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*The official newsletter of the
CHOSEN Community Development Corporation
Harford and Cecil Counties of Maryland*

THE CHOSEN CDC NEWSLETTER HAS RETURNED TO
PUBLICATION TO PROVIDE YOU WITH NEWS AND EVENTS



**CHOSEN CDC 2024
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**DAY AT THE MARYLAND CAPITOL
JULY 25, 2024**

FEATURE

CHOSEN CDC 2024 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

THE CHOSEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FOUNDED MAY 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

THE CHOSEN CDC WILL ENHANCE THE LIVES OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, THROUGH DIRECT ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATIONAL TRAINING, EMPOWERMENT SERVICES, AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-SUSTAINING LIVES FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

VISION STATEMENT

TO INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY WITHIN FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME THROUGH EDUCATION, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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The Leadership academy spent a day at the Maryland State Capitol with State Delegate Andre Johnson on July 25, 2024. Delegate Johnson (left) is pictured with two academy students.

The Leadership Academy has opened its doors over the last several years as an opportunity for students to learn more about STEM and STEAM programs during the summer. The academy offers a wealth of training on math, sciences, the arts and personal development. Hands on experience and real-world applications are provided by guest speakers who volunteer their time to enrich the students' time at the academy. This is the fourth year that Leadership Academy has operated in cooperation with the Susquehanna Workforce Network to conduct the Youth Workforce Experience program during the academy's five weeks, which may be the first job for participants. COL (R) Warline Bryant and Brenda Waldon lead the academy, along with recent college graduates and college students, who help to bridge communication gaps. Features of this year's academy included tours to the Maryland Capitol, Washington, DC., and the development of business plans.



Meet the Executive Director Annjanette Ellison, DM [click here for bio](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

CHOSEN CDC 2024 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The visit to Washington D.C. on August 7, 2024, included a guided tour of the US Capitol Building and a tour of the US Supreme Court Building



Paula Stanton, Ph.D., Supervisor, Office of Equity and Cultural Proficiency, HCPS, provides the students with career guidance

Academy students worked in teams to present business plans to a panel of professionals from the local community.



Start of day at the academy



Contributing to the workload required to prepare for the monthly food distribution program

HIGHLIGHTS

Magic of Science Fair



COL (R) WARLINE BRYANT (2ND FROM LEFT), CHAIRMAN, CHOSEN CDC AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE DISCOVERY CENTER AT WATER'S EDGE, LED A TEAM OF CHOSEN CDC VOLUNTEERS AT THE ANNUAL MAGIC OF SCIENCE FAIR HELD AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY IN NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND ON JUNE 8, 2024

SCIENCE FAIR
AT THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE FAMILY FESTIVAL

HIGHLIGHTS



Back to School

**CHOSEN CDC PROVIDED
"BREAKFAST KITS
FOR KIDS"
DURING BACK TO
SCHOOL EVENTS IN
AUGUST 2024**

**MORE THAN SEVENTY
BREAKFAST KITS WERE PROVIDED
TO STUDENTS DURING THE
ANNUAL 6TH GRADE JUMP START
EVENT ON AUGUST 22**



**OVER 130
BREAKFAST KITS
WERE PROVIDED TO
STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES DURING
THE HALLS CROSS
ROADS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL'S BACK
TO SCHOOL EVENT
ON AUGUST 27**



HIGHLIGHTS



ON AUGUST 16, 2024, VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED CLEAN UP OF THE ONE OF THE MEMORIAL BEDS AT THE GARDEN NAMED AFTER THE LATE VIOLET RIPKEN. MRS. RIPKIN WAS A DEDICATED SUPPORTER OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF HARFORD AND CECIL COUNTIES. VOLUNTEERS INCLUDED MEMBERS OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.®, XI DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER, WHICH HAS ALSO PROVIDED MULTIPLE TREES FOR THE BEDS.

CHOSEN COMMUNITY GARDEN



THE GARDEN IS AN ENJOYABLE ACTIVITY FOR SENIORS. PICTURED ARE TWO OF THE SILVER SAINTS FROM MT. ZION BAPSTIST CHURCH OF ABERDEEN, WHO HAVE GARDEN BEDS TO GROW VARIOUS PRODUCE THEY SHARE WITH OTHER SENIORS.

HIGHLIGHTS

CHOSEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF

Tournament

14 OCTOBER 2024

WINTERS RUN GOLF COURSE

- Per Player \$125
- Team \$450

4TH

| SPONSORSHIP | |
|---------------|---------|
| GOLD | \$5,000 |
| SILVER | \$2,500 |
| BRONZE | \$1,500 |
| CHARITY | \$1,000 |
| LUNCH Sponsor | \$500 |
| TEE BOX | \$100 |

| AGENDA | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00 - 8:45 AM | Golf Registration & Lite Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 11:30 AM | Shotgun Start |
| 1:30 - 3:00 PM | Lunch and Awards |

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, observed annually from September 15th to October 15th.

- ✓ Health Resources
- ✓ Flu Shots
- ✓ Food & Music
- ✓ Games & Giveaways
- ✓ And More!

Rain Date
Sept. 29th

September 28th
12pm-4pm

1321 Woodbridge
Station Way
Edgewood, MD 21040



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Food Distribution

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

12:00PM*

MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
200 OLD POST ROAD
ABERDEEN, MARYLAND

DRIVE IN OR WALK UP TO
RECEIVE HEALTHY FOOD
FOR YOUR FAMILY

Serving Harford County in cooperation with the



MARYLAND
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- Food available while supplies last

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XI DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER
WELCOME YOU TO THE



4TH ANNUAL FALL GARDEN TOUR AND SWEET POTATO HARVEST

CHOSEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
COMMUNITY GARDEN

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2024
10:00AM**

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford
and Cecil Counties - Aberdeen
100 E. Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen, MD**

**Tour the Garden, Meet the Gardeners
Pick Sweet Potatoes**

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