

Rick Cross, Rob Cross, Christopher Cross, Jamie Muck



# Catching Up with Past Scholarship Recipients

It is with great pride that we share an update on 5 previous scholarship recipients. We are honored to be a part of these young scholars' journeys.



*In May 2023, I graduated with my Bachelors of Science in Biology from Shippensburg University. I am currently studying towards a thesis-based Masters degree in Biology while working as a graduate assistant at Shippensburg University. During the Summer of 2023, I had the privilege of working as a Bacteriology intern for AstraZeneca and will be returning for the Summer of 2024. I am forever grateful for the Patrick Shifflett Foundation and the impact it has had on completing my undergraduate education!*

~ Manisha Kapoor

*I received the Patrick Shifflett Foundation scholarship in 2019. In May of 2023, I graduated from the University of Maryland where I earned my BS in Marketing and my BA in Communications. I recently wrapped up an internship with a marketing agency, so I'm currently looking for a full time position! Outside of the job hunt, I've spent some time volunteering and traveling.*

~ Samantha Ward



*I graduated in May from Virginia Tech Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Management with a concentration in Human Resources. During school, I was a part of Omega Phi Alpha's Executive Board for 3 years and completed over 240 hours of service during my time at school. I started at TEKsystems as a Technical Recruiter in the Washington, D.C. office and was recognized as part of Team of the Year for 2023 in our office. I would like to thank The Patrick Shifflett Foundation for the continuous support they provided me during my time at school.*

~ Whitney D'Attilio

*I graduated from UMD College Park in August 2023 from the Robert H. Smith School of Business, double majoring in Marketing and Management. Currently I'm serving tables in Moco saving money as the marketing job search ramps up.*

~ Caleb Lederer



*After graduating from Catholic U in May of 2023, I accepted a job with Oracle working in sales located in Nashville, TN. It's been an awesome place to live as a young professional, but Maryland will always be home. I have so much gratitude for the Shifflett family & their support through the foundation.*

~ Shane Paul

# Scholarships

The **Patrick Shifflett Scholarship Award** was created in 2017 to memorialize the life of Patrick by celebrating the character and accomplishments of special individuals at Clarksburg and Damascus High Schools.

The selected students, like Patrick, have taken pride in sharing their talents and gifts to help others – both young and old. This award seeks to recognize those who have emulated Patrick's sense of values and character. It was important for Patrick to be an inclusive force in his community. His peers, teachers, and coaches viewed him as a leader on and off the field by exhibiting a caring nature and respect for others. Patrick set an example for the rest of us. His strong moral values and faith guided him to live up to his personal motto, "Always Stay Humble."

The scholarships being awarded are not solely based on accomplishments in the classroom, the athletic fields, and/or the dance, music, and art studios – while all important in their own right – it is a proven commitment to the greater good that this award recognizes.



#### Clarksburg High School Recipients:

Desmond Whitley, Oliver Martin, Brooke Switalski  
Carter Davis, Matthew Dixon



#### Damascus High School Recipients:

Matthew Ridgeway, Adjoa Okrah  
Anna Baisden, Lindsey Witmer

## Why Our Scholarships Matter

Instagram



Last Thursday was a very memorable senior awards night for Brooke! She was awarded the Patrick Shifflett Foundation Scholarship in honor of a young man who believed deeply in service to others. He was a stand out amongst his peers and led with compassion, empathy, and a big smile. Patrick was rooted by his family, faith and strong core values. Brooke is incredibly honored to continue his legacy as she pursues the medical field in college.



*I seriously cannot thank the Patrick Shifflett Foundation and family enough for the scholarship support over the past 4 years. I am so honored to be associated with Patrick in any capacity. I will always look up to him and his values. You all have been more of a blessing to me than you can imagine. I can't wait to support this foundation going forward and all the great things it does. I am so blessed to call the Shifflett family my friends.*

*Much love, Shane Paul*

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