



# Foundation Annual Update

Highlights of Giving • Year End 2025

## 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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*Every year as we prepare to publish the Annual Report, it gives me a moment to reflect on the accomplishments we've achieved since creating this Foundation 9 years ago. I'm happy to share that we have reached an impressive milestone – we've provided over a half million dollars in support of our local community! This warms my heart to think of all the ways Patrick continues to touch the lives of so many. It is truly what he wanted to do in his days on Earth. When you have a child, you mark the years with milestone events like birthdays, promotions, weddings, and new homes. While Lily and I are unable to celebrate those life goals with him, we are able to see how much Patrick is still accomplishing in his heavenly life. I always take a moment during our events to look around and see all the people who may never have met Patrick but are part of his vision to simply "help others." I feel the presence of Patrick at these events, and I know he is smiling down on us with joy in his heart.*

*In addition to all the worthy causes we support, I also know that many lives within our own circle of family and friends continue to be enriched by their on-going relationship with Pat through this Foundation. One of Patrick's childhood friends recently told me that he thinks about Pat every single day. He said he is reminded to try to be like Pat and to show love to everyone, and to live in the moment. It means a lot to me knowing that so many of us think of Patrick daily and that he still inspires us to do great things.*

*So, to all of you out there wearing Patrick Shifflett shirts and baseball caps, or to the young athletes who treasure their Honor Coins from our baseball tournament (see the letter from Chuck Lang on our Yearly Events page), and to those who have participated, donated, or volunteered at our events, thank you for remembering Patrick by helping us to help others.*



Patrick mentoring Clarksburg Youth Football League in 2015.

*With deep 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 \$542,835 in Patrick's name. Here are some of the deserving organizations we gave to this year:

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

This fund is created in memory of Gabrielle by her parents, Jay and Melissa Wastler, to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that support mental health programs for children and youth with a preference for programs focusing on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or programs supporting people with disabilities with a preference for individuals with Down Syndrome.

## **Clarksburg Baseball & Softball**

We continue to sponsor Clarksburg baseball and softball teams, enabling young players an opportunity to play the game they love.

## **The Children's Inn at NIH**

The Inn is a residential facility that allows families with seriously ill children to stay for free of charge while participating in research at NIH. Like our Foundation, their aim is to ease the burdens of those in less fortunate situations – in this case, providing a “place like home” for families facing the stresses of their child's health.

## **Coat Drive**

The Foundation expanded our outreach with a meaningful winter giving program, donating 100 coats to a Montgomery County Public School to help keep many elementary aged students warm this winter.

## **Community Support for Fire Relief**

An early morning fire in Damascus left a family of four displaced and in need of clothing and personal belongings. The Foundation was there to help with monetary assistance as well as additional items to assist in their tragic loss.

## **The EVAN Foundation**

We are proud to partner with The EVAN Foundation, a local non-profit that supports children with cancer by offering “treats and treasures” carts that bring joy to patients and families battling cancer at 34 hospitals, including 5 in the DMV.

## **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ and to see the impact for Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes in Montgomery County.

## **Food Drive**

On a beautiful sunny day in early November, we gathered to once again collect nonperishables and canned goods at our local Damascus, MD Safeway. This food drive allows us to support our Holiday Giving Program which feeds families within our community. We received so much support we were also able to make a large donation to a local food pantry. A special thank you to Safeway and Ed Tippet for making this all possible. We would like to thank our family, friends, and members of the Clarksburg High School Softball team who volunteered their time to help collect the vast amount of food.

## **Sol Goldman Pancreatic Center (In Memory of Joe Flood)**

This collaborative center was established by Johns Hopkins in 2005 to support cutting edge pancreatic cancer research through a multi-disciplinary team of physicians and scientists.

## **Holiday Giving**

One of our favorite ways to observe the holidays is through our Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach. We were blessed to make the holidays a little brighter for many local families who needed food for their tables and gifts for their

children. Special shoutouts to Jackie Baker Leach and Doug Kellner at GrillMarx UMD for generously donating turkeys and hams for all the families, as well as Shannon, Porter, Corinne, Caroline, and Sophie for shopping, wrapping, and family outreach.

## **Leukemia Lymphoma Society**

We continued our support of the Coyotes for a Cure legacy by making a donation to the team's Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign. These students raised funds and awareness for LLS's mission to cure blood cancers.

## **Salvation Army**

We joined efforts this year with the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project by donating coats and toys for local families. We were introduced to this impactful program by Karen Ward, who helps organize the effort during the holiday season. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to contribute and look forward to being a part of this initiative in the future.

## **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. Proceeds from this event help support people living with ALS—as well as increase awareness and the urgency to find a treatment and cure. We support ALS in memory of family member Chip Fanelli.

## **Xceptional Opportunities**

Their mission is to foster meaningful vocational training and hands-on work experiences for adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. They achieve this through small business initiatives that provide a supportive and integrated environment where all team members are valued and respected.

# Annual Event Updates

## Baseball Tournament

Over the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 9th Annual Patrick Shifflett Memorial Baseball Tournament. We hosted 60 teams representing Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland for a competitive tournament with an emphasis on the teamwork and sportsmanship that Patrick was known for. Our tradition of presenting an Honor Coin at the end of every game continues to be appreciated by coaches, parents, and players.

Special thanks to all our many volunteers, headed up by our amazing tournament directors, Robert and Deborah D'Attilio.

*My son has played baseball since he was 4. Never the greatest player, but always worked hard and gave it his all. In the tournament last year (in the 17U group) my son was forced into a starting pitcher role and threw a complete game and got the win. He played the rest of the tourney and excelled defensively and at the plate. He earned the Patrick Shifflett Honor Coin. Little did we know at the time, but even during that performance, my son was battling cancer. We found out the day before his high school graduation, where he graduated 11<sup>th</sup> in his class of 477. As I reflect back, I am so proud of him for getting that award. It speaks volumes of how he is handling this life changing series of events. I am so sorry for your loss, but I am also so thankful to be able to refer back to him earning that honor last year.*  
Chuck Lang

## Cornhole Tournament

A stunning early autumn day welcomed supporters to our annual Patrick Shifflett Cornhole Tournament on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Surrounded by the beauty and fall festivities at Butler's Orchard Farm, approximately 280 adults and children came to support

our Foundation and show their never-ending love for Patrick.

Thirty-five teams were assembled to play cornhole under huge tents donated by Allied Event Solutions. The crowd cheered them on while eating the always amazing food from GrillMarx (thanks chef Doug Kellner) and rocking out to live music provided by the Stringtown Band, Anna Wilson from America's Got Talent, as well as Good Vibrations' DJ Colin Gallagher.

While the adults were enjoying the open bar (thanks bartender Carlos Hickman) and barbeque, the kids were treated to face painting by Shea McCloskey and Lily McCaskill, and Italian ice cups from Rita's Mt. Airy.

We appreciate all the generosity from our community, and we hold Patrick in our hearts each year when we gather to celebrate his life and legacy.

Our 2025 winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Tom & Tommy Phillips
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kayla & Drew Britton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Dwayne & Tyler Britton



## Golf Tournament

On a warm early October day, we hosted the 8th Annual Patrick Shifflett Foundation Golf Tournament at our usual course, Worthington Manor in Urbana, Maryland. After an impressive breakfast spread in the clubhouse, golfers headed out to a course filled with special holes and a few cocktails along the way. When the round concluded, golfers met up in the clubhouse for more amazing food from GrillMarx, as well as top notch silent auction and raffle giveaways. It was a fun-filled day that would not be possible without the support of our sponsors and volunteers. We appreciate all the participants in this special event that allows us to further help those in our community, just as Patrick would want.



Our 2025 winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jim Crim, Keith Miller, John "Big" Pisano, Buddy Nichols
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dominic Markajam, Phil Bolesta, Bobby Farmer, Brian Grimes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Steve Houff, Mike Burns, Kevin Smith, Mark Batis

## EVENT SPONSORS SHOUTOUT

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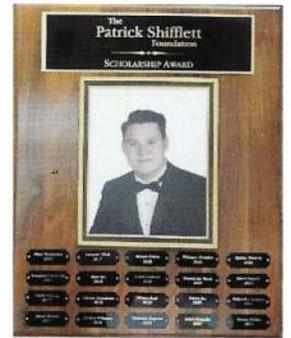
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# Scholarships

The **Patrick Shifflett Scholarship Award** was created in 2017 to memorialize the life of Patrick by celebrating the character and accomplishments of special students 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:



Matthew Castellanos  
Greta Gleason  
Aidan Perkins  
Lama El Shawahin  
Sommer Witz

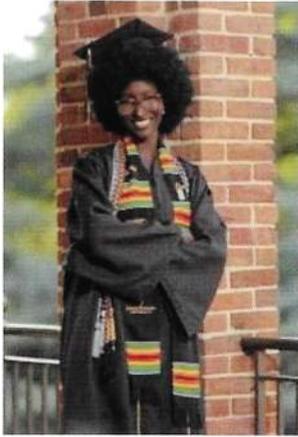
## Damascus High School Recipients:

Sarah Jankowski  
Hannah Louise Douglas  
Tyler Gagen  
Michael Cooley  
Lily Luther



*Special thank you to Robert D’Attilio and Jayme Jaramillo who graciously took time to present our awards.*

# Catching Up with Past Scholarship Recipients



*I have finally completed my undergraduate career at Hopkins. These past four years have flown by so quickly, and I wouldn't have been able to do it without your support. I want you to know that the work you do to support the community and uphold Patrick's legacy is truly inspiring. I look forward to the day when I can give back in the same way you do, as I am proof of how nurturing learning can mean so much to someone. I will always remember to stay humble and serve my community as best as I can!*

*I will be continuing my education at Hopkins to complete my Masters in Public Health while working at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore.*

**Aminata Julian Sinyan**

*I have become a CNA at Holy Cross Germantown Hospital on the stroke unit and a hospice volunteer for Capital Caring Health for the past year to get more clinical experiences to prepare me for medicine. I am in the interview phase of med school applications. I have had two so far, and I am hoping to get some more in the next few months. If all goes well, I will start med school in Fall 2026. Besides that, I've gotten into gardening since I moved back home for my gap years.*



*I was a scholarship recipient at Damascus HS in 2017, and I wanted to share about the impact this scholarship has had on my life. I love seeing your fundraising events and current scholarship recipients through your Instagram.*

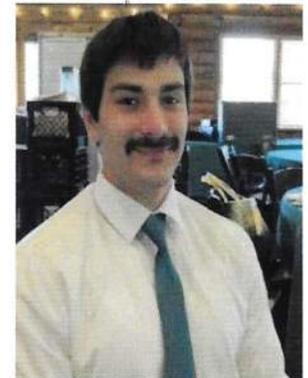
*After high school, I went to Penn State University and graduated with my Bachelor's in Biobehavioral Health in May 2017. Shortly after graduating, I applied to graduate school to study Occupational Therapy (OT) with hopes of making an impact on children and families with disabilities. I graduated with my Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia, PA). I am now working as a pediatric OT in Rockville at The Treatment and Learning Centers as of October and making an impact on the community here getting to help children grow and become more independent in many aspects of their lives.*

*Outside of seeking to use my career to make an impact on people, I have been volunteering my time with the Christian ministry Young Life to serve youth. At Penn State, I volunteered at a local high school for all four years. As I transitioned to grad school, I ended up leading Young Life College at Villanova University. As I've transitioned back to living in Maryland, I am currently seeking more ways to volunteer my time to serve my community!*

*Thank you for creating such a wonderful foundation that has touched my life and the life of so many others!*

**Emily Hale**

**Gabriella Gordon** graduated this past May from the University of Maryland with a communications degree. She recently began working as a Recruitment Outreach Assistant for the global law firm, Gibson Dunn, in Washington, D.C. In her free time, she assists a DMV based wedding planner and looks forward to growing her new career.



*Best,*  
**Ariel Margolis**



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