



**Women's Giving Circle of Harford County
Grant Awards 2019
Total Awarded = \$43,904**

Addiction Connections Resource, Inc. - \$2,500

Supports the Teen Left Behind grief support program for groups of up to twelve (12) teens, ages 12-17, who have lost a loved one due to a substance related death. The program focuses on breaking the cycle of addiction and offers assessment and counseling and encourages engagement, resource referral, and support for other adult family members.

Ben's Wish Foundation - \$1,000

Supports the Upper Chesapeake Health Care and Bereavement project that creates and distributes comfort and bereavement packages for families who have a sick child in the hospital or have experienced the death of a child. Care packages include hygiene items and snacks so parents can attend to their child's needs without worrying about their own personal needs. Bereavement packages include items to help with the grieving process such as: memorial seeds, mommy and me jewelry sets, kits to make footprints and handprints, and items to help the nurses in consoling the families.

CASA of Harford County - \$4,000

Provides funding for outings for 85-95 youth in foster care and to reimburse advocates for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as part of these outings. Also supports a summer picnic for children, their foster parents, and birth parents; provides items needed by youth who are placed in treatment facilities; and also tutoring and camp services for at least five (5) children.

Faith Communities and Civic Agencies United - \$1,500

Supports the salary of a case manager for the Welcome One Shelter, a year-round shelter for homeless individuals. The case manager will work with residents to find permanent housing, obtain personal documents, obtain employment, and access other community resources and programs.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland - \$5,000

Supports Rockin' Robotics, an out-of-school time, gender specific STEM program that engages girls in grades 1-5, at four Title I schools (Magnolia, William Paca, Edgewood, and Halls Crossroads Elementary Schools) in the robotics program. The girls will form teams for competitions and STEM EXPO activities.

Harford Community Action Agency - \$5,000

Supports the Family Together: Maintaining Shelter through Crises project that will assist ten (10) female-headed households, currently living in hotels or motels in Harford County, by providing \$500 toward a security deposit to transition the families from temporary to permanent housing.

Harford County Education Foundation - \$4,250

Provides one (1) chapter book to each family whose children attend a Title I school to build home libraries for elementary school aged children living in poverty and their families. The books provide equal access to reading materials and experiences, incorporate family reading to build reading proficiency during the summer months, and address the loss and regression of reading skills during the “summer slide.”

The Homecoming Project - \$5,000

Provides 1,200 meals and funds to purchase personal hygiene items and household paper and cleaning supplies for a 12-month, 8 bed residential program for low income women ages 18 and over who are in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse.

Improving Education - \$2,500

Provides bedtime boxes to parents of 50 children, age birth through Kindergarten, and their families who attend the Judy Center at Magnolia Elementary School. The boxes include materials that support the health and educational development of youth prior to school start and support implementation of a bedtime routine that improves early literacy for young children in under resourced circumstances. Families attend literacy nights at the Judy Center for additional information and training.

JAMSQUAD - \$2,625

This group refurbishes and provides bicycles to children and women in recovery for health, recreational, and transportation purposes. The funding will be used for family supply bags that include bike locks, lights, air pumps, etc.; to purchase parts for bicycle repair; and for shop supplies (shop rags, steel wool, buckets, soap, brushes, and cleaning solvents).

TasteWise Kids - \$5,000

The Days of Taste Program offers hands-on nutrition and food prep, a field trip to a working farm, preparing food with chefs, making take home salad kits, and experimenting with food tasting. The program will serve all 4th graders at two Title I elementary schools (Havre de Grace Elementary in the fall of 2019 and Halls Crossroads in the spring of 2020), approximately 150– 200 students.

The Sharing Table- \$1,780

Provides a weekly communal meal and a bag of groceries to women who are aging, single, grandmothers raising grandchildren, and women with physical and intellectual limitations and their caregivers. This funding will purchase food and supplies (paper goods and take home containers) to support women in Edgewood, Joppa, and Aberdeen.

The SUCCESS Project - \$3,000

Provides funding for a driver for the shuttle van to transport children and their mothers/female guardians with low incomes from the Joppa, Edgewood, Bel Air, Aberdeen, Belcamp, Churchville and Havre de Grace to the Havre de Grace location to attend up to three (3) workshops and resource opportunities per month. It will also support a child care facilitator to provide educational activities to children while their mother, grandmother, or female guardian attends the SUCCESS classes.

