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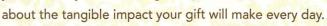
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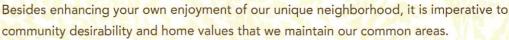
Dear Neighbor,

Thanks to 247 of you who made gifts averaging over \$200 to Greater Ruxton Area Foundation (GRAF) last year. As a result, we were able to continue our efforts to maintain the ten common area projects we have developed, maintain the Rider House across from

the Post Office and assist local residents in attaining property easements that help protect our neighborhood from expanded development. We are proud of our accomplishments over the past year and have high expectations for the year ahead.

At our current fundraising levels, however, we are limited in our ability to expand upon current projects as well as undertake new ones. So, if you are an active donor, I hope you will consider increasing your gift this year. And, if you have not given, please think

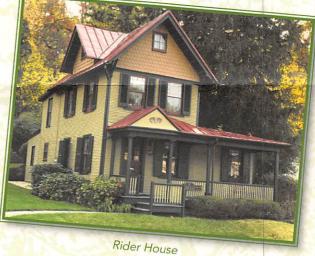




One of our primary objectives this year is to establish regular communication with our constituents, so we can keep you up to date on how your contributions are being invested and involve you more directly in our efforts. With your help and consent, we can achieve this through email and social media without pouring more resources into expensive mailings. Initially, we are developing a database of constituent emails with the help and



Millstone Park at Roland Run



cooperation of the RRLRAIA. We promise to send you emails ONLY with your permission, you will be able to opt out at any time, we will not share your contact information, and we will strive to protect it. In our first email newsletter later this fall, we expect to announce our next new project and the history of that location. This area will be noticed by everyone who drives though Ruxton.



On the enclosed donor envelope, you'll find space to indicate your email address and other contact information. Of course we hope you will support GRAF this year, but even if you don't, please complete the contact information portion of the envelope and return it to us. Gifts may also be made online by visiting our web site **ruxtonfoundation.org**. Mailing list sign up can also be done on our web site or our Facebook page at **facebook.com/Ruxton-Area-Foundation**.

Last but not least, we will endeavor to coordinate with and clarify the roles of GRAF, the RRLRIA and the Lake Roland Nature Council. All three groups have independent roles and objectives but also work

together to improve and preserve our neighborhoods. GRAF works primarily to beautify the greater Ruxton area and to help residents put properties into conservation easement. Gifts to GRAF are fully tax-deductible under the law and we hope you will support us this year.

As you drive or walk through our historic neighborhoods this fall, we hope that you will slow down to take in the beauty we are so fortunate to enjoy.

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Sincerely,

John S. Lalley President

**GRAF Development 2016** 

## **Mission Statement**

The Greater Ruxton Area Foundation is dedicated to encouraging practices and policies that further enhance, restore and preserve the unique qualities and character of our community to include: beautification of our streetscapes, open spaces and vacant land; preservation of historic vistas, structures and the historic record; and the protection and preservation of our natural resources. These strategic objectives are detailed in the community plan as adopted by the Baltimore County Council on June 1, 2002.