

# Foundation Annual Update

Highlights of Giving • Year End 2024

**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 has just completed our eighth year of honoring my son Patrick. As always, I would like to thank all who support us, especially the sponsors and donors who continue to make it all possible with their generous giving so that we are able to give back in all ways possible. While the events have been more successful than ever, we know they would not be possible without our hard-working volunteers and of course the patrons that attend the events yearly.*



*The organizations and individuals that Patrick’s foundation has been able to touch truly mean the world to our family. I hope knowing that you have a part in it is treasured by you as well, whether it has been through financial support, volunteering, or buying food and gifts for the less fortunate. Our family is extremely proud of the work the Patrick Shifflett Foundation has been able to achieve these past 8 years through helping others. We look forward to many more years of giving as needed in our community and elsewhere.*

*Patrick was deeply missed on October 12<sup>th</sup> this past year when his younger brother Steven married the love his life, Kiara. Had Patrick been here he would have held a spot of groomsman and shared a very special time with us all.*

*We will always honor Patrick’s memory and tell stories of him to our next generation. Each day, we awake to find more strength than we thought we had the day before, knowing Patrick is waiting on us from above. However hard it was losing him, we take comfort in the thought of all the memories and happy times we all shared with family and friends.*

*Living a life that matters does not happen by accident, it is not a matter of circumstance but of choice. The legacy he left behind settles deep in the hearts of those who loved him. My days will always be brighter for the years I had him. I was grateful for the time we shared. It was an honor and privilege to be his father but more of a gift was being his friend. We continue to thank our family and friends for their prayers. “Thank you Patrick” We were blessed!*

*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 \$469,620 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 whose purpose is to meet the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children.

## **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.

## **Clarksburg Football**

We were happy to provide needed transportation to an out of state "Big Man" camp for the Clarksburg High School Football program. This would have been something dear to Patrick's heart, helping out his alma mater team.

## **Community Support for Fire Relief**

The Foundation was saddened to hear about a Clarksburg home that went up in flames in the early hours of Thanksgiving Day. The family was in need of immediate assistance as they had to vacate the home quickly without gathering any personal belongings.

## **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. A special thank you to Joana Bragg and Bianca Zinzi for volunteering to shop for the toys and treats.

We were honored to receive the Difference Maker Award from the EVAN Foundation.



## **Food Drive**

For the 5<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.

## **Holiday Giving**

This year's Thanksgiving and Christmas giving was a HUGE success! We were blessed to make the holidays a little brighter for 27 local families who were in need of food for their tables and gifts for their children. Special shoutouts to Jackie Baker-Nees 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.



## **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.

## **Lukemia 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.

## **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.

## **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.



# 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:



Charlie Liu, Bella Bragg, Brooke Blackwood, Elizabeth Onyekwere



Hunter Hannum, Anthony Zinzi, Matthew Laffman

## Damascus High School Recipients:



Sophia Lorio, Sydney Chumas, Elizabeth Cromwell

*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 graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in Computer Science. I currently work for Northrop Grumman as a Systems Engineer. For the past year and a half, I've been a part of the Ground/Air Task-Oriented Radar (G/ATOR) program troubleshooting new hardware and software on a live radar system.*

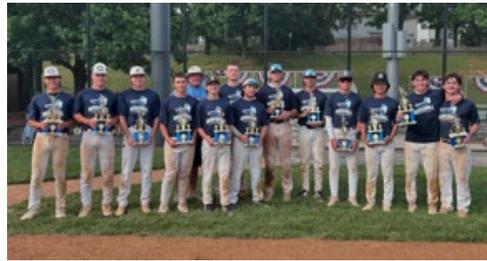
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*I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Clemson in May and I now run a rapidly growing fishing tools brand with a team of 4 awesome guys based in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Our brand is SORD Fishing Products and my title is Creative Director and Brand Manager. I lead the overall strategy and positioning of the brand. My life is awesome and I wouldn't be where I am without your helpful scholarship at Clemson!*



Reece Petrolle

# Our Year in Pictures with Event Participants and Volunteers



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# Yearly Events

## Baseball Tournament

Over the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 we held our 8th Annual Patrick Shifflett Memorial Baseball Tournament. We hosted 64 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 continued tradition of presenting an Honor Coin at the end of every game is always 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.

*Hello,*

*My son played this weekend in the 10u baseball tournament that you hosted. I did not know Patrick's story at all beforehand, but the awards ceremony made me want to learn more about him. I read his story, and it seems like he was a wonderful person. My son received a coin during one of the games, and having read about Patrick's life, that will be incredibly meaningful to us. Thank you for putting on this tournament. I think the personal touches and focus on humility and sportsmanship are a wonderful way to honor Patrick's memory.*

*Best, Jonathan Selter*

## Cornhole Tournament

Our 7th annual Patrick Shifflett Cornhole Tournament on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 was once again held at the

beautiful fields of Butler's Orchard. We had 28 teams play competitive cornhole while over 230 people cheered them on and enjoyed delicious food and drinks from GrillMarx (thanks to chef Doug Kellner and bartender Carlos Hickman). Young and old alike appreciated the upbeat music from Stringtown while checking out the silent auction items and our famous mystery wine deals. Special thanks to Allied Event Solutions for keeping players and diners cool under huge tents. We're always grateful for the support and love we receive from the community on this special day to gather in celebration of Patrick.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tom & Tommy Phillips

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rodney Hemingway & David Kitts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: James & Steven Shifflett

## Golf Tournament

Sportsmanship, support, and camaraderie came together on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as we hosted our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Worthington Manor in Urbana, Maryland. This highly successful event consistently fills the course each year with 144 golfers and many cherished sponsors. 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 are deeply grateful to our sponsors for being our partners in our events and in our mission to help those in need in our community in Patrick's name.

Of course none of this would be possible without the amazing leadership of John Pino.

Congratulations to Our 2024 Golf Tournament Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Bobby Farmer, Andrew Syman, Billy Hollister, Phil Bolesta

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ben Teachum, Petur Bogan, Jacob Press, Zack Swink

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John Friend, Steve Lee, Ted Kroos, John Mackey

### Special Contest Winners

Women's Long Drive: Lana Kostecka

Men's Long Drive: Jeff Kammerer

Closest to the Pin: Ted Crowley

Putting Contest: Cory Matson

*Walt and Lily,*

*As always - what an incredible event. It was a privilege to be a part of it. The guys in my foursome (all UMD grads and fraternity brothers) marveled at the size, professionalism, and first-class experience in which you ran the tournament. Sign us up for next year! I would love to pay for another foursome, if possible. I know it's invite only. Thank you so much.*

*Sincerely, Mark Batis*

## EVENT SPONSORS SHOUTOUT

Our events would not be possible if not for these amazing Event Sponsors that go above and beyond to make each of our events such a great success!

Allied Event Solutions ♥ Maryland Cornhole

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