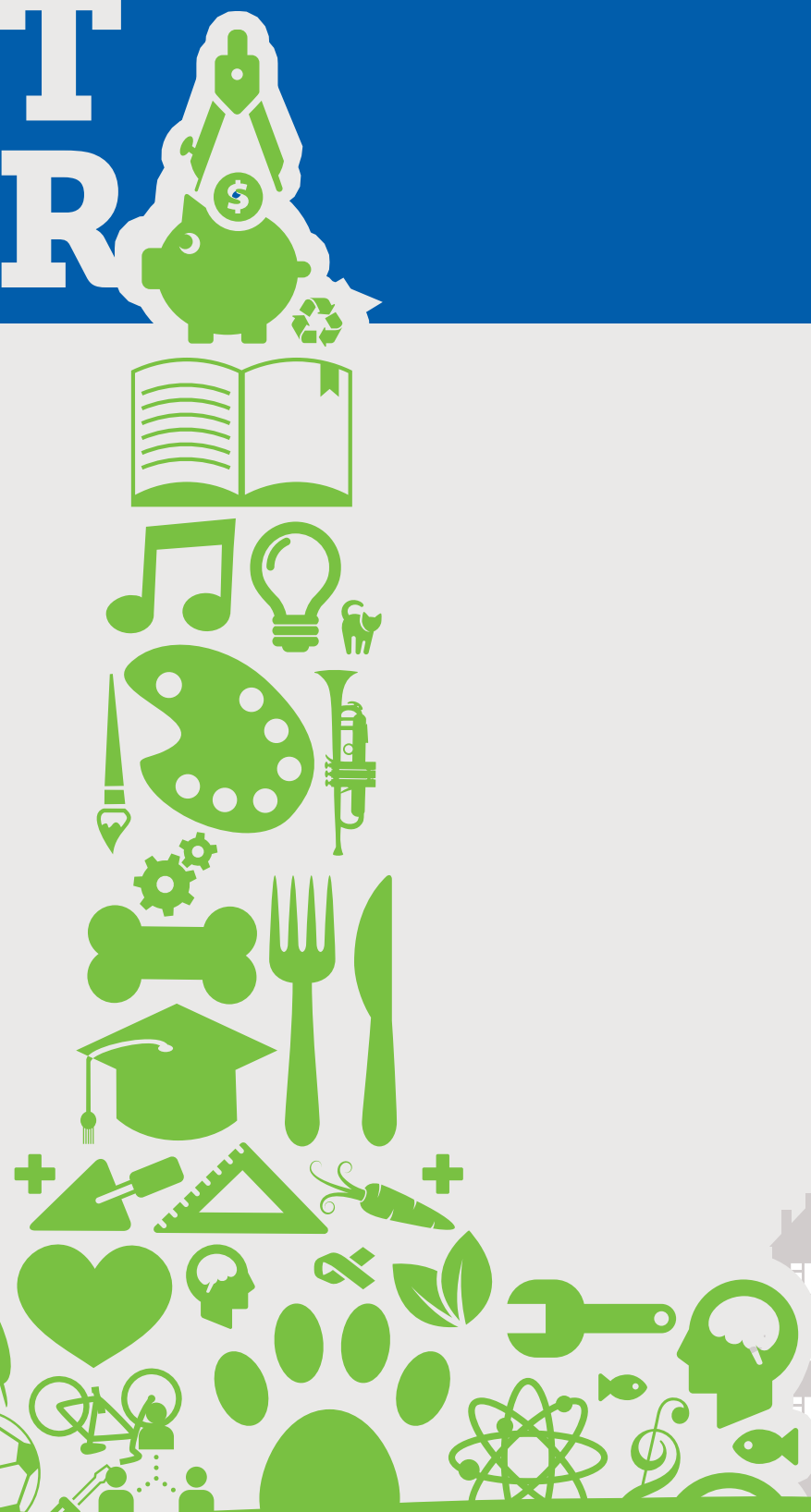


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Bringing together
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to build a better
Alexandria



WHAT IS ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA?

As a community foundation, we are committed to helping **build** and **leverage** community assets to develop **bold solutions** to pressing community needs.



OUR ROLE AS A Grantmaker

Providing financial resources to local nonprofit organizations is one way you may have heard of us. We work with generous donors who want to make a difference in our community. We also look for ways ACT can make an impact by investing in organizations that can affect local change.

Through ACT, we've learned about the finest Alexandria nonprofit organizations that provide essential services for our community. By strategically partnering with ACT, we've been able to contribute where we feel our support will have the most effective and beneficial impact.



Tom & Magaly Galdo-Hirst
ACT Board Member and fund advisors



OUR ROLE AS A Community Leader

We offer leadership, spark and smart strategy when there is community energy around taking action to create positive change. With our experience working with donors, nonprofits, grantees and local government, ACT has a unique perspective on our community. This broad perspective provides us a long-range view of community well-being and helps us work with others to address complex issues.

What makes ACT unique is its deep connections in our city. As an Alexandria business owner, homeowner and volunteer with years of board service with local nonprofits, I treasure ACT's special role in our town. Having a community foundation that is responsive to and knowledgeable about the diverse sectors in our city is essential for a city that truly cares.



Allison Cryor DiNardo
Member of ACT Advisory Council, ACT fund advisor and President, King Street Wireless



OUR ROLE AS A Resource Builder

One of our most important functions is serving as a vehicle for local philanthropy. ACT works to both attract and deploy resources for the public good. With the establishment of ACT's first endowed fund, we are developing a stable source of revenue to meet the needs of the future.

We love calling Alexandria home. We chose to open a donor-advised fund at ACT to help this wonderful community thrive, not only now, but well into the future as our fund grows and ACT invests in Alexandria and its residents, both short term and long term.



Mike and Louise Kenny
ACT fund advisors



OUR ROLE AS A Convener

As a neutral convener, we bring government, nonprofit, public and private sectors together on broad initiatives. ACT serves as a catalyst for addressing issues, helping pursue cross-sector solutions by engaging residents and marshalling the necessary resources to improve Alexandria for all.

Collaboration and trust are essential ingredients for large-scale community change. One of ACT's most valuable roles, as a community foundation, is its ability to bring groups of people together to solve issues that affect the entire community.



Tammy Mann
Member of the Early Care and Education Work Group and President & CEO, The Campagna Center



OUR ROLE AS A Sector Supporter

We strive to optimize community resources— financial, human and intellectual – by coordinating efforts, focusing on results and supporting programs that strengthen our social sector. We offer opportunities for groups, organizations and community leaders to come together for knowledge sharing, discussion and action.

By providing local nonprofit professionals opportunities to share resources, establish and build support networks and further develop their leadership skills, ACT has not only been the catalyst for collaboration, but strengthens our nonprofit sector as a whole.



J. Glenn Hopkins
Research Chair, Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO) and President & CEO, Hopkins House



ACT is founded by a small group of Alexandrians to leverage an initial donation made in memory of Norma Steuerle, a longtime, generous Alexandrian.

2004

ACT helps establish **The Giving Circle of Alexandria**, a group of more than 300 women who combine resources to make a difference in Alexandria.

2004

ACT hosts the first Nonprofit Excellence Forum, now called **IMPACT: Innovation + Philanthropy**, to convene nonprofit leaders, businesses, government and community members to discuss innovations in philanthropy.

2005

ACT awards its first **Capacity Building Grant** to strengthen nonprofits by investing in infrastructure based projects. To date, ACT has distributed more than \$750,000 through this program.

2005

ACT, in partnership with the City, launches the **Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO)** to share best practices, build relationships and leverage resources among the local nonprofit sector.

2006

ACT helps to establish the **Center for Alexandria's Children (CAC)** through a collaborative, multi-disciplinary effort. The CAC provides a single, supportive environment for victims of child abuse as well as valuable resources for families.

2007

ACT develops **Give Back Alexandria**, a young professionals group committed to philanthropy and volunteerism.

2007

ACT helps launch **Spring for Alexandria**, a celebration of giving and service, which is now managed by Volunteer Alexandria.

2008

ACT, in response to the 2008 recession, creates the **ACT Now Fund** to provide emergency financial, housing, food, clothing and medical assistance for those in need.

2009

ACT launches **ACTION Alexandria**, an online civic engagement platform that connects individuals with needs in the community.

2010

ACT launches **Spring2ACTION**, Alexandria's online giving day. Spring2ACTION is 24 hours of giving and has raised more than \$3.3 million over the last 5 years.

2011

ACT launches **LEAD (Leadership, Excellence and Development)**, a coaching program for executive directors that provides peer sessions and one on one mentoring. ACT was recognized as **Nonprofit of the Year** by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

2012

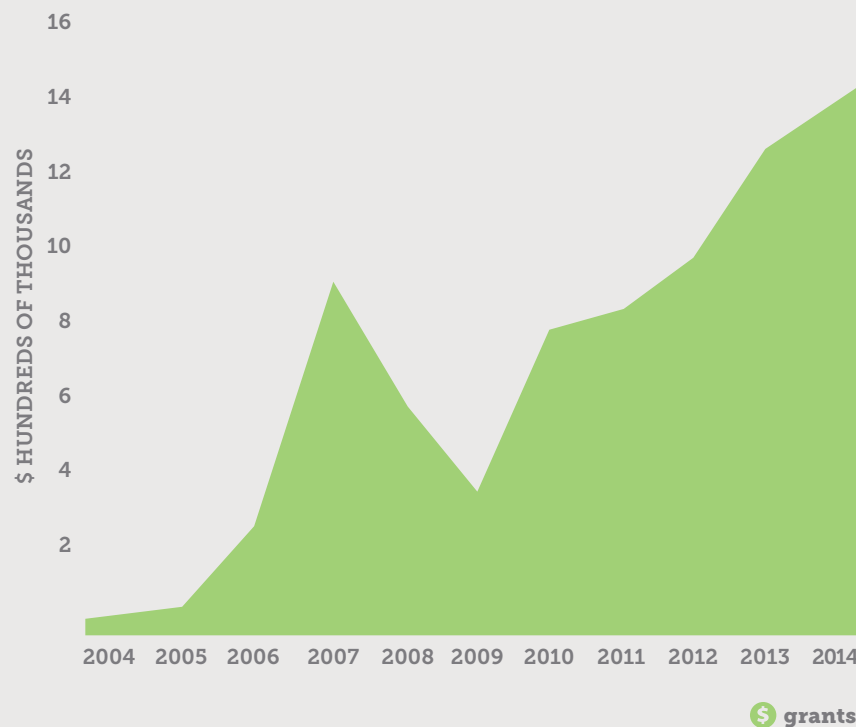
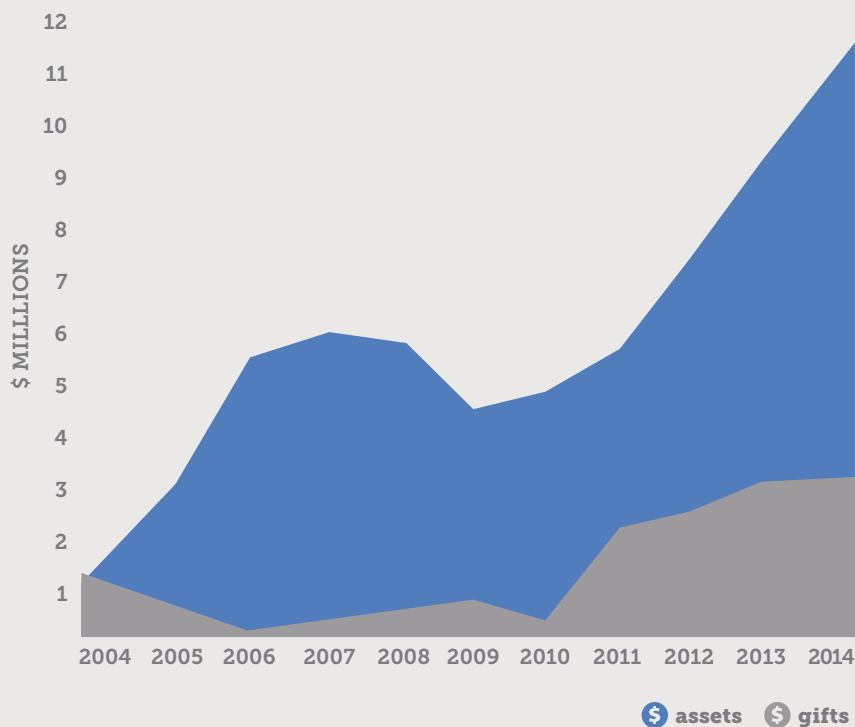
ACT convenes the **Early Care & Education Work Group**, comprised of representatives from the Alexandria City Public Schools, Alexandria Health Department, Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, City of Alexandria, nonprofit providers and the Children, Youth & Families Collaborative Commission.

2013

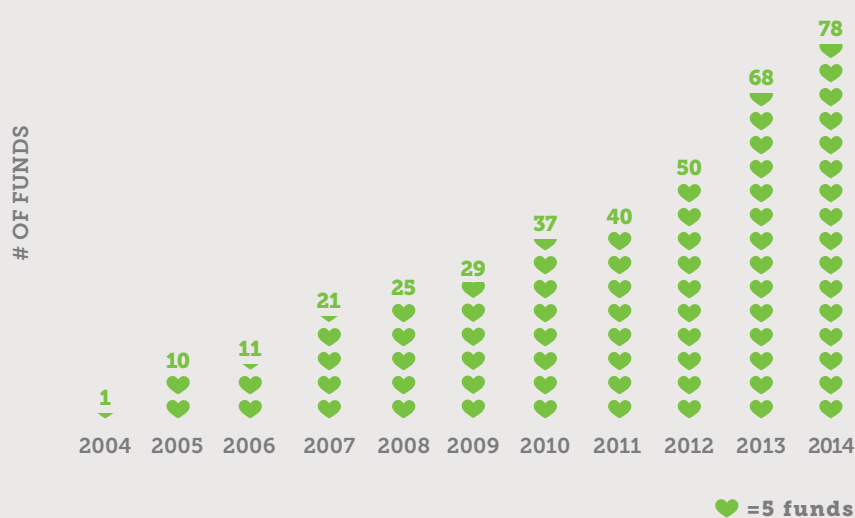
ACT celebrates its **10th anniversary**. In addition, ACT pilots **Fall into Giving**, a virtual good drive for local nonprofits.

2014

GIFTS, GRANTS & ASSETS



CHARITABLE FUNDS



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Dear Fellow Alexandrians,

Through the generosity of many Alexandrians, ACT for Alexandria and its many donors have been able not simply to channel financial resources to local charities, but to help establish partnerships, foster collaborations, nurture vitality and build community – all to benefit Alexandria.

During the past *10 years* our donors have channeled more than \$9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within the city and beyond. Through ACT they have also been able to offer hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of expert technical assistance to encourage excellence and strengthen the leadership within the local nonprofit sector.

While many know ACT as a **GRANTMAKER**, we also strive hard to work with the community as: a **RESOURCE BUILDER**, directing financial investments from individuals, corporations and organizations to make a lasting impact in Alexandria; a **COMMUNITY LEADER**, partnering with others to address pressing challenges; a **CONVENER**, bringing together people from across the community to discuss and explore ways to work together; and a **SECTOR SUPPORTER**, facilitating opportunities to strengthen our nonprofits through technical assistance and educational opportunities.

As we look forward to our second decade of service, we promise to continue joining you in rolling up our sleeves to build an even better Alexandria for generations to come. Please continue to dream with us about that future and let us know how we can serve you and the city even better. And thank you, thank you for all you have done with us over the past decade.

Gene Steuerle
BOARD CHAIR

John Porter
PRESIDENT & CEO

PARTNER WITH US

You can make an impact now. **GIVE** to ACT for Alexandria online today and know that you are investing in effective, long-term solutions to build an even better community. Go to www.actforalexandria.org