



CONNECTIONS

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

Happy Holidays



**A MESSAGE FROM
 COL(R) WARLINE BRYANT, PRESIDENT,
 CHOSEN CDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 (PICTURED BOTTOM LEFT)**

THE CHOSEN COALITION AND LEADERSHIP TEAM RECEIVED TRAINING FROM C-IMPACT AT THE MARYLAND NONPROFIT PHILANTHROPIC CENTER. THE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED BY DR. CHRIS SWANSON, PRESIDENT OF C-IMPACT. THIS TRAINING WAS CRITICAL IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE ENOUGH GRANT SUBMISSION. PARTNERS, STAFF, AND DIRECTORS WERE REQUIRED TO ATTEND, AND TEAM CHOSEN APPEARED IN FORCE. I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY. CHOSEN WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. SWANSON, JON FARLEY, AND WENDY WOLF FROM MARYLAND NONPROFITS.

**CHOSEN CDC & THE
 MARYLAND NONPROFIT
 PHILANTHROPIC
 CENTER
 GRANT TRAINING
 MEETING ON THE
 MARYLAND ENOUGH
 GRANT, OCT 24, 2024:
 ENGAGING
 NEIGHBORHOODS,
 ORGANIZATIONS,
 UNIONS,
 GOVERNMENTS AND
 HOUSEHOLDS
 (ENOUGH)**



DR. CHRIS SWANSON

FEATURE

COLLABORATIONS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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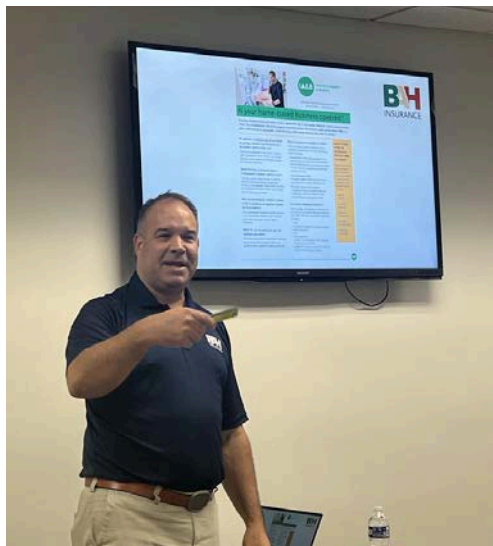
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CHOSEN SUPPORTS LOCAL TRAINING
RYAN MARKOFF, COMMERCIAL INSURANCE BUSINESS OWNER IN HARFORD COUNTY, CONDUCTS A TRAINING CLASS ON "THINGS TO LOOK FOR WHEN STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS". THIS CLASS WAS CONDUCTED BY THE VETERANS TRAINING PROGRAM PROJECT OPPORTUNITY, WHERE CHOSEN SPONSORED THIS SEMINAR.



VOLUNTEERS FROM SAFE HARBOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CONTINUALLY PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE CHOSEN CDC MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.



LET US MEET SSG ANDREA FLOURNOY (PICTURED LEFT), U.S. ARMY ACTIVE-DUTY SOLDIER STATIONED ON ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS CONDUCTING VOLUNTEER WORK WITH THE CHOSEN CDC FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND SHARING WITH OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. SHE BRINGS THE CAREER OF THE MILITARY INFORMATION AS PART OF OUR MENTORING PROGRAM WITH OUR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, SHE SUPPORTS CHOSEN EVENTS AND IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

HIGHLIGHTS



HAVRE DE GRACE SENIORS HEALTH MOST MILES COMPETITION

CHOSEN CDC STAFF AND BOARD PARTICIPATED IN THE HAVRE DE GRACE SENIORS HEALTH MOST MILES COMPETITION TO PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING AND FITNESS. BRENDA WALDON (GREEN SHIRT), THE CHOSEN CDC'S COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTOR, WON THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE BY WALKING 136.6 MILES. MOST OF THE TEAM MADE OVER 70 MILES.



**LISA PATCHELL, AMS,
JOYCE GLASBY, CHOSEN
CDC, AND JAMILAH
DAVIDGE, AMS COMMUNITY
SPECIALIST**

ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTHY HEART MARKETPLACE

CHOSEN CDC STAFF DELIVERED THANKSGIVING HAMS TO THE ABERDEEN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 22 AND 25, TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S HEALTHY HEART MARKETPLACE. THE MARKETPLACE OPENS ONCE A MONTH FOR FAMILIES TO RECEIVE HEALTHY, APPETIZING FOOD. COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SUCH AS CHOSEN CDC, ASSISTED WITH DONATIONS TO MAKE THE THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION EXTRA SPECIAL.



**MICHELLE
YINGLING, AMS**

HIGHLIGHTS



CHOSEN CDC HELPS TO DELIVER DONATED CHRISTMAS TREES TO FAMILIES IN DECEMBER

PICTURED LEFT - WHAT A SURPRISE TO THE MARROW FAMILY AND THE JOY SHARED AMONG THE KIDS WHEN THEY CAME HOME TO A NEW CHRISTMAS TREE. MS. MARROW STATED, "THANK YOU CHOSEN CDC. GOD SENT YOU AS WE GRIEVE THE LOST OF MY MOTHER LAST MONTH. THIS IS THE GIFT WE NEEDED TO BRING JOY TO THE FAMILY GOD BLESS YOUR ORGANIZATION."



FRANCES JOYNER IS EXCITED TO RECEIVE A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE HOLIDAY



DEIRDRE SYKES-DAVIS, DIRECTOR, CHOSEN CDC EMPOWERMENT CENTER, DESIGNED THIS TREE ON BEHALF OF CHOSEN CDC FOR THE ABERDEEN FESTIVAL OF TREES, DECEMBER 6-7, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

CHOSEN CDC COMMUNITY GARDEN FALL TOUR AND 3RD ANNUAL SWEET POTATO HARVEST OCTOBER 12, 2024

CHOSEN CDC PROVIDED VISITORS A TOUR OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ALONG WITH A FUN-FILLED SWEET POTATO HARVEST. THE GARDEN IS LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB - ABERDEEN.



Community Info



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
MEDICAL SYSTEM

VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
UPPER CHESAPEAKE HEALTH WEBSITE
FOR INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

[HTTPS://UMMS.ORG/UCH/COMMUNITY](https://umms.org/uch/community)

Learn About UMM's Water Wednesdays

Sample list of UMM classes available to you in 2025

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Thursday, January 2, 2025

Date	Time	Event
Jan 2	10am	Diabetes Wellness Group-Havre De Grace Activity Center
Jan 2	12pm	Community Outreach and Health Improvement Mobile Medical Van at Jarrettsville Library

Monday, January 6, 2025

Date	Time	Event
Jan 6	1pm	Matter of Balance-Managing Concerns About Falls-Mondays, January 6, 2025 - March 3, 2025 Sign Up
Jan 6	1pm	Be-You-Tea-Time
Jan 6	6pm	Virtual Gentle Yoga for Cancer Sign Up
Jan 6	7pm	Urban Soul Line Dancing-FREE

Community Info



CHOSEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION &
MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF ABERDEEN



Food Distribution

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

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



- Food available while supplies last

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**THE BOARD AND STAFF OF
CHOSEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, WISHES FOR YOU AND
YOURS TO HAVE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS, CHEERFUL
HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT OF
OUR ENDEAVORS THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR.**

