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Community Action Council News

Dear Kasey,

Every day, every conversation, every contact, every elected official, and every friend offers us an opportunity to broaden the constituency of people who are concerned about alleviating poverty, strengthening our Community Action movement and our nation overall.

Community Action Council of Howard County works against painful and devastating effects of poverty that result in loss of health insurance, hunger, mortgage foreclosures, evictions, no available funds for heating fuel, and lack of early childhood education.

We do this by counting on friends and a responsive community. In the past few months, we have celebrated groundbreaking of a community garden that is cultivated and harvested 100% by volunteers to benefit our Food Bank clients; we initiated and successfully completed a four week Summer Food and Fun program to provide nutritious lunch to 70 low income children; we have served more than 4,000 households with their utilities cost, prevented 300 families from becoming homeless, weatherized more than 100 homes, and served more than 12,600 individuals at the Food Bank.

As we begin another fiscal year in full force, it is clear to us that we will once again be challenged to serve an increasing number of families in need. And once again, you continue to be the key to our success by helping us root out poverty and supporting us as we extend a helping hand to individuals and families facing obstacles and barriers.

Thank you for your support.

Bitia Dayhoff
President

New Location of North Laurel-Savage Multiservice Center Celebrated



On September 22, 2010, the new location of the North Laurel-Savage Multiservice

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The Impact of Energy Assistance

An unemployed couple receiving energy assistance from CAC remains positive despite hard economical circumstances. Read [their story](#) to see how our program helped them.

Making Homes Efficient

Our Weatherization program helps clients improve their living conditions and reduce their electric bills. Click [here](#) to find out how small improvements make a big difference.

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Center was revealed at a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. Over 100 people attended, including County Executive Ken Ulman and many other elected officials and partners.

Read the rest of the story [here](#) and check out more [pictures](#) from the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.

Food Bank Expansion



On July 28th, we revealed the newly renovated Howard County Food Bank to the public at an Open House and Ribbon Cutting. The changes were significant and the response from attendees and clients alike has been very positive. The renovation could not have been possible without the support of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Howard County Government, Columbia Foundation, Columbia Patuxent Rotary Club, and St. John Baptist Church.

Read the rest of the story [here](#) and check out more [pictures](#) from the Open House!

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Thanks so much for taking the time to read our newsletter. Feel free to call our office or email me personally with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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