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Awards for Our Work:



CSS was recognized at the Community Foundation in Prince George's County's 2016 Civic Leadership Celebration as one of 21 partner agencies. We were just one of 4 nonprofits to be interviewed on video.



At the 2016 Prince George's County Women's Empowerment

Dear Friend of CSS,

We have been gearing up for the holidays and expect to distribute up to 450 Thanksgiving baskets in the next 7 days! At the same time, Ophelia Neale, Senior Program Assistant, is hard at work making the necessary connections to insure that there will be Christmas for local children whose families are struggling (see Santas Wanted below). Meanwhile, it's business as usual, with Assistance Fund requests to be vetted, and Advocacy Program help finding resources, in addition to the many administrative tasks necessary to keep our agency running. (Thank you Kim Burch, program assistant, and our amazing volunteers!)

Please consider lending a hand to the cause. Any donation, no matter how small, will help us help our neighbors. We encourage you to check out the easy online donation tool on our website. Choose any amount to give. We'll use it wisely and multiply its effect with the help of our great volunteer power. If you prefer to send a check, our address appears below (please note the address change.) Or give us a call about volunteering yourself. 301-372-1491.

Thank you so much for being a part of a community that cares!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Claudia

*Claudia Raskin,
Executive Director*



High School Students Partner With CSS At Mission Nutrition!

Check out this video clip of Mrs. Williams students at Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine preparing food to sample at a recent Mission Nutrition distribution. The students had no idea beforehand what foods were available to use as raw materials! Yet they came up with delicious concoctions, such as sweet carrots with walnuts and brown sugar or sautéed greens with garlic. While they cooked, recipes were typed and made available. Our clients

Conference, CSS executive director Claudia Raskin was awarded an Advocacy Legacy Leadership Award for her work to empower women.

CSS Runs On Volunteer Power!

Please consider lending a hand to help us help neighbors in need. Our many programs function as a safety-net, giving folks a boost in hard times. With CSS food pantries in Baden and Accokeek (open 3 mornings every week!), and our monthly Mission Nutrition, CSS is one of the largest food distributors in the southern part of Prince George's County.

CSS provides many additional services to help people get back on their feet, including help accessing resources such as food stamps and the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. The CSS Assistance Fund keeps the lights on and a roof overhead (and helps with car repairs - vital in our area since there is virtually no public transportation). Our Shared Senior Living Program is home for up to 5 low-income seniors.

Come volunteer with us! Many opportunities are available. Give us a call at the CSS office to learn more: 301-372-1491.

got new ideas about what to cook, as well as enjoying great snacks. And these students got some terrific experience.

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CSS ADOPT-AN-ANGEL PROJECT LOOKING FOR SANTAS!



The CSS Adopt-An-Angel Project helps bring the magic of Christmas to children ages 13 and under in our area who would otherwise do without. These children come from local families who are struggling to make ends meet. The parent/guardian of every Adopt-An-Angel child goes through an income eligibility process in order to be selected to receive gifts through our program.

With Adopt-An-Angel, you are assigned a specific child and shop from their wish-list. It's a fun activity to do with family members, church members, office-mates, and friends, and everyone can chip in to make the cost manageable. Last year, 97 children were served. Please consider pitching in so that area children can have a happy holiday.

To 'Adopt-An-Angel', please give the CSS office a call at 301-372-1491. Thanks to you for making ours a community that cares!

Food Drives Help Us Stock Our Food Pantries!



Brandywine Cub Scout Pack 1014 collected 433 lbs of food for CSS and Boy Scout Troop 1237 brought in 306 lbs!! Some of their members are pictured above, along with their troop leader LeRoy P. Parham, Jr and

Catherine Brooks, CSS Baden Food Pantry director.

Thanks to the Brandywine American Legion, Kidzzz N Motion Daycare Center, and the Sheriff's Department for also conducting food drives on our behalf.

Please note that our mailing address has changed from Aquasco to Brandywine.

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