



# Marian Greenblatt Education Fund

## MARIAN GREENBLATT FUND TO CLOSE

The Marian F. Greenblatt Education Fund announced it will close by year-end 2024 after 36 years of charitable efforts, according to Marshal Greenblatt, founder of the Fund. He reported the Fund has distributed its assets in awards to many outstanding Montgomery County, MD teachers and students, as well as to local hospitals for combating breast cancer. The Fund is named for Dr. Marian Greenblatt, who was twice elected to the County Board of Education and served from 1976 to 1984. She died of breast cancer in 1988.

Since its founding to honor Dr. Greenblatt's memory, the Fund has given \$200,000 to recognize 118 excellent teachers and 595 outstanding students in the county. For many years, the Fund was integrally involved with the school system in selecting the County Teacher of the Year. One of the Fund's selections became National Teacher of the Year in 2006 and was honored at the White House by President George W. Bush. For the Fund's work, the Country Board of Education honored Marian's husband, Mr. Greenblatt, with its Award for Distinguished Service in 2019.

In the last three years, the Fund shifted its funding focus from education to halting breast cancer. It has donated a combined total of more than \$1,000,000 to Inova Hospital of VA for patient screening and monitoring, as well as to two affiliates of the Johns Hopkins University Medical System: Sibley Hospital in DC for research and Suburban Hospital in MD for patient assistance.

The donation to Inova supports a major outreach effort: a bus equipped with mammogram screening and other equipment that visits low-income neighborhoods to provide diagnostic services in under-served communities. The bus will test hundreds of women per week, many of whom have no regular medical care. Once patients are enrolled in the Inova system through this outreach/mobile testing program, further care is easier to provide.

The Greenblatt family is grateful to the many donors, judges, and advisors who helped the Fund to perform its mission and honor Marian's legacy.