

Together... let's help OUR neighbors get the food they need to THRIVE!



EVERY ATTENDEE WILL GET A CHANCE TICKET TO WIN A BASKET TICKETS- \$40 PER PERSON TABLE OF 8- \$300 PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT WWW.thehopecenterofmd.com

OR IN PERSON CONTACTING ROBERT AT 443-787-9290 EMAIL ROBERT@THEHOPECENTEROFMD.COM

SNOW DATE- APRIL 6, 2024

Thank you to everyone who supported The HOPE Center by purchasing tickets!



We appreciate our financial and in-kind donors. Your contribution makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve - thank you for your generosity and kindness. *Together We Can!*



Making a Difference

Child hunger is a reality in Harford County, Maryland. Weekend meal programs help fill the hunger gap that many school children experience when they are not in school. Through our Beyond Blessings program, The HOPE Center of Maryland provides students attending public schools with bags of kid-friendly, nutritious food to sustain them on weekends.

Beyond Blessings is designed for elementary and middle school students. Social workers distribute these bags to students with the highest need. For the current school year, The HOPE Center of Maryland supplies 140-weekend meal bags to at-risk children attending Bakerfield and Deerfield Elementary Schools and Edgewood Middle School. That comes to 6,160 meal bags or 36,960 meals provided.

We are reaching out to the community for bag sponsors or food collection drives on behalf of The HOPE Center.

For additional information please contact Robert at <u>robert@thehopecenterofmd.com.</u> Your

help is needed. Together we can make an impact in our local schools!

Food collection items:

- · Fruit, Jell O, and pudding cups
- Mini cereal boxes
- Capri Juice pouches or similar
- Chicken salad cracker kits
- Cheese /peanut butter crackers
- Chewy granola bars
- Microwavable Mac & Cheese
- Microwavable Chef Boyardee meals
- Individual-size Cheez-It, cookies, or
- fruit gummies snacks





Our volunteers are the backbone that allows the HOPE Center to continue to fulfill our mission and serve our community every day. Thank you for your time and the hard work that you give.





Hope Feeds

Your Donation Is The Difference.

The HOPE Center of Maryland is grateful for the generosity of our community supporters. Your monetary contribution helps to keep our storehouse stocked with food and basic necessities such as toilet paper and laundry detergent that are needed to help our neighbors who struggle to have enough of these items. Listed below are ways you can partner with The HOPE Center to continue its mission to ensure that no one in Harford County goes hungry:

• You can provide a family of four with (1) day of groceries for \$30.

• You can help an at-risk child through our weekend meal program for one month, providing 24 meals for \$45.

• You can support 10 seniors with essential items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, and paper goods for \$75.

• You can provide a family of four with (4) days of groceries for \$120.

• You can help an at-risk child through our weekend meal program for one school year, providing 240 meals for \$485.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, you may donate online at our website, www.thehopecenterofmd.com or mail to:

The HOPE Center of Maryland 2843 Churchville Road, Churchville, MD 21028.

We appreciate your commitment and support!

Donate Here!

CHECK IT OUT!



Virtual Food Market

You can support our hunger relief efforts by shopping on our Virtual Food Market. The best part is that it is easy, simple, and from the comfort of your home. This is a way to help provide the much-needed food to our neighbors in need! *Visit our website to find out more! <u>www.thehopecenterofmd.com</u>*

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Dates to remember – If you are available to help, please contact Robert at <u>robert@thehopecenterofmd.com</u> prior to the event date.

- Saturday, March 16th St. Patrick's Celebration Fundraiser Bel Air
- Saturday, May 11th The Sharing Table
 - a community feeding event in Edgewood.
- Saturday, August 24th The Sharing Table
 a community feeding event in Edgewood.
- Saturday October 19th Bowl-a-Thon Fundraiser Forest Hill Lanes
- Saturday, December 28th The Sharing Table
 - a community feeding event in Edgewood.





Monthly Wishlist

We can do the shopping for YOU!

Since February 2020, The HOPE Center of Maryland has distributed **694,478** pounds of food and nonfood necessities to needy individuals and families in Harford County. In lieu of monetary or actual food contributions, gift card donations from local retailers such as Aldi, ShopRite, Target, or Walmart are welcome! You may drop off at our administrative office at 2843 Churchville Road, Churchville, MD, or mail your gift card to this address.



HANDS for HOPE:

Senior Food Distribution Services

As the cost of basic necessities continues to rise, individuals and families in Harford County are struggling to keep up. The situation is particularly difficult for seniors in our community. Through HANDS for HOPE, The HOPE Center currently provides to residents of several senior housing facilities, including Park View Bel Air, Aberdeen Courts, and Park View Box Hill. These monthly "shopping days" supply seniors with food supplies, as well as a chance for friendship and fellowship. Also, The HOPE Center drops off additional foods when donated during the month such as fresh produce (when in season) and Wawa sandwiches and pastries.

If you are interested in helping at one of these events, please contact Robert at <u>robert@thehopecenterofmd.com</u> or 443.787.9290. See the event calendar above.





We Love Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of The HOPE Center of Maryland. Every day, volunteers are making a difference in Harford County. They collect, sort, pack, and distribute food donations to our neighbors who are facing a lack of food in their homes. The HOPE Center of Maryland cannot fulfill its mission without our committed and faithful volunteers.

We have opportunities for everyone – individuals, families, community organizations, churches, and corporate groups. Please visit our website at www.thehopecenterofmd.com for information on volunteering at the center or email Robert at <u>robert@thehopecenterofmd.com</u>. **TOGETHER WE CAN!**

IN THE COMMUNITY!

CARING FOR OTHERS, PROVIDING HOPE

1. The Women of the Moose, Bel Air Chapter #1469 came by The HOPE Center to drop off food donations and assemble 60 weekend meal bags for students who attend Deerfield Elementary School in Edgewood. They had a nice time and mentioned they would be back. Thank you friends of The HOPE Center.









2. We thank Clover Community 4H Clulb of Abingdon for donating food items and assembling 30 weekend meal bags for students who attend Bakerfield Elementary School in Aberdeen. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.







Who We Are

The mission of the HOPE Center of Maryland is to deliver hope and nourish our neighbors with the okay food they need to thrive for a bright future.

Through community food partners, we collect food and essential necessities and distribute these items to our network of beneficiaries. Our effort provides these community programs and churches with the resources they need to assist the people they serve.

The vision of the HOPE Center of Maryland is to relieve hunger in Harford County.

