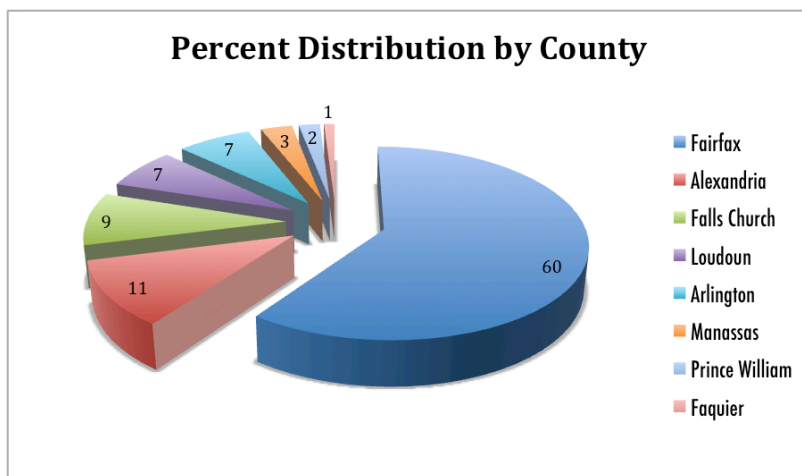


## FACT SHEET

Founded in January 2004, the Giving Circle of HOPE has invested more than a million dollars in the Northern Virginia community.

An all-volunteer organization whose members serve as Ambassadors and all contributions go directly to funding grants selected, reviewed and voted on by the membership. We support projects that are highly collaborative, engage with others and provide a lasting impact on the community.



The organization has awarded **125** project and capacity building grants to **52** local nonprofits with budgets under \$2 million.

With 44 percent of grants awarded to Health, Mental Health and Aging issues; 25 percent to Child, Youth

Development and Education; 17 and 12 percent to Poverty Relief and Escape, respectively; and 2 percent to Immigration. The Giving Circle of HOPE invests in a better tomorrow.

The Giving Circle of HOPE is one of the only giving circles in the country that has a strong service component and current programs include:

- Kids' Club - A general enrichment program that grew out of a literacy program to serve transient children at the Embury Rucker Community Shelter.
- Flashes of Hope - Utilizes volunteer commercial photographers and makeup stylists to conduct photo shoots at the Pediatric Oncology Unit of Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, as well as, Children's Center for Cancer & Blood Disease in Fairfax.

Since 2008, the organization has been involved in Empty Bowls, a collaborative effort that raises funds for Food for Others, the largest food pantry in the NoVa area providing free food to the needy.