END HUNGER IN CALVERT COUNTY

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to end hunger in Calvert County through a growing network of people helping others become self-sufficient.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

This past year was one to remember! In collaboration with our many partners, we provided real life change to a growing number of needy Calvert County residents. Among our many accomplishments, we:

- Facilitated the distribution of nearly **900,000 pounds** of food for our Partner Food Pantries.
- Provided over **800 meals** for the 28 adults and 23 kids displaced from Hallowing Point Trailer Park.
- Maintained partnerships with local farmers providing more than **55,000 pounds** of healthy, "live" food to our Partner Food Pantries.
- Served approximately **10,000** individuals who use our Partner Food Pantries. Among these individuals, 40% are children.
- Provided free tax help for **203** low income families. The average tax return (both state and federal combined) was $1,878.
- Celebrated **625** cyclists and **138** volunteers participating in our 7th Annual Bike Ride to End Hunger. In addition to raising awareness, this event generated over $35,000.
- Hosted our 2nd Annual End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival in North Beach. **32** teams raced throughout the day generating over $50,000.
- Provided **3,100** local resource guides for our Partner Food Pantries to distribute.
- Hosted our 3rd Annual FoodStock, distributing **70,000 pounds** of food to over **1,800** individuals, free of charge.
- Graduated **35 students** from our Culinary Training Program. 70% of all our graduates are now employed.
- Hosted our 1st Annual Live Out Loud End Hunger Obstacle Run. Nearly **500** runners participated.
- Provided **3,304 turkeys** and side dishes for our Partner Food Pantries to distribute over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THE HEART OF END HUNGER

At the heart of End Hunger In Calvert County is the Culinary Training Program. This 8-week job training course is designed to help high-potential unemployed and underemployed individuals move from dependency to self-sufficiency. Often these are single parents and individuals who, for different circumstances, found themselves without a job and unable to provide for their family. During their time in the program, our students learn basic cooking techniques, discipline in the workplace, and hold a two-week internship in a local restaurant. In addition, graduates receive National Restaurant Association ServSafe Certification, free job placement assistance, and their very own set of professional knives.

Real life change is happening.

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Meet Filo Blake:

> *My name is Filo Blake and End Hunger In Calvert County changed my life. For the past six years, my wife and I used Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry to keep food on the table. One day while visiting the pantry, one of the staff members suggested that I apply for the End Hunger Culinary Training Program. I took her advice; I applied and was accepted into the program.*
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> *Through the program, I landed an internship as a meat cutter with Nick's of Calvert. I learned so much and they offered me a position after. I now work full time in a career that I love, and for the first time in over six years, I can provide for my family. My wife and I no longer need assistance from the food pantry.*
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> *Thank you for supporting End Hunger In Calvert County. Be sure to come see me at Nick's. I'll be behind the meat counter!*
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> *My name is Filo Blake. I am End Hunger.*

POWERFUL PARTNERS

End Hunger In Calvert County Partners with Calvert County Board of County Commissioners
End Hunger In Calvert County responded twice to direct requests from the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners to provide disaster relief for multiple families in our community. Once for the families displaced from Hallowing Point Trailer Park and another for a family whose home was destroyed in a fire.

End Hunger In Calvert County Partners with The Weinberg Foundation and PNC Bank
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc. and PNC Bank partnered with End Hunger In Calvert County to provide free tuition for 35 individuals into our Culinary Training Program. Thanks to the program, 70% of all our graduates are now employed.

End Hunger In Calvert County Maintains Wise Giving Designation from Better Business Bureau
The Better Business Bureau recognizes End Hunger In Calvert County as an Accredited Charity, awarding us its Wise Giving Designation for meeting all 20 Standards of Charitable Accountability. This certification means that when you donate to End Hunger In Calvert County, you can do so with confidence.

LOOKING AHEAD

OUR 2015 GOALS:

- Continue to focus on exactly why we do what we do - the people and lives that are being changed.
- Develop creative strategies to more frequently communicate our life change stories to the community.
- Mature and strengthen the Culinary Training Program to graduate 50 students a year.

Our success is your success – your partnership is invaluable – the lives we are changing are real. And together, we'll accomplish what we set out to do – getting to the root causes of hunger and helping people move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Thank you for embracing the **#give**whereyou**live** value.

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FINANCIALS

Financial statements for fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, can be found on our website, **endhungercalvert.org** under the *About Us* section.