END HUNGER IN CALVERT COUNTY

2013 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 **1 MILLION pounds** of food for our partner food pantries.
- Maintained partnerships with local farmers providing more than **115,500 pounds** of healthy, "live" food to our partner food pantries.
- Served **10,000** individuals who use our partner food pantries. Among these, 40% are children.
- Provided free tax help for **255** low income families. The average tax return (both state and federal combined) was $1570.
- Celebrated **629** cyclists participating in our 6th Annual Bike Ride to End Hunger. In addition to raising awareness, this event generated over $20,000.
- Provided **2,800** local resource guides for our partner food pantries to distribute.
- Hosted 1st Annual End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival. Twenty teams raced throughout the day generating over $25,000.
- Recognized by the Better Business Bureau as an Accredited Charity, awarding us its Wise Giving Designation for meeting all 20 Standards of Charitable Accountability.
- Named Best Charity in Calvert County's 2013 People's Choice Awards.
- Launched our Culinary Training Program graduating 18 students during its first session. Many are now working full-time in local restaurants.
- Hosted Food for Furlough, distributing **5,051 pounds** of food to 71 families who where impacted by the Government shutdown, free of charge.
- Hosted FoodStock '13, distributing **83,700 pounds** of food to over **2,500** individuals, free of charge.
- Provided **2,230** turkeys and side dishes for our partner food pantries to distribute over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THE HEART OF END HUNGER

Real life change is happening.

At the heart of End Hunger In Calvert County is a program designed to help high potential food pantry clients move from dependency to self-sufficiency. Often these are single parents who are caught in a cycle of not being able to quite make it on their own. However, with a little help from our many partners to meet needs such as higher education, skills development, access to job interviews, transportation and childcare, they can achieve self-sufficiency and become highly productive, valued members of our community.

End Hunger In Calvert County is proud to report that our 2013 candidates made real progress in their lives, not just moving closer to the goal of self-sufficiency, but achieving it.

Last fall, in partnership with PNC Bank, End Hunger In Calvert County launched a Culinary Training Program which serves as a job-training program to help unemployed or underemployed Calvert County residents begin a career in the food service industry.

The nine-week course included practical commercial kitchen cooking skills, Serv-Safe Certification and a two-week internship in a local restaurant. Eighteen students graduated and many are already working full-time in local restaurants.

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At the same time, in partnership with JATC IBEW Local 26 Electricians Union and Bank of America, our Electrical Training Program completed its second session. During the 15-week course, students received 90 hours of electrical training experience and became certified in Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements, CPR and basic first aid.

Thanks to the program, **21 people** who were once unemployed or underemployed are now working full time and earning top dollar with benefits through the Local 26 Electricians Union. In addition, graduates are part of the union's residential program and are qualified for above entry-level positions with electrical companies. Many have begun pursuing a career with the union's apprenticeship program.

POWERFUL PARTNERS

End Hunger In Calvert County Partners with the Town of North Beach and Bay Business Group
June 2013: End Hunger In Calvert County partnered with the Town of North Beach and the Bay Business Group to host our 1st Annual End Hunger Dragon Boat Festival. 20 teams raced throughout the day and over 2,000 spectators attended. In all, over $25,000 was raised to help feed needy families.

End Hunger In Calvert County Receives Wise Giving Designation from Better Business Bureau
July 2013: The Better Business Bureau recognized 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.

End Hunger In Calvert County Awarded Best Charity in Calvert County
July 2013: End Hunger In Calvert County was named Best Charity in Calvert County's 2013 People's Choice Awards. This recognition is most meaningful, because it came from you, our community.

End Hunger In Calvert County Partners with Maryland Food Bank and Farming 4 Hunger
August 2013: End Hunger In Calvert County partnered with The Maryland Food Bank and Farming 4 Hunger to host FoodStock '13. During the event, 83,700 pounds of food were distributed to 2,500 individuals in just three hours. Individuals received 35 pounds of fresh produce and 30 pounds of dry goods.

LOOKING AHEAD

OUR 2014 GOALS:

- Continue to turn the tide of childhood hunger in Calvert County by removing barriers to services and providing quality food and educational opportunities that will allow parents to feed their children nutritional meals.
- Develop creative strategies for engaging more volunteers on an ongoing basis.
- Mature and strengthen the Culinary Training Program to graduate 50 students a year.
- Continue to offer the Electrical Training program in the fall.

Our success is our community's success --- our partnerships are invaluable --- the lives we are changing are real. And together, we'll accomplish what we set out to do – to end hunger in Calvert County. Together we can.

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