



7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
KATHY DARBY COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND
(Formerly named the Kathy Darby Scholarship Fund)

The Kathy Darby Community Outreach Fund was established in February 2016 as a living memorial to long-time instructor, volunteer, and Board member Kathy Darby. The Fund pursues two of Kathy's great passions—her love of pottery and her desire to share that love through teaching youth and adults. The Fund seeks to achieve its goals by funding educational opportunities for low-income youth by introducing them to the world of pottery; funding programs in which Glen Echo potters visit schools or other sites in the community, particularly in low-income communities; and funding tuitions for teens or other beginners who show talent and enthusiasm for pottery but may not be able to afford the tuition.

The Glen Echo Pottery Board of Directors established a committee to develop the programs for pursuing these goals. The committee consists of Catherine Sabatos, Antoinette Vionnet, and Joyce Forrest. Working with our CPA, we established accounting mechanisms to ensure full transparency and accountability for all donations to the Fund and program expenses.

After extensive exploration of possible programming opportunities in the community and at Glen Echo Park, the committee identified the following Fund projects for this year:

- On May 26 and June 2, 2017 committee members, joined by volunteers David Epstein and Jeanne Reardon, conducted a free pottery workshop for ten third- to fifth-grade students at Glen Haven Elementary School in Silver Spring. All of the students came from low-income or military families. The school considered the workshop a great success and has asked us to return next year and expand the program.
- We have been working with Silver Spring-based charity A Wider Circle to provide two workshops in the Highland Dwellings community in Southeast DC, where 100 percent of the residents are living in deep poverty. A Wider Circle is seeking to provide programming for the youth in this community during the summer. The Fund will therefore conduct two pottery workshops

on July 24 and August 9 for ten children from 8 to 11 years of age and ten children from 12 to 15 years of age. We are hopeful some of these children may become candidates for tuition funding for the Pottery's teen program.

- We worked with the art teacher at Wheaton High School to identify teens eligible for tuition support in our teen program. We hope she will be able to identify candidates early in the fall term.
- We have been working with the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) to include a ceramics program in its summer camp for low-income students, Horizons. We plan to participate in Horizons next summer.

This has been a year of exploration and experimentation. We have learned how to develop and present programs in public schools, and our workshops later this summer will give us additional experience bringing pottery into low-income communities. We are learning from each experience so that we can improve and hopefully expand our programs next year.

We thank all the volunteers who have worked with us to develop and deliver these programs: Jeff Kirk, Catherine Sabatos, Antoinette Vionnet, David Epstein, Jeanne Reardon, Kira Kibler, and Joyce Forrest. We hope many more volunteers will join us next year.

We also thank all contributors to the Darby Fund and trust you will agree that these programs are fulfilling the Fund's mission and what you believed it would do. We hope you are as enthusiastic as we are over bringing the Glen Echo Pottery spirit into the community in Kathy Darby's name. As these programs will be ongoing and expanding in the future, we will rely on your continued support with your future generous contributions.