

# Cheltenham Communities That Care

2023
Impact
Report



## From The Community Mobilizer

A look back at a <u>fantastic</u> year!

We have completed another year working together for the benefit of the residents in Cheltenham Township!

We are very grateful for the support we've received from all areas of the community. The administration, educators, staff, students, and parents/caregivers of our school district have been dedicated to our cause. Our Township Administrators and Commissioners have been inclusive, committed, and involved. The police department has served as a strong resource and ally. Our religious pro-social affiliates have provided both strength and partnership. Our local social service agencies have eagerly responded to community needs and provided valuable services whenever we have reached out with requests for assistance. Above all, we could not do our work without our 44 devoted, concerned, and caring Board Members, who represent multiple sectors of our community.

Cheltenham Communities That Care would not exist without your commitment and involvement. I believe I speak for Cheltenham Communities That Care when I say I am truly grateful for each and every one of you!

Most sincerely,
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Connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and visit <u>www.CheltenhamCommunitiesThatCare.org</u>.

## **Cheltenham CTC In The Community**

A year full of fun and togetherness!

We love spending time with our community! We're grateful to have attended these events:

### Richard Wall House Open House

October 23, 2022 Richard Wall House at Wall Park

### La Mott Halloween Celebration

October 29, 2022 La Mott Community Center

### **Cheltenham Trick or Treat Drive By**

October 29, 2022 Rowland Community Center

### Cheltenham Hayride, Bonfire, and Movie Night

November 4, 2022 Curtis Arboretum

### **Breaking Bread**

November 10, 2022 Curtis Arboretum

### **PBIS Family Night**

February 15, 2023
Wyncote Elementary School

### **Black History Month Celebration**

February 16, 2023 Cheltenham High School

### **UPG Meeting**

*March 6, 2023* **7**00m

### **Tookany Creek Trail Fest**

April 23, 2023 Tookany Creek Parkway

### Juneteenth Celebration

June 19, 2023 Cheltenham High School

### **Youth Leadership Conference**

July 29, 2023 Bethel Deliverance International Church

### La Mott Community Day

August 19, 2023 La Mott Community Center

### Cedarbrook Middle School Back-to-School Night

September 14, 2023 Cedarbrook Middle School

### Elkins Park Back-To-School Night

September 14, 2023 Elkins Park School

### Cheltenham Elementary School Back-to-School Night

September 18, 2023 Cheltenham Elementary School

### Cheltenham High School Back-to-School Night

September 21, 2023 Cheltenham High School

### Cheltenham Police Department Open House

September 22, 2023



17 Events
in 2023

## Cheltenham CTC Programs

Knowledge is power!



Our team believes that knowledge is power, and we strive to provide learning opportunities to our community.

Here's a look at the programs we were involved in over the past year:

Healthy Relationships Program (for student athletes)

October 17 - 20, 2022 Cheltenham High School Facilitator: Laurel House

Alcohol Prevention Program (for Juniors and Seniors) May 15, 2023 Cheltenham High School Facilitator: Louis DeSanto

**Student Volunteer Opportunities Fair** *May 30, 2023 and September 13, 2023*Cheltenham High School



18 Youth Board Members

15 Youth Group Members

## **Cheltenham CTC Youth**

An exciting year of <u>growth!</u>

Our team values the advice, power, and commitment of Cheltenham students. Through the **Cheltenham CTC Youth Board**, students give ideas for drug and alcohol prevention, help plan, develop, and advertise programs, participate in community events, and are positive role models to their peers.

After several recruitment efforts and gaining the full support of Cheltenham High School Principal Jimmy D'Andrea, the Cheltenham CTC Youth Board began in the fall of 2022. By the winter of 2022, we had 8 members. Our recruitment efforts continued and by spring of 2023, the number of members had grown.

With continued support, perseverance, and recruitment, one year after the Youth Board was created, **our group expanded to 18 students!** 

The Youth Board focuses on giving youth the opportunity to gain leadership skills, learn how to resist the temptation of substances, and discover the power to make positive choices when they face hard decisions in their lives.

We were also thrilled to see Cheltenham students throughout 2023 at the **ongoing Cheltenham CTC Youth Group meetings** at Cheltenham High School.

## Cheltenham CTC Publicity

### Connecting with our community!

We want to keep our community up-to-date about what CTC is doing. Over the past year, we have written newsletters, sent them to our fellow community members, and posted them on the <a href="#">Cheltenham CTC</a> website.

Newsletter topics included:

- CBD vs THC
- Marijuana Edibles
- Why Care About Communities That Care?
- Talk. They Hear You.
- Belongingness in School & Community

We also shared regular Board Updates with our community. In these updates, we highlighted board members and organizations, outlined our accomplishments in activities, programs, and services, and expressed our gratitude for Board Member contributions.

11,959

Facebook Page Reach

2,784 Instagram Reach

Source: Hootsuite, January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

Cheltenham CTC is on Facebook and Instagram!

Our Facebook page grew from **156 active followers to 232 active followers this year.** 



### Cheltenham CTC Resource Guide

Providing local resources to those who need them!

We update the <u>Resource Guide on our website</u> so it lists current agencies and services close to Cheltenham residents.

### Our Resource Guide contains listings in the areas of:

- Multi-Faceted Support
- Child Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Drug and Alcohol Resources
- LGBTQ+ Support
- Mental Health Assistance
- Navigational Resource Services
- Parenting
- Substance Information and Resources
- Youth Crisis and Support







## 2022-2024 Cheltenham CTC Risk Factors

What are we overcoming?

We are constantly working to create a better, healthier environment for Cheltenham youth and families, but there are still obstacles that can negatively impact and influence community members.

Below are four key risk factors that we have identified and will work to combat in the coming years:

Perceived risk of drugs and substance use

Favorable attitudes towards antisocial behavior

Depressive symptoms

Favorable attitudes towards drugs and substance use

# Cheltenham CTC DFC Grant Year 10





As you may already be aware, we are currently in the final year of our 10-year grant from Drug Free Communities (DFC).

As we search for new funding sources to advance our efforts, please know that it is your support and involvement in Cheltenham Communities That Care that provides the motivation for us to move forward.

We hope to continue our work in Cheltenham as we educate youth, parents/caregivers, and teachers to help youth make healthy choices.

Cheltenham is a diverse, inclusive, vibrant, and caring community in which to live and thrive. Let's keep it that way!

# Connect With Us

Interested in working with Cheltenham Communities That Care or learning more about what we do?

Contact us!







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