ABOUT THE B. R. ASHBY, M.D. AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The DRF Board of Directors established the B. R. Ashby, M.D. Award for Outstanding Community Service in recognition and appreciation of the exemplary service and selfless leadership of B. R. Ashby, M.D., a founding Board Member and first Chairman of DRF. The $50,000 general operating grant award – which began in 2009 – honors outstanding community service in the Dan River Region by nonprofit organizations, based on their success in helping needy families and individuals overcome significant challenges.

Each year, the general public is invited to nominate regional organizations that demonstrate commitment to caring and generosity of spirit. The nominator cannot be a paid staff member at the organization under review. Board members, volunteers, and community members are eligible to make nominations.

Nominated organizations that meet the award criteria will be invited to submit a full application.

Eligibility requirements include:

- The nominated organization must be at least five years old.
- The nominated organization must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(3) organization. This can include churches and religious organizations as defined by IRS Publication 1828.
- The organization must be located in the DRF service area (Danville and Pittsylvania County, VA and Caswell County, NC) and at least 50% of its clients and/or programs must be located in the service area.
- Grantees currently funded or having a commitment to remaining funded by DRF of $200,000+ annually are not eligible.
- Previous Ashby Award recipients are not eligible to receive the award again until after five years.

The award selection process is overseen by an Advisory Committee of four community members and a DRF Board representative.

B. R. ASHBY, M.D. AWARD past winners

- Just Kids Child Development Center, Inc. - 2020
- Danville Speech & Hearing Center - 2019
- Pittsylvania County Community Action - 2018
- Caswell Family Medical Center - 2017
- Danville Cancer Association - 2016
- Grace’s Storehouse - 2015
- Northern Pittsylvania County Food Center - 2014
- Danville Life Saving Crew - 2013
- Grace’s Pit Crew - 2012
- Danville Church-Based Tutorial Program - 2011
- Caswell Parish, Inc. – 2010

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For more information on DRF, our programs, our partners and other grant making opportunities, please visit our website www.drfonline.org
Grace and Main Fellowship (G+M) is an intentional, Christian community practicing hospitality, grassroots community development, and shared, simple lives.

They are an ecumenical community (i.e., made up of a wide array of different denominations of Christians) committed to being lives with and among those struggling with homelessness, near-homelessness, poverty, addiction, and hunger.

The heart of G+M’s work is a commitment to love and person-focused decision-making. Their mission is to cultivate community and accompany meaningful change in neighborhoods through asset-based methods and genuine, reciprocal relationships.

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**BRIDGING THE GAPS**

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**TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY POLICING**

Developing a new community platform: a place for training for police officers addressing not just the interpersonal tensions around policing but also how to use critical thinking skills to address these tensions in community policing.

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**BUILDING COMMUNITY AND FOSTERING HOPE:**

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**Laud**

In a shared work/living building, with an extensive schedule of events, the community is able to welcome others to assist.

**Total**

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**Wisdom**

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Grace & Main: By the Numbers - 2019

In 2019, G+M provided services to over 1,005 neighbors in the Old West End, Northwestside, and Northside neighborhoods, representing an increase of over 200 neighbors served in 2018.

**ADDRESSING RESOURCE DEFICITS**

Grace & Main believes that poverty is not lacking a lack of resource but is a complex deficit of resources: socio, economic, asset losses, dignity, and many others.

**PREVENTING STABILITY**

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