

2008 The Rural Maryland Foundation

The Rural Maryland Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, was founded in 2001 to support the work of the Rural Maryland Council, an independent state agency and the designated State Rural Development Council. Both organizations work to bring resources into rural communities and help them handle the increasingly complex challenges they face.

One of the proven programs that has helped improve the quality of life for scores of rural families is the *Strengthening the Well Being of Rural Maryland Families* initiative.

Funded entirely by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and administered by the Rural Maryland Council, the Rural Families program has awarded \$300,000 in grants during the last three years to 14 nonprofit organizations that help low-income rural families achieve economic stability and become self reliant.

In FY 2008 alone, grant requests totaled nearly \$269,000 – or 269 percent more funds than were available for grants.

This year, the Rural Maryland Foundation is undertaking a fundraising campaign to help stabilize and expand the Rural Families program.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for Rural Families by Sept. 2008. We need your help.

Join (or renew your membership in) the Rural Maryland Foundation before September 2008, and your dues money will be used to help fund the 2008-2009 Rural Families program. By joining now, you will not only become a member of our statewide network of rural advocates but you will also help bring important and vitally needed resources to the nonprofit organizations that provide critical services to disadvantaged rural families across the state. And remember, contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Just fill out the invoice/membership form on the back and mail it in with your dues. And know that you will be helping rural Maryland Families help themselves.

The Rural Maryland Foundation

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President: Robert Agee * **Treasurer:** R. Kevin Brooks

For more information about the initiative, visit: www.rural.state.md.us/News/Rural_Families.html

The Rural Maryland Foundation Membership Dues

2008

Membership Renewal _____ New Member _____

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Membership Dues Enclosed* (*See box, bottom left*) \$ _____

Additional Contribution to Support Rural Families* \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

All membership dues paid **before September 2008** will be dedicated solely to the ***Strengthening the Well Being of Rural Maryland Families***, an initiative of the Rural Maryland Council and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Rural Maryland Foundation Membership Dues

Individual Membership: \$25

Local Government Dues:

Less than 500 population: \$75
500 to 5,000 population: \$125
5,000 to 10,000 population: \$250
Over 50,000 population: \$500

Private & Nonprofit Dues:

Revenues under \$50,000: \$75
\$500,000 to \$1 million: \$125
\$1 million to \$2.5 million: \$250
\$2.5 million to \$5 million: \$375
More than \$5 million: \$500

Remit payment to:

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Federal ID #: 52-2334877

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The Rural Maryland Council is an independent state agency. For more information, visit:
www.rural.state.md.us

For more about the Rural Families Program:
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