

# HEALTH FAIR IMPACT REPORT- OCTOBER 2017

## STATISTICS:

**7,000** pounds of food given to **144** families in need.

**14** organizations shared information and resources.

**58** volunteer person-hours provided.

**38** flu shots given by Upper Chesapeake HealthLink.

**16** patients seen by Premier Chiropractic.

**Three** appointments made with Jobs for Life employment readiness program.

**40** free diaper packs given by Chesapeake Diaper Bank.

**Four** appointments made with Maryland Legal Aid.

**14** people signed up for Mountain Christian Church's Trunk-or-Treat.

**Three** people connected with new Mountain Christian Church campuses.



On Friday, October 13, The EPICENTER hosted its monthly Health Fair and Food Giveaway. As they always do, the Maryland Food Bank and Tabitha's House joined with us to provide more than 7,000 pounds of food for 144 families in need.

Numerous volunteers teamed up to package the food, including several Mountain Christian Church attenders and various individuals from Edgewood and the surrounding communities. Representatives from fourteen different community organizations also set up tables during the Fair, including Dia Jackson, a recruitment manager for ADECCO staffing solutions.

"I got to speak with four people and handed around 25 to 30 flyers," said Dia, who came to the fair to inform attendees of employment opportunities with Sephora's Belcamp Warehouse. "It was a great day, and I'd love to come to future events."

Some representatives provided information on different community resources such as The EPICENTER's Employment Readiness program, the Maryland Healthy Smiles Program, and the Harford County Health Department's Youth and Adult Tobacco Services.

"We had five people sign up for a smoking cessation class we're looking to hold in Edgewood next month, and we handed out a lot of information," said Dorothy "Dottie" Ruff of the Harford County Health Department. "It felt good to be able to connect so many people with such an important service."

Other organizations shared free products or services such as flu shots, diaper packs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and chiropractic care. Additionally, Mountain Christian Church manned a table where they informed guests of their new Abingdon and Bel Air campuses as well as upcoming community events.

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

While The EPICENTER strives to serve every person who walks through our doors to the fullest of our ability, we are not always equipped to meet every type of need our guests have. For this reason, we keep several different resource guides in our lobby so that we can direct all people who come to us for help to the places that are best suited to assist them.

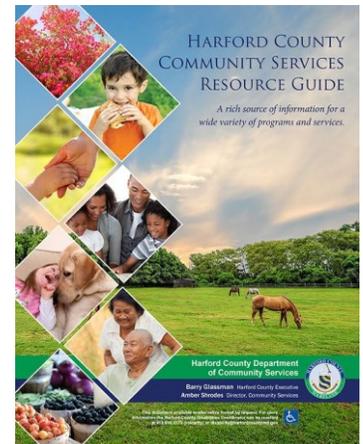
One document that we keep in our lobby is the Harford County Community Services Resource Guide. The Guide is a magazine-style book from the County government that includes 34 categories of community resources, their addresses, their phone numbers, and descriptions of the services they provide.

When guests come to the office looking for help in a specific area—be it paying rent or utilities, finding support for oneself or for a loved one after leaving a domestic abuse situation, or seeking care for someone with a disability—we will often share a copy of the Resource Guide. Many of our guests have found the Resource Guide to be very beneficial in helping them know what centers exist in the county to meet their needs.

“I can’t thank you enough for sharing this information,” said one woman who came in with a friend who needed help with her electric bill. “I feel so much better now that I have a better idea of where we can go so that she can receive assistance.”

In addition to the Resource Guide, we offer guests Harford County Street Cards, which are information sheets with various types of community resources and their contact information. Furthermore, we provide a schedule of places where those in need can receive food in Harford County and a binder with local employment opportunities.

If you know someone who is in need but are unsure of how to help, feel free to stop by The EPICENTER during our regular business hours to pick up a copy of the Community Resource Guide, Street Card, or list of places to get food. You may also download copies of each document from our website at [epicenteratedgewood.org](http://epicenteratedgewood.org).



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## THE EPICENTER THANKS ALL WHO SHARED THEIR RESOURCES AND SERVICES DURING THE OCTOBER HEALTH FAIR AND FOOD GIVEAWAY:

Maryland Food Bank  
Tabitha’s House  
ADECCO Staffing Solutions  
Chesapeake Diaper Bank  
Chesapeake Home Nursing Solutions  
Employment Readiness  
Family and Children Services Harford County Office  
Harford County Health Department Cancer Prevention Program  
Harford County Health Department Dental Program  
Harford County Health Department Youth and Adult Tobacco Services  
Harford and Cecil County WIC Program  
Maryland Legal Aid  
Mountain Christian Church  
Premier Chiropractic  
TD Bank  
University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake HealthLink