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Changing Lives Now and for Eternity

Hi Fredericktowne Baptist Church,

One key to a joyful life is to make every decision with generosity. To that extent, I take inspiration from Marlene Young of the Delaplaine Foundation; joy always seems to flow from her! I hope you'll enjoy this short tribute to Marlene and the impact she and the Delaplaine Foundation have made on our community.

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A Legacy of Community Impact

Marlene Young will retire from daily leadership as President & CEO of Delaplaine Foundation the end of June. She has worked with George Delaplaine for 50 years and was instrumental in working with the Delaplaine family in establishing the foundation, which has

significantly improved the quality of life in Frederick. We have received many generous grants from Delaplaine Foundation over the years, benefiting countless thousands of local residents. She explains that the prayer of her life has been, "God, please use me for something greater than myself, that you would be glorified."

Marlene's first memories of the Mission are from her childhood when she vividly recalls first seeing the large "Jesus Saves" sign on our original location on South Market Street. Since then, she has watched the Mission relocate, grow, and benefit residents. "We support the Mission because it covers such a broad and deep expanse of need in the community.

I see the Mission's authenticity, care, and concern; the Mission is a sanctuary for hope, help, and healing."

The Foundation was established in 2001, following the sale of the Delaplaine family media businesses that included the daily newspaper and cable/telecommunications companies. As a pioneer in the cable TV industry, George Delaplaine brought cable to Frederick in the late 1960s. From the proceeds of the sale, the family set aside \$15 million to establish the Foundation. Since opening its doors, it has poured over \$30M in grant funding into the community, the majority of which has benefited Frederick County. They invest in programs to strengthen the arts, culture, education, health and human services, historic preservation, and spiritual enlightenment. Marlene explains, "This has never been a job for me, but rather a calling." Her motivation comes from Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Marlene directs not only the Foundation's work of funding to help others but also applies those same values to her own personal resources. She says, "As my husband Mike and I have been blessed, we want to be a blessing to others. None of us is exempt from the possibility of some time being in need. My faith tells me that as children of God, we are all on the same level playing field and so it is important to be of service to others and do as much as you can, as often as you can, where you can, for as long as you can. **I believe we only get to keep what we give away, meaning what we do for self dies with us, but what we give in service to others remains and is immortal."**

Following retirement, Marlene will remain President of Delaplaine Foundation's Board of Trustees and looks forward to helping to guide the Foundation's next chapter in that capacity while supporting new daily leadership with Executive Director Michele Corr. Marlene looks forward to a less demanding pace and spending more time with her family. Although she has an impactful legacy in Frederick County, her legacy is not her focus. "We are all here for a limited time. When we make giving a natural part of our lifestyle, we won't have to worry about what our legacy will be because we'll be living our legacy daily."

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Letter from Our Executive Director

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." In our country/national culture, there is a lot of stress and division. Over the past decade I have seen some trends that trouble me. Those who follow Christ should not conform but shine as light and be noticed for how they are positively different. The following are three trends that I would like to address.

The first trend is the deterioration of public speech. We have gone in a short time from WWJD as the most popular acronym to WTF. The f-word is now commonplace. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."



As the collective IQ has declined, so has our ability to articulate. Speech that encourages or persuades others to make a change requires discipline and concern for the other person. The way we express ourselves should stand out; people may want to listen to us, especially if the culture is full of cussing and tearing people down.

The second trend is the lack of respect. A common adage is "respect must be earned." I don't agree. If we respect people, we will value and respect others from the start. Yes, respect can be lost. Jesus said, "... Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.... If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them." (Luke 6:27-28, and 32). Instead of grouping people or assigning identities to people and reacting according to our biases, we should begin by respecting and loving others. Listening to and understanding people can open doors to healing and redemption.

The third trend is writing people off because of their political affiliations or philosophical positions. Paul said in Romans 12:17-18, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." The current culture finds where two parties disagree and then expands from there. The better way is to find even the one percent of agreement and work from there. Finding solutions is better than winning arguments.

The words of an old Christian song go like this: "They will know we are Christians by our love." At the Mission, we want to let God's light and love shine through us to those in need

and those who want to serve. Join us in following Jesus in changing lives now and for eternity.



Arnold Farlow, Executive Director
Frederick Rescue Mission



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"...let us not love with words or speech but with actions
and in truth."

1 JOHN 3:18



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