



FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TRANSIT
History In Motion

Press Release

**Mary Washington Hospital Community Service Fund and Stafford
Community Service Fund Grants Awarded to FREDericksburg Regional
Transit**

The Mary Washington Hospital Board of Trustees has approved a Mary Washington Hospital Community Service Fund grant for FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) in the amount of \$25,653 and the Stafford Hospital Board of Trustees has approved a Stafford Hospital Community Service Fund grant for FRED in the amount of \$25,000. Both are one year grants and are awarded based on certain goals and criteria. FRED will use these funds to promote increased access to quality health care, to contribute to containing the growth of the community's health care costs and to improve the access of the poor and other medically underserved populations to high quality medical care by providing convenient, dependable, accessible and affordable transportation to health care providers, as well as being able to reach social service agencies that can provide needed services. FRED service provides transportation for residents to obtain/purchase their basic need items and services, including medical supplies and prescriptions, as well as to participate in social activities. Without public transit, which is supported by government and private Partners such as Mary Washington Hospital and Stafford Hospital, some segments of the region's population could become increasingly isolated and dependent on others or social service systems. Public transportation enhances the overall quality of life, individually and as a community. The trustees of Mary Washington Hospital and the trustees of Stafford Hospital are aware of the needs of the medically underserved in the community and strive to address these issues by providing grants to organizations such as FRED.