



## Why We Chose to Make a Planned Gift to AFAC

When we decided to make Arlington, VA our permanent home after retiring from our dual military careers, we did so because of the many benefits and advantages living in Northern Virginia offered. During the ensuing 30+ years, we've learned that not everyone in our Arlington community is as fortunate as us; nor can our local government meet everyone's essential needs either.

Fortunately, there are a number of locally based, non-profit organizations such as the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which do provide much needed critical support in helping this overlooked segment of our population.

For us, making the decision to financially support AFAC was an easy one! We know that our support of AFAC helps it to fulfill its important role as part of the "social safety net" for many in our community. As a 'front line' advocate for those in need, AFAC provides immediate and direct help in achieving one of the most critical of all needs: daily food security.

We first began supporting AFAC via small, annual cash contributions; but over the past few years, our outlook toward charitable giving has evolved considerably. Where we used to make numerous, small donations to a large number of local and national organizations (many with tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in assets) now we try to give larger gifts, but to fewer non-profits -- especially those which work hardest to help our neighbors here in the Arlington/Northern Virginia/DC metro area.

In addition to our annual donation to AFAC, we have also designated AFAC as a 'secondary' beneficiary of one of our retirement accounts. AFAC will thus receive an 'extra' gift from us in the form of a portion of our estate's assets. Arranging for this via our investment firm was a simple administrative matter and cost us nothing at all -- with the result being that we have now "invested" in the long-term sustainability of AFAC!

- Dana & Ray Koch

