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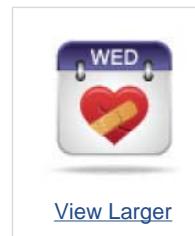
**Who's giving:** MCT Federal Credit Union

**Who's receiving:** Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation Inc.

**What's being given:** \$540

**Background:** MCT donated funds to the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation for every individual who became an MCT member during National Education Week. The MCPS Educational Foundation awards funds to schools and staff for projects designed to provide innovative educational programs for students. The foundation also awards need-based scholarships to graduating MCPS high school seniors.

**A few words from the sponsor:** "We chose to donate funds to the MCPS Educational Foundation since its mission aligns so closely with MCT's community outreach mission of supporting schools and students," says MCT's School Relationship Manager Stacie Shapero.



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**Who's giving:** The Rotary Club of McLean

**Who's receiving:** The Rotary Club of Meerut (India) East Library

**What's being given:** 80,000 popular American titles and academic books

**Background:** Between August and December, McLean Rotarian Sam Agarwal, a native of Meerut, India, and other members of the McLean club along with students from McLean High School and other middle and high schools in Northern Virginia spent Saturdays packing books into boxes. A total of 1,411 boxes were filled with more than 80,000 popular American titles and academic books. The books were sent in a 40-foot shipping container to the Rotary Club of Meerut East Library.

This shipment marks the fifth by the Rotary Club of McLean to the Meerut East Library — the first was a 20-foot container of approximately 30,000 books that was followed by a second shipment of four 40-foot containers consisting of 60,000 to 80,000 titles. The library and supply of books would not have been possible without the support of the McLean club and a grant from the Rotary International Foundation helped underwrite shipping costs. A few words from the sponsor: "Many of the books look like they have been read only once and some are brand new. It is amazing that what started with a shipment of 20,000 books a few years ago today is contributing to a growing library in Meerut of more than 300,000 titles. The outpouring of support by the McLean Rotary Club as well as public libraries and middle and high school students in Northern Virginia truly demonstrates Rotary's longstanding history of supporting educational and community service projects around the world," Sam Agarwal says.

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**Who's giving:** Hickok Cole Architects and local artists

**Who's receiving:** Washington Project for the Arts

**What's being given:** Art Night 2009 generated more than \$80,000 in artwork sales, with 50 percent going to the artists and 50 percent going to the WPA.

**Background:** Each year Hickok Cole Architects teams with nonprofit Washington Project for the Arts to put on a juried art show featuring local, contemporary artists. Hickok Cole Architects' employees and their friends and family members also go through a juried process to be included in the show. Artists receive 50 percent from the sale of their artwork, with the other 50 percent donated to the WPA. The WPA uses the proceeds from Art Night to further its mission of providing essential resources to support the creative spirit and success of regional artists.

A few words from the sponsor: "Art Night is one of those rare occasions that bring together the arts, architecture and real estate communities. We open our offices not only to our clients, but also to our competitors and welcome them to join us and our colleagues," says Principal Michael Hickok.

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**Who's giving:** Micron Technology Inc.

**Who's receiving:** American Diabetes Association's Northern Virginia Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk

**What's being given:** More than \$10,000, more than 25 employee volunteers

**Background:** More than 110 Micron team members and family members participated in the walk and held dedicated fundraising events to help prevent, cure and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. There were approximately 700 walkers at the event which raised more than \$100,000 for the cause. Amy Harris, of Micron Technology, was one of the co-chairs for this year's event.

**A few words from the sponsor:** "Micron continues to recognize the importance of health and wellness to its team members and the community. We are pleased that we could be the start/finish host of this important event again. We realize that this is a challenge facing our community and are glad that we were able to support the ADA's goals with this event," says Raj Narasimhan, site director of Micron Technology Virginia.

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**Who's giving:** Murray, Jonson, White & Associates

**Who's receiving:** Needy college accounting majors

**What's being given:** \$50,000 in scholarship money

**Background:** In honor of its 50th anniversary, Murray, Jonson, White & Associates of Falls Church established a \$50,000 scholarship fund. The annual scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to a Virginia accounting major. The student must be currently enrolled in an accredited Virginia college or university and demonstrate academic excellence and financial need.

**A few words from the sponsor:** "Our first thoughts on how to celebrate our 50th anniversary revolved around some type of social event but we always came back to thoughts of the dollars spent being used up in one evening and not providing a lasting value. Then during one discussion Randy Shapiro, managing director, brought up the idea of funding a Murray, Jonson, White & Associates educational scholarship through the Virginia Society of CPAs. The idea took off," says Lyndall C. Dally of Murray, Jonson, White & Associates.