The Maryland experience can be both an extremely challenging and phenomenally rewarding and enriching time in a student’s life, but when tragedy strikes, unexpected challenges can become insurmountable. It is during these times of crisis that the Maryland community can serve as a bedrock of comfort, strength and financial support so that students grappling to find their footing again can face their struggles with support.

The Student Crisis Fund was established to help students put the pieces of their lives back together after a crisis. Whether a student loses personal property in a devastating fire, cannot afford necessary prescriptions, or is unable to pay for an emergency medical procedure, the fund provides emergency financial assistance when personal crisis or unexpected tragedy impacts students’ lives.

Through this fund, students discover the very essence of our “Terrapin community”—not only to spur one another on during ordinary times, but to assist and lift up a fellow member of our community during extraordinary times of crisis.

ABOUT THE FUND

Assistance is provided to students who experience an unanticipated emergency requiring immediate financial assistance, typically ranging from $50 to $1,000. Student Crisis Fund assistance is only provided to cases in which a student has no alternative source of funds. Any currently enrolled student may apply; repayment of the financial assistance is not required. Requests for money to repay personal loans, educational travel, tuition payments, or to pay for fines or credit cards are not considered “unanticipated emergencies.” Additional funding would greatly increase the Vice President for Student Affairs’ ability to serve more students.

- Campaign Endowment Goal: $1 Million
- Annual Estimated Unmet Need: at least $50,000
- Current Assistance to One Student: $50–$1,000

“The Crisis Fund allows us to help students when they are most in need and serves as the bridge UM students sometimes need to help recover from tragedy.”

— LINDA M. CLEMENT
Vice President for Student Affairs
THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Recognized nationally for many of its programs, services and staff, the Division of Student Affairs works collectively to offer students a world-class experience while at Maryland. We strive to provide every student the opportunity to gain skills necessary to contribute to our global society and to explore leadership in all of its various forms. We believe students must graduate with the skills not only necessary to succeed in the work place, but also to live healthy, balanced and civically engaged lives.

STUDENT CRISIS FUND PRIORITIES

■ Endow the Crisis Fund to a level that provides support to all students in need.
■ Increase the amount of assistance we are currently able to provide to each individual student in need.
■ Publicize the availability of crisis funding through campus outreach.

ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

■ Garden of Reflection and Remembrance: Inspiring the University and surrounding communities to take the time to contemplate and enjoy the quiet of nature. Used by several classes integrating the labyrinth into the curriculum; and as an outdoor laboratory for classes such as Landscape Architecture.
■ Contemporary Art Purchasing Program: Opening the eyes of students and community members to the varied perspectives and cultures of contemporary artists. Giving students the unique occasion to meet with artists, gallery managers and curators to learn the world of art as a business.
■ America Reads*America Counts and Partners in Print: Giving students the opportunity to not only make a difference in the life of a young person at risk, but also to consider careers in teaching and the non-profit sector.
■ Veterans Scholarships: Providing critical resources to fill the gap between Veterans Administration benefits and the actual cost of an education. Scholarships are often the only way our vets can attend college; many also are providing for families.
■ Alternative Breaks: Developing critical thinking skills while giving students the opportunity to better understand the impact one citizen’s involvement can have locally and globally. Deep education on issues such as border awareness, the justice system, HIV/AIDS, poverty and education.

We call on all those who value our work – alumni, students, faculty, partners and friends – to come forward, contribute their knowledge, energy and financial resources, and help us improve student lives so that they, in turn will change the world.
Join with us to achieve Great Expectations!

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