

Fall 2024 Grantees by Program Area

The Longwood Foundation is a catalyst to strengthen nonprofit organizations. These grantees are working to better serve their communities and improve quality of life in the state of Delaware and Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. We are excited to announce the 48 Fall 2024 grantees.



The image above was taken at the Grantee Celebration on December 12, 2024, at Longwood Gardens. Together, we celebrated their awards and built connections amongst all.

ARTS

Delaware Art Museum

\$600,000 to support their operations and the implementation of their new strategic plan.

The Candlelight Theatre

\$100,000 to support the renovation of their theater space, which will enable the organization to accommodate larger audiences and use the space more effectively for internal and community events.

CIVIC

American Civil Liberties Foundation of Delaware

\$200,000 to support their Every Vote Counts Campaign.

Center for Accelerating Financial Equity (CAFE)

\$375,000 towards capacity building.

Delaware Zoological Society

\$550,000 to build a new mixed species habitat at the Brandywine Zoo as part of a phased project.

La Plaza Delaware

\$200,000 to pilot a new Spanish-language professional certification program to support the Latino business community in Sussex County.

Leadership Delaware

\$200,000 to support the program development, facilitation, and general expenses for the LDI Leadership Development Series.

MACH2 (Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen)

\$400,000 towards their efforts to create a Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub spanning Southeastern PA, Southern NJ, and the state of DE.

Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League

\$225,000 to support its statewide initiatives and leadership capacity.

ONCOR Coalition

\$150,000 to support their design of an accessible playground in Historic New Castle.

REACH Riverside Development Corporation

\$1,600,000 to work collaboratively with the Community Education Building to engage a third-party consulting firm and launch a Program Management Office. This initiative will assess ways to create internal capacity needed to execute complex physical and social transformation collaboratively for low-income children in Wilmington.

The Philanthropy Roundtable

\$25,000 to support their efforts to defend philanthropic freedom.

True Access Capital

\$500,000 to support the extension of its lending services across Delaware.

Wilmington Alliance

\$450,000 to support initiatives across the organization.

Wilmington Institute Free Library

\$350,000 to replace their HVAC system.

YWCA Delaware

\$225,000 to support their efforts to launch an Economic Empowerment Program that aids ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) households in Delaware.

EDUCATION

Archmere Academy

\$300,000 to support the renovation of their Performing Arts Center.

International Literacy Association

\$300,000 to further develop their Literacy Learning Library product and to expand awareness of the product through growing and strengthening the organization's connections to Delaware schools and districts.

Jounce Partners

\$440,000 to launch a permanent site in Delaware aimed at ensuring that schools serving historically marginalized communities give every student an opportunity to succeed. To do this, they equip school leaders with the expertise to skillfully invest in teacher practice.

Odyssey Charter School

\$1,600,000 to support the renovations of an unoccupied building on their campus into the OCS Innovation Learning Center, which will allow the school to serve over 500 additional students.

Sussex Montessori School

\$375,000 to support the renovations of the second floor of their barn. This will provide a gathering space for children and the community, as well as a temporary classroom space as the school grows in enrollment, and space for community partners to provide services to children and families.

YMCA of Delaware

\$2,000,000 to add a new location for the YMCA Early Learning Academy with 80-100 seats.

ENVIRONMENT

North American Land Trust

\$450,000 to acquire and permanently conserve the 16-acre Joseph Davis Tract in Chadds Ford through a conservation easement. The property, which is part of the Brandywine Battlefield, will become the headquarters of NALT, create a trail network that connects to existing public trails, and be open to historical interpretation.

HOUSING

Central Delaware Housing Collaborative

\$150,000 to support an additional full-time Case Manager to enable the organization to expand their programming.

Friendship House

\$715,050 to support their efforts to bolster their programming and impact in supporting those experiencing homelessness; this includes internal capacity building and preparations to expand their services to Sussex County.

Good Neighbors

\$300,000 to hire an additional position to oversee their expanding efforts to serve low-income homeowners in the state of Delaware through their Healthy Homes repair program, which provides safety and mobility repairs to patients recently discharged from the hospital.

Interfaith Community Housing of Delaware

\$350,000 to support necessary renovations and capital improvements in West Center Place, a 55-unit scattered affordable housing project in Wilmington, and for resident empowerment initiatives including a youth mentorship program for the community.

Milford Housing Development Corporation

\$400,000 to expand their Resilient and Healthy Home Repair Program.

Roofs from the Heart

\$55,000 to support their efforts to build capacity as they expand their programming to serve more homeowners.

The Springboard Collaborative

\$500,000 to support the ongoing operations of the Georgetown Pallet Village.

SOCIAL SERVICES

ARC of Delaware

\$200,000 to support housing safety and accessibility renovations for their group home to enable their residents to age in place, as well as to support their employment and outreach programs.

Best Buddies Delaware

\$85,000 to hire a Director of Mission Advancement and to expand the number of schools participating in their one-on-one peer mentorship programming for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Delaware.

Chester County Food Bank

\$80,000 to support the purchase of a new delivery truck for their nutritious and culturally relevant food delivery services for food insecure communities in the Kennett Square area.

Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore

\$450,000 to replace the aquatics area and add a sensory-friendly cabin at Camp Fairlee, which hosts recreational and respite camping programs for people with disabilities.

End Community Violence Now

\$400,000 to support its efforts to grow a unified statewide community gun violence reduction ecosystem.

First State Squash

\$125,000 to support their new Director of College and Career and new Family and Engagement Coordinator; these positions will enable FSS to oversee and implement new college access and career advisory programs, strengthen family engagement, and diversify revenue streams.

Frederica Senior Center

\$10,000 to support their outreach services, which will include a new in-house computer space and increased offerings of technology courses for their senior community.

HELP Initiative

\$150,000 to support their strategic planning and Lights-ON initiative.

Hillel at University of Delaware

\$300,000 to support their capital campaign to construct a new two-story Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware.

Maternal and Child Health Consortium

\$90,000 to improve access to health care in under-resourced communities by adding an additional staff member to deliver the Parents as Teachers program at their Family Center in Kennett Square.

Mental Health Association in Delaware

\$200,000 to support the expansion of peer support recovery services for those in the mental health court system into Kent and Sussex County.

Neighborhood House

\$61,000 to support capital improvements to their community center in Wilmington.

Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association

\$150,000 to hire a Development Director to support their tennis program expansion.

RSVP Volunteers

\$75,000 to hire a Kennett-area Bilingual Digital Navigator for their digital literacy skills training program.

Strive: How You Lead Matters

\$382,000 to support their efforts to build a year-round, multi-year leadership development pathway targeted at improving social and emotional health.

The Garage Community & Youth Center

\$203,505 to support their Youth Nourishment and Transportation initiatives by hiring a Donor Relations Coordinator.

What Is Your Voice

\$250,000 to support the completion and expansion of The Engagement Center, a multipurpose space for survivors and community engagement.

YoungMoms

\$170,000 to hire a part-time Case Manager and a part-time Development Director, both of which will support the increased demand for their programming for pregnant and parenting young women.