



Celebrating CMPGC's 52d Anniversary!!!

November 1973—November 2025

The Community Ministry of Prince George's County (CMPGC) celebrates 52 years of faithfully serving our community. Faith leaders formed the organization and ministry in 1973 to serve as a catalyst to promote collaboration to address pressing needs facing residents of Prince George's County.

Today in addition to continuing to help address basic human services and social needs in the community, Community Ministry has grown into a leading organization that seeks to help reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes among supported populations.

Food Assistance

Community Ministry, in partnership with the Capitol Area Food Bank, operates four (4) produce distributions per month, one in Oxon Hill and three in Capitol Heights, MD. Led by one part-time employee and leveraging the support of 12 or more faithful volunteers, each month we provide vegetables and fruits to over 2,384 families and give bags of groceries to over 181 seniors.

Also, in partnership with churches and supported by financial donations, our Community Place Café Food Assistance Program provide supermarket gift cards to several food-insecure people.

Housing Assistance and Crisis Referral Services

Each month, we receive over 150 requests for housing, shelter, rent, and/or utility assistance by phone or through our website. We listen to the requestors who often are in crisis and consult with them seeking ways they can adjust to address their needs. We provide support from CMPGC resources and maintain a database of external providers that we refer requestors to also contact to help address their needs.

Education & Youth Services

We implement a youth violence prevention program often supported by undergraduate students from the University of Maryland School of Public Health.

CMPGC's part time employee who is now a university student founded and leads STEM Sisters, MD. This community project encourages youth participation in STEM educational opportunities and programs.





Positive Health Outcomes Advancement

Since 2000, the Community Ministry has implemented major projects and activities to help reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes among the people we serve. In collaboration with the Prince George's County Health Department and the Maryland Center at Bowie State University, CMPGC implements diabetes management and tobacco control projects.

CMPGC, with the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University Schools of Public of Health, implemented major cancer education and research projects to promote and educate participants on preventive and early detection of prostate, breast, and colorectal cancers. We engaged and trained designated people in over 60 churches and community organizations to serve as Community Health Advisors who now educate their fellow church and community members on cancer prevention, early detection, and other health topics.

In partnership with the State of Maryland Health Department, CMPGC and Partners are implementing a comprehensive prostate cancer program. In partnership with the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC), CMPGC's team is conducting a Statewide 2025 Cancer Needs Assessment to help guide UMGCCC's future cancer research, outreach, education, and treatment activities.

Overall, Community Ministry helps community members meet their basic human services needs and serves as a bridge between community members and health and medical professionals to help reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes among supported populations.

Again, thank you and we need your continued prayers, financial support, and faithful partnerships. Together we are making a positive difference in the lives of the people we support.

Blessings,

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