



At the Baltimore Community Foundation

WHO WE ARE

The B'MORE Fund is a *Giving Circle* created by emerging leaders who are celebrating the work of social entrepreneurs in the region while at the same time becoming more informed about grantmaking, philanthropy, and the myriad of issues affecting our community

COLLECTIVE PHILANTHROPY

Giving Circles are a new trend in philanthropy where people pool their resources – typically time, talent and/or money - and make decisions as a group on how to use the resources to impact a specific cause or interest area.

B'MORE Fund members are pooling resources and working to identify, publicize and celebrate those individuals who, through their work, enrich the lives of Baltimore's residents. The group intends to recognize these individuals and their work by honoring them with cash awards to be made once each year.

CATALYZING CHANGE

The overall goals of the B'MORE Fund are to:

- Leverage financial, social and human capital for philanthropic impact
- Increase the awareness of fund members and the community about issues affecting the region
- Provide members opportunities for hands-on involvement in grantmaking and social investment
- Celebrate the work of social entrepreneurs in our community
- Incubate a network of leaders and increase philanthropy in the region

What does this mean? Opportunity. It's our turn to make a difference.

GIVING

- Members are required to make an annual contribution of at least \$550 per member, for at least a two year commitment.

INVOLVEMENT

Please join us! We welcome all those interested in learning more about the community and the philanthropic tools that can make a difference.

Members of the B'MORE Fund have the opportunity to:

- Serve on a committee
- Participate in the nomination and award review process
- Attend 4 meetings a year (3 educational, leadership development, or service programs and 1 grantmaking)

B'MORE Fund Structure:

B'MORE Fund Co-Chairs: Chuck Morton and Rebecca Murphy Jones

COMMITTEES:

Steering Committee

- Comprised of circle chairs and any member who is interested, serves as the overarching body for all major circle decisions and policies

Other Fund opportunities

Membership/Outreach

- Help to recruit and orient new members
- Help implement public relations strategy for grantmaking

Programming

- Devise three community and leadership educational programs a year

Grants

- Provide guidelines for grantmaking efforts and coordination of grants process

IMPACT

The project outcomes of B'MORE Fund activities are to:

- Develop a vibrant new philanthropic vehicle
- Attract people to support and engage in the region
- Increase philanthropy and civic engagement
- Develop a solutions-oriented group of social investors

OUR SPONSOR

The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) was created in 1972 to help people plan and carry out their charitable giving, to make grants which anticipate as well as respond to community needs, and to build a permanent, independent civic endowment to serve the greater Baltimore region.

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