In The News:
Prominent publications featured our research on charitable behaviors this year, including:

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Terps Driving Impact

Audelia Community Response Team, led by Oneyda Hernandez, formed a mutual-aid group in response to COVID-19 and delivered 3.2+ million meals to families in need during the first year of the pandemic.

Chat Health, led by Veeraj Shah and Jesse Anderson, employed artificial intelligence to create a nonprofit that has provided medically-accurate health information to 4,000+ UMD college students in their first year of operations.

Anthony Sartori's nonprofit Evolving Minds provided resilience & mindfulness training to 225+ educators and 60 essential workers, with participants reporting a near 30% reduction in symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress.

Fundación Microjusticia Argentina, founded by Juan Bellocq, received a $176K grant from the United Nations Democracy Fund to provide legal support and justice reform for indigenous women in Argentina.

Get Ovary It, led by Hailey Chaikin, Hope Kahn, and Zoe Weisberg, secured a $48,000 grant to supply free feminine hygiene products in 25 academic buildings across campus and was featured in The Washington Post.

The Giving Square, founded by Amy Neugebauer, engaged 500+ kids from 30 programs in philanthropy education and distributed $30,000 in kid-selected grants to local nonprofits.

Led by Karen Hao, UMD Lean on Me, UMD’s first 24/7 warmline offering emotional support to college students, has exchanged 11,000+ messages with students offering confidential peer mental health support.

Pawsible, led by Vanessa Barker, expanded to 13 chapters across the U.S. in 2020, supporting 600+ volunteer puppy-raisers with needed supplies and financial assistance for raising a guide dog.

ROOTS Africa, led by Cedric Nwafor, launched a program training and deploying 40 students as extension agents, working with 1,000+ farmers in Uganda and Liberia to gain sustainability and business skills.

In The Classroom

The estimated number of students who took a “Do Good” course focused on social impact or nonprofit leadership, or that included a Do Good component increased by more than 80 percent.

1,900+  →  3,500+


350% increase in the number of students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership.

Students and alumni of the Minor in Nonprofit Leadership and Innovation hail from 53 majors and every college and school.

Do Good Campus

Do Good Challenge
2,000+ community members watched, voted, and participated in this year’s Virtual Do Good Challenge, where six finalist teams earned $26,000+ in prizes.

Coaching
500+ hours spent mentoring, coaching, and advising undergraduate and graduate students on their projects, ventures, and professional development.

Leadership Exchange
400+ UMD community members engaged in 17 intimate conversations with leaders from organizations including the Obama Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the National Civil Rights Museum.

Impact Interns
400% increase in the number of Impact Interns matched with paid internships with nonprofits over the course of one year; serving 50 undergraduate and graduate students and 39 organizations.

2020-2021 Academic Year At-A-Glance

The last year reinforced that doing good is more important than ever. The Do Good Community overcame great challenges to improve people’s lives in Maryland and around the world.

To support these fearless changemakers, the Do Good Institute awarded 180+ grants and stipends to students, alumni, and faculty to empower thousands of Terps to take action and grow their impact.