



LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS *AND FOREIGN MISSION PROJECTS*

**2018 Report presented by the
Missions Committee of St. Mark's UM Church**

*Mission Statement: To share the love of Jesus with and
through the people of Talbot County and beyond.*

Dear St. Mark's Family,

St. Mark's exists to share the love of Jesus Christ with and through the people of Talbot County and beyond. Through the outreach and care of our Missions team, we are striving to fulfill the mission that has been set before us. St. Mark's continues to be committed to share its resources with those who are in need in our community and throughout the world.

We have been called to share the love of Jesus through compassion, grace and mercy in whatever forms God requires of us. God has blessed us in so many ways that we in turn want to bless others through our missions giving. As you look through this booklet, please pray for each mission partner and those that they serve. May we prayerfully continue to be a beacon of the light of Jesus right here in Talbot County and in the world.

**Blessings to you!
Pastor Missy**

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Organization's name: CASA of the Mid-Shore
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Lead staff name & title: Robin Davenport, Executive Director

Mission statement: We advocate for the best interest of children who are under the protection of the Circuit Courts of Talbot, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Kent Counties due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or their parents' inability to safely care for them. We recruit, screen, train, and closely supervise Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers as they make assessments and recommendations to the courts about what is in the best interest of each child.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 - June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: CASA staff supports and guides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) as they provide a wide variety of advocacy services to children who are under court protection due to maltreatment. Each CASA is appointed by a judge to act as an Officer of the Court, to advocate for the best interest of one child or a sibling group, and to provide written reports to the judge at court hearings. CASAs interview social workers, therapists, teachers, relatives and care givers, research records, and, most importantly, get to know the child. Our in-depth knowledge enables us to make assessments and recommendations to our courts and agency partners about what is best for each child. Our staff provides supervision, guidance, training, court accompaniment, and other assistance to our CASA volunteers. Our main office is in Easton and we have office space in the Dorchester Circuit Courthouse. On average we advocate for permanency for approximately 75 children per year, striving to ensure that their needs are met and they are safe. Children meet with their CASA volunteers in the community, at the park, to play a game at our office, to share a meal, for help with homework, or to do another activity that the child enjoys. Children often state that their CASAs are the adults who know them best.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time?

In 2017 we again succeeded in serving 100% of the children who need us. Our program has been integral in creating positive change for maltreated children for over 27 years, and we currently serve children in Talbot, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Kent Counties. The judges in each county emphasize that CASA's input is of immense value in helping them understand the individual circumstances of vulnerable children so that they are able to make decisions that are in each child's best interest. Our CASA volunteers provided hundreds of written recommendations to our Circuit Courts in FY 2017 related to the best interest of our appointed children, 93% of which were accepted and made part of the Courts' orders. Talbot Circuit Court Judge Stephen Kehoe recently stated, "The light you bring [into] the children you will work for will multiply thousands of times over as they grow up and become adults, going forth in the world knowing that someone cares about them, knowing that in their darkest hours you stood and advocated for them."

Describe any special needs at this time: Local funding is integral to our ability to serve as many children as possible who are under the court's protection due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. We strive to have no children on a waiting list, and local support helps us to serve 100% of the children who need us.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): The funds support our program of recruitment, screening, training, and supervising CASA volunteers as they fulfill their court-ordered advocacy for children.

Organization's name: Channel Marker, Inc.
Organization's address: 8865 Glebe Park Drive, Unit 1, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: debbye@channelmarker.org
Phone number: 410-822-4619 **Fax number:** 410-822-0984
Lead staff name & title: Debbye Jackson, Executive Director

Mission statement: The mission of Channel Marker, Inc. is to promote mental health by providing prevention programs, rehabilitation and community services to individuals and their families.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 to June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Psychiatric Rehabilitation (mental health support) services for adults in Talbot, Caroline & Dorchester counties. Channel Marker operates day centers as well as residential homes in Easton, Denton and Cambridge. Psychiatric Rehabilitation services are also provided to children in Dorchester, Caroline and Talbot counties. The Primary Project, a privately funded program, offers early detection and mental health prevention services to children in grades K-3 in Talbot County. Health Home services provided by nursing staff are provided at the day centers and in the community. Treatment and therapy for Channel Marker clients are provided through the Channel Marker group practice. A contractual psychiatrist and licensed clinical social workers provide the treatment and therapy on-site at Channel Marker's Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester sites.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time?

As of January 17, 2018 we have moved our clients over from our Port Street Rehabilitation Center to our New Regional Wellness Center on Glebe Park Drive. They are so happy and excited to be in this new space that is dedicated to serving them.

Describe any special needs at this time: Our capital campaign is our largest project at this time. We are continuing to work on our Marketing and telling the story of our safety net services and how we change people's lives. **ADVOCACY is critical to our service growth.** Our fleet needs continue to grow as we provide transportation to services for both the children and adults that we serve. Each year we need to come up with additional funding for our client's transport needs. We are expanding many services to our clients for which we are very excited; however, this always comes with the need to secure additional resources and funding.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): The funding we receive from St. Mark's has always gone directly to our clients to support holiday activities for them. This is true for both our adult and children's services. Many of our adults are alone, and we always try to have activities and meals during the holidays in case they have no one else to share the holidays. These are very difficult times, and we try hard to make the holidays special for those with mental illness. Your support in so many ways means a great deal to our organization and our clients.

Organization's name: Character Counts Mid Shore, Inc. (CCMS)
Organization's address: 108 Maryland Avenue, Suite 103, Easton, MD 21601
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Phone number: 410-819-0386 **Fax number:** none
Lead staff name & title: Susan Luby, Executive Director
Website: www.charactercountsmidshore.com

Mission statement: Embracing positive character development in all aspects of our lives.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January – December 2018

Describe the organization's programs & locations:

Winners Walk Tall Program; Laws of Life Essay Contest; Clark Citizenship Scholarships

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? Our Winners Walk Tall Program is reaching over 8,400 students throughout Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester Counties and have jumped the bay into Anne Arundel County through a partnership with local police agencies. Our main focus is the Six Pillars of Character – *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship*. CCMS also provides social and emotional learning which include strategies for adapting in new situations, self-awareness, self-control and how to form a good relationship. Character Coaches are positive role models who boost young people's motivation by modeling a guide to achieving success with a clear set of values. CCMS partners with Arc of the Chesapeake and the Chesapeake Center to include individuals with disabilities as assistant Character Coaches under the direction of their team leader. Character Counts everywhere; all the time for EVERYONE!

High school seniors "coach" 9th grade students so they will have a clear view of what to expect in high school and how to be successful.

Describe any special needs at this time: Recruiting volunteers to serve as Character Coaches is our main concern. Today, with most families, the children are often left alone with no one to guide them and the internet and video games; when not monitored, can have negative impacts on their behavior and decision-making. As a community, we must share the responsibility. CCMS would love to welcome YOU as a new Character Coach to help provide the necessary components that all children need to grow into a responsible and respectful citizen.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): All funds are used for general support so we may continue to improve the lives of our future community leaders.

Organization's name: Chesapeake Center
Organization's address: 713 Dover Street, P.O. Box 1906 Easton, MD 21601
Email address: dharrison@chesapeakecenter.org
Phone number: 410-822-4122 Fax: 410-822-4184
Lead staff name & title: Donna L. Harrison, President & CEO

Mission statement: Chesapeake Center, Inc. will assist adults with disabilities to reach their potential for independence by pursuing opportunities in housing, employment, natural supports, friendship & community activities.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 – June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Chesapeake Bay Industries, Inc. (CBI) is a vocational training program for adults with developmental disabilities. When the Center began in 1967, providing work skills training was the original intent, and later became CBI. Located at 713 Dover Road in Easton, MD, CBI is the nation's sole supplier of commodities bought by federal agencies through Source America, formerly NISH. The sewing section produces several sizes of wiping clothes used by the Navy on nuclear submarines. In addition, CBI does extensive manufacturing jobs for private business including Dixon Valve, Orion, Potomac Fund Management, Celeste, & Konsyl. Normally 125 individuals with severe disabilities receive vocational training. CBI receives no state or federal funding & was philosophically designed to be self-sustaining.

Formed in 1974, Chesapeake Developmental Unit, Inc. (CDU) is a pre-vocational training program for adults with developmental disabilities. Employees practice skills they acquire on supervised work settings such as food service, cleaning & recycling program, and small assembly jobs. For others, the focus is activities of daily living and leisure skills. Location: 713 Dover Road, Easton, MD. 21601.

Chesapeake Group Homes, Inc. (CGH) formed in 1980, is a community living opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities. As of 2018 nine group homes for 4-6 adults, and four supervised apartments also known as "alternate living units" (ALU), and respite services are provided. The residences are designed to provide a safe environment in a setting with as few restrictions as possible. Staff turnover, overtime regulations, reduced funding and increased cost of goods greatly challenge this agency's operating efficiency. Replacement costs for vehicles, furniture, linens, & other household items are not included in the State's reimbursement structure. The agency is constantly seeking donations to keep the homes clean, comfortable, and well presented. We currently support 43 adults. All homes are located in Easton.

In 1994, Chesapeake Center, Inc. initiated a new program. The Individual Support Services (ISS) program currently provides staff support to 9 adults in their own apartments & 26 adults who live with family. This program is growing because of needs and minimal funding required from the State. This State money allows CCI to provide paid staff supervision to assist the residents with food shopping/preparation, transportation, medical appointments, case management & financial support. The agency helps these individuals get established by seeking donations of usable goods & cash to purchase furnishings, pay bills and stock necessities.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time:

2017 Open House to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Recognized 5 CNA's at Mid Shore Advisory Council Luncheon.

November 2016 –Governor Hogan recognized 2 employees for assisting people with disabilities to be more successful.

On October 22, 2016 8th annual event at Bayleigh Chase Auditorium for Community Awareness.

December 2017- Peter Franchot and other elected officials toured.

As always we are most grateful for donations of food and usable items from St. Mark's Church.

Describe any special needs at this time: Chesapeake Group Homes, Inc. needs to renovate a bathroom in our St. Michaels Road rancher home to be wheel chair accessible. Contractor estimates \$17,000.00.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.):

The funds provided in 2017 assisted the Center to renovate the bathroom at our Keeley home to be more handicapped accessible. Cost was \$17,000.00.

Organization's name: Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (founded as Easton Day Care Center)

Organization's address: 11 Magnolia Street, Easton, MD 21601

Email address: kgeorge@cacckids.org **Website:** www.cacckids.org

Phone number: (410)822-8061 **Fax number:** (410)822-9299

Lead staff name & title: Kristine George, Executive Director

Mission statement: To provide access to quality childcare in a nurturing, diverse, safe and enriching environment.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1st- June 30th

Describe the organization's programs & locations: CACC has grown to include five sites in Talbot County. The **Pre School Site** located in Easton provides a full day two-year-old program, an all year pre-school program for children 3-4 years old and a state certified Pre-K program. The **School Age Site** is located in the Easton Elementary School and provides a pre-K wrap program as well as before and after school care for PreK-5th grade. The **St. Michaels Site** is located in the St. Michael's Elementary School and offers a full day two-year-old program, preschool programs, pre-K wrap and before and after school care for PreK-5th grade. The **Cordova School Site** is located in the Chapel District Elementary School and offers a preschool program, pre-K wrap and before and after school care for PreK-5th grade. The **White Marsh Site** is located in the White Marsh Elementary School and offers before and after school care for K-5th grade. All five sites offer full day summer programs as well. Full day care during most school closings is also available.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time: CACC has touched the lives of three generations of families in Talbot County and has had a profound impact on the very fabric of our community, having educated and enriched the lives of more than 9,000 children from varying socio-economic backgrounds. Since 1970, more than \$2 million in tuition scholarships has been provided to 3,000+ families. Through grants and charitable contributions, CACC provides approximately \$125,000 in tuition assistance each year. Over 45% of our families receive assistance from our tuition assistance program, which is based on household income and number of family members.

Describe any special needs at this time: CACC's tuition assistance program continues to be a priority. Over the last decade the need for tuition assistance has grown 45% from \$80,000 to approximately \$125,000 annually. Sixty percent of our families receive some type of financial aid either from the state's Purchase of Care program, from CACC or a combination of both. During our 46 years of operation, CACC has provided more than \$2 million in assistance to over 3,000 families. Local community support continues to be a critical piece to the success of our mission.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): Funds provided by St. Mark's UMC are directly allocated to our tuition assistance efforts. Supporting our tuition assistance program helps deserving families gain access to a quality child care during the most formative years of a child's education. St. Mark's support is a stellar example of how the local community has helped CACC continue its mission for over 46 years.

Organization's name: The Dixon House
Organization's address: 108 N. Higgins Street, Easton, MD 21601
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Phone number: 410-822-6661 **Fax number:** 410-822-3460
Lead staff name & title: Linda Elben, Executive Director

Mission statement: The mission of The Dixon House, a non-profit independent and assisted living facility, is to provide high quality and affordable residential care to seniors in an enriching, home-like environment.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1-June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: As an independent and assisted living facility, residents receive assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and medication administration from qualified nursing staff on a daily basis. In addition to home-cooked meals served three times a day, each resident is provided laundry and housekeeping services. The Activity Department coordinates a wide variety of activities including daily exercise, art and gardening projects, a wide variety of games, musical performances, scheduled outings and intergenerational activities to enrich the lives of our residents.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? Since the early 1900's and with support from the community, The Dixon House continues its long tradition of providing high quality care at affordable prices. The 100+ old grand Victorian House provides a warm, home-like environment for 19 seniors ranging in age from 85 to 106. The Dixon House is one of the oldest non-profit organizations in Talbot County.

Describe any special needs at this time: The current nurse call system we have is sorely outdated and creates gaps in meeting resident care needs. A new nurse call system would provide two compact master stations that are touchscreen and have a pleasant call tone to reduce "institutional noise." Additionally, each resident room would have a hallway light aiding staff in locating where assistance is required.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): A previous generous donation by St. Mark's Mission provided The Dixon House funds to update our security system. We were able to install twelve new state-of-the-art cameras in common areas and two new large screen monitors. This new system also allows staff to have wireless, remote monitoring of all major facility systems. Also this fall, Dixon House expanded for the first time adding an additional resident room to meet the growing demand we are experiencing with people needing assisted living services.

Organization's name: East-End Neighborhood Association (EENA)
Organization's address: P.O. Box 175, Easton MD 21601
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Phone number: 410-822-0636
Lead staff name & title: Marie Bradley, Treasurer; Joseph Minarick, President

Mission statement: To improve the quality of life for those who live, work, own property, do business or worship in Easton's East-End Neighborhood.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January 1- December 31

Describe the organization's programs & locations: EENA meets bi-monthly at Asbury United Methodist Church on Higgins Street and maintains a Post Office Box and a website (<http://eena-eastonmd.weebly.com>) to facilitate neighborhood communications. Present programs and services include:

1. Tracking and advocating for code enforcement, rental housing inspection and zoning changes to improve livability for all residents.
2. Working with Easton Police Department and its community relations officer to reduce neighborhood crime and improve safety. Transmission of police crime reports to EENA members. Two neighborhood safety meetings each year.
3. Community garden project.
4. Sponsoring the annual Clean-Up Day every spring.
5. Support for the Hill Project exploring the history of the African-American community in Easton's East End. Financial support for the Hill archeological exploration.
6. Surveys concerning East End infrastructure: sidewalks, trees, streetlights, etc.
7. Consulting with Easton Town Planner Mr. L. Thomas on an update of the Small Area Plan for our neighborhood, especially focusing on the blighted block of East Dover Street. This will be the class project for Thomas's students at Salisbury University this spring.
8. Consulting with Mr. R. Benincasa of the Easton Business Alliance to bring more attention to the small businesses and empty storefronts in that area.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time?

1. Our longevity. EENA was formed over 25 years ago and has operated continuously.
2. Our work with the Easton Police Department to reduce neighborhood crime.
3. Recognition by the Easton Town Council, the Mayor and Easton Planning Department as the East-End Neighborhood's voice.
4. The East-End Community Garden, a permanent green space within the neighborhood which allows residents to grow produce and children to learn gardening from their parents.

Describe any special needs at this time. We continue to work to attract new members to our organization, including members of the African-American and Hispanic communities, who have been difficult to reach. We also continue to have difficulty finding volunteers to help with the community garden.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): St. Mark's funds have been and will be used to continue the upkeep of the Community Garden and help defray the costs of office supplies and mailing expenses necessary in our efforts to stay connected with our community through flyers, our website and mailings.

Organization's name: For All Seasons
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Phone number: 410-822-1018 **Fax number:** 410-820-5884
Lead staff name & title: Beth Ann Langrell, MS, Executive Director

Mission statement: Mission

The mission of FAS is to provide the highest level of comprehensive and integrated therapy, advocacy, and psychiatric care in a safe environment where individuals, families and groups who have entrusted us with their care can be empowered and nurtured on their journey to wellness.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 – June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: FAS is a non-profit licensed outpatient mental health clinic and rape crisis center. Our agency staff is trained to work with victims of trauma, including sexual assault and abuse; and we operate a 24-hour hotline (English & Spanish) and advocacy response to local Emergency Departments. We have five offices that are located in each of the five counties, Talbot, Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne and Dorchester.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time:

The Behavioral Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons provides a full continuum of mental health treatment services to all residents of the Mid-Shore regardless of their ability to pay. FAS maintains a 24-hour hotline and emergency advocacy response in both English and Spanish to child and adult victims of sexual abuse and assault. The staff of clinicians and psychiatrists provides seamless services for our clients. Our office is proud to have grown to over 65 staff members in the past four years and be the only non-profit clinic to provide specialties in Child and Adolescent, Adult and Geriatric psychiatry.

Describe any special needs at this time: As the only agency and who provides advocacy, mental health therapy and psychiatric care to English and Spanish speaking clients *regardless of their ability to pay*, funds are especially needed to keep up with an ever growing community need. Many clients are underinsured or may be without health insurance and walk through our doors seeking therapy for mental health and psychiatric needs, sexual assault, trauma history, attachment disorders, ...the list goes on.

This past year our agency provided over 1,650 sessions to clients who could not afford their co-pay. It is our goal to ensure that the community is aware of our services. We have extended our outreach to include presenting to local doctors and community agencies to ensure that referral sources and residents have the information needed to connect the community to the critical services we provide.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): The funds provided in the past have been used to support mental health treatment for the underinsured and uninsured residents of the Mid-Shore, and as referenced above, will continue to be used for that population.

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Organization's name: Habitat for Humanity Choptank
Organization's address: P.O. Box 2366, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: development@habitatchoptank.org
Phone number: 410-476-3204 **Fax number:** 410-476-3709
Lead staff name & title: Emily Lynn, Development Officer

Mission statement: Habitat Choptank works in partnership with God and qualifying families in Dorchester and Talbot Counties to transform communities and positively change the lives of those in need. Habitat Choptank does this by building and renovating houses to provide safe and affordable homes of which homeowners can be proud and which support their personal journey of growing into all that God intends.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 - June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Habitat for Humanity Choptank is a faith-based housing ministry in Talbot & Dorchester counties. Each Habitat home is a sincere demonstration of the love and teachings of Jesus Christ made possible by hundreds of contributors, volunteers, staff and future homeowners. Through this shared effort, Habitat is able to construct simple, decent affordable homes that are sold at cost with affordable mortgages to qualifying low-income buyers. In order to purchase a home, each family completes 300-400 hours of sweat equity helping to build their future home and other Habitat homes, saves \$4,500 for costs at settlement, completes Habitat's home owner education workshop series, and pays off any outstanding collectible debt. In its 25 years of operation, Habitat Choptank has completed 75 homes. During fiscal year 2017, there were a total of 10 qualifying buyers selected from among 261 candidates. Qualified buyers receive mentoring, financial counseling, and home owner education to ensure their transition and success in becoming homebuyers. It can take a homebuyer anywhere from 12-24 months to save for closing costs and to contribute toward required sweat equity hours. In fiscal year 2017, 3 homes were sold with 2 of those homes located in Easton and 1 in Cambridge. Currently, there are a total of 8 homes under construction with 12 homebuyers in the pipeline. Another value of the organization is the importance of the organization's tithes to Habitat International, which supports global projects now focused on El Salvador and Haiti. This faithful tithe over 25 years has made it possible for a total of 84 international families to be served.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time?

A new and expanded approach to affordable housing is our Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program. This program expands the role that Habitat Choptank plays by addressing: 1) home weatherization (projects that reduce utility bills by 15% or more), 2) critical home repairs needed to address urgent safety, health or durability issues; and, 3) community development and engagement in targeted areas. Not only does NR increase the number of families we serve directly, it broadens and strengthens our connection to the community and is extremely powerful in transforming neighborhoods. It has also enabled us to reach seniors and provide much needed assistance enabling them to remain in their homes. In 2017, Habitat Choptank completed a record 78 weatherization projects and 2 home preservation projects with low-income home owners in neighborhoods where it is building. In addition, homes that Habitat Choptank weatherized are safer, healthier and more energy efficient, saving the homeowners an average of \$386 annually.

Describe any special needs at this time: Addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in this community requires more resources: More home buyers, more land for future home sites, more funding and more volunteers. **Habitat Choptank is thankful for support from the St. Mark's family in the form of prayers, financial investment, ReStore donations, construction volunteers, office support and meals for visiting work groups.**

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): New funds will be used to continue to assist with the costs of our home ownership program in Easton, as well as to assist in weatherization and critical repair projects in Easton.

Organization's name: Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore (MHAES)
Organization's address: 611 Dutchman's Lane, Suite 2
Email address: jdavis@mhamdes.org; www.mhamdes.org
Phone number: 410-822-0444 **Fax number:** 410-820-7283
Lead staff name and title: Jacqueline M. Davis, Executive Director

Mission statement: Our mission is to promote mental wellness and behavioral health with Education and Advocacy. Please note that as of January 1, 2017, we changed our name to the Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January 1 - December 31

Describe the organization's programs & locations: MHAES offers many educational programs in response to community needs. Currently, we provide programs in a variety of locations around Talbot County. **Mental Health First Aid** is our flagship 8-hour training program that teaches participants the signs and symptoms of the most common mental health problems, where and when to get help, and what type of help has shown to be effective. Similar to CPR training, this course teaches members of the public how to take action to help reduce harm and/or injury for someone in mental distress. There are now 5 modules of this program in which we are certified: Adult, Young Adult (ages 18 – 24), Youth (ages 12-17), Veterans and the Elderly. The **Early Learning Series**, provided to Talbot County pre-K and kindergarten students, teaches young children ages 3 – 5 how to problem solve, manage anger, and show kindness to others through songs and role play. The **Veterans Assistance Program** provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in need who are waiting for their veteran benefits to be in place. We also sponsor an annual Veterans Appreciation Day that provides a free lunch to local veterans and a resource fair where veterans can receive information and support from a variety of federal, state and local organizations. Our **Healthy New Moms** is a public education campaign to alert pregnant and new mothers of the warning signs of anxiety and depression they may experience after the birth of their child and offer them support and resources to seek help. Our **Speaker Series** are talks given at local libraries on topics of most interest in communities on the shore.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time. We are firmly establishing ourselves as the source of quality mental health information and education on the eastern shore. We believe that education is the key to the way we address mental illness. Our programs' audience consists of professionals, families and the community at large and cover topics of most concern in our communities. We are also recognized for the place to turn to if there is a Veteran in need of financial assistance. In 2016, we helped 18 Veterans with over \$9,000 in financial assistance for such needs as rent or security deposits, car repairs and utility payments.

Describe any special needs at this time: MHAES requests funds to help us cover program and marketing expenses for our Mental Health First Aid program. In addition, the price of the manuals used for this program has risen significantly this past year and funds from St. Marks can help offset these costs.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.) Funds received from St. Mark's will help with program expenses for our Mental Health First Aid training course. Previous funds were used for program and marketing expenses for our **Kids on the Block** puppeteer program and the **Early Learning Series**. We appreciate St. Mark's interest in our programs and the outreach the church does in our community. Thank you for your past support and for the importance you place on mental health in the community.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence by Jeanne Yeager, Executive Director

Organization's name: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
Organization's address: 8626 Brooks Drive, Suite 102, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: jyeager@mscfv.org
Phone number: 410-690-3222 **Fax number:** 410-690-3271
Lead staff name & title: Jeanne Yeager, Executive Director

Mission statement: As the central point of access for assistance on domestic violence within the counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the mission of Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence is to create healthy opportunities through intervention and prevention by providing shelter, counseling, services, and advocacy for victims and abusers; and by changing society's attitudes and systems which permit and promote such violence against women, men and families.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1- June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: The Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence (MSCFV) provides the following services: 24-hour hotline, temporary shelter, legal advocacy and accompaniment to court, legal representation in protective orders and divorce cases, counseling and advocacy, Mental Health Counseling, Abuser Intervention Program, Transitional Program for women and children leaving their abusers, crisis intervention to area hospitals and law enforcement agencies, Bilingual Program and translation services to Spanish-speaking victims, Law Enforcement Program which assists 23 police departments in responding to domestic violence cases, professional training and community education programs. Beginning in 2017, Economic Empowerment Services and support groups will be offered. MSCFV's Administrative Office is located in Talbot County. Services are provided in Talbot/Dorchester counties through MSCFV's Administrative Office in Easton, Kent and Queen Anne's county services are provided through MSCFV's Outreach Office in Chestertown. Caroline County clients are served through MSCFV's office in Caroline County.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization/programs at this time? MSCFV is the only organization addressing the needs of victims of family violence in the five mid-shore counties. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, MSCFV served 387 victims of family violence and their 503 children. Caroline, Queen Anne, and Talbot counties each represent about one-fifth of clients. , MSCFV's service model is to emphasize an intentional approach to walking with clients as they transition from family violence victims to self-sufficient survivors. As a result, clients are receiving crisis services, as well as, longer term transitional services and the amount of time clients spend with the agency has increased. In 2016, MSCFV opened its Economic Empowerment Center (EEC) to meet the critical economic and legal needs that often keep victims from leaving abusive relationships. In its first year the EEC 76% of clients said the EEC increased their ability to meet expenses, 67% to meet unexpected expenses, 67% increased standard of living and 62% increased their ability to save. 81% of clients said they worry less about finances after receiving EEC services.

Describe any special needs at this time: A donated vehicle to transport clients and their children.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): MSCFV will continue to use the funds to purchase food for clients, provide transportation for clients (i.e. bus fares, taxi fares), purchase medicine, assist with rental payments and for any other specific client needs.

Organization's name: Neighborhood Service Center, Inc. (NSC)
Organization's address: 126 Port Street, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: mneal@nsetalbotmd.org
Phone number: (410) 822-5015 **Fax number:** (410) 822-1369
Lead staff name & title: Marilyn M. Neal, Executive Director

Mission statement: The Neighborhood Service Center works toward eliminating poverty by empowering families to be self-sufficient.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 through June 30th

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Our Agency's programs include: Eviction Prevention, Maryland Energy Assistance, Rental Allowance, Electrical Universal Program, Holiday Food Baskets, Utility Disconnects, Emergency Food Assistance, First month's rent assistance and donations of clothing, household items and furniture. NSC administers the Rapid-Re-housing (RRH) program, which allows us to work with homeless individuals by providing housing for up to a two-year period. The goal is to exit customers from the RRH program and have them in a situation of self-sufficiency when they exit. All services mentioned above are provided at the 126 Port Street location.

The Ridgeway House Transitional Shelter is located at 120 North Aurora Street and provides a minimum of a 90-day stay while the homeless are case managed. Staffs assist with job searches and permanent living arrangements. An extended stay at the Shelter can be granted, if it is needed in order for the client to move to self-sufficiency. The Shelter houses six (6) adults.

The Dorothy W. Black Youth Center, located on the second floor at 126 Port Street; it provides an After School and Summer Program to 12-15 elementary school students from low-income families.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time: Our low-income rental property at 36 West Street has been named "Webb's Hope". This property has given hope to the unsheltered since 1985. Since NSC is keeping in line with the property's history Webb's Hope seemed to be the perfect name.

Describe any special needs at this time: We would love to have volunteers with a background in case management, finances and math. These skills would save NSC money and provide better outcomes to for our clients.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): St. Mark's Mission funds will continue to be used for the Neighborhood Service Center's Emergency Service. These services include prevention of:

Utility Disconnects Preventions include water bills, electric and heating of any kind.

Hotel Placement Clients are placed in a hotel when shelter is filled to capacity or we have a situation that involves children. Medication We find that many of our seniors are unable to pay copays on many of their medications. Through the help from St. Mark's Mission, the Neighborhood Service Center is better able to fulfill our mission. NSC was able to provide an array of services through donations totaling \$30,707.64. We thank the community and local government for stepping in when federal funding stops to protect our most vulnerable population.

Organization's name: St. Mark's Ministry to Aged, Inc. (aka St. Mark's Village)
Organization's address: 212 Bay Street, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: wendysyoung@hotmail.com
Phone number: (410) 822-1315 **Fax number:** (410) 822-8422
Lead staff name & title: Wendy Young-Dyott, Administrator

Mission statement: St. Mark's Village strives to provide quality housing, at an independent level, for those persons who are 62 years of age, or disabled, regardless of age.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January 1st – December 31st.

Describe the organization's programs & locations: All programs/activities are offered at the Social Center, located at 212 Bay Street, Easton, MD 21601.

Programs: Housing with Rental Assistance; utility allowance; transportation via bus within the town of Easton; social activities 3 days per week; Food Link; Food Pantry; assistance with MEAP applications; holiday food baskets;

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time: St. Mark's Village continues to be an affordable, well-maintained, residential program. We currently have a 3+ year waiting list. The programs that are provided allow the residents to live economically, without concerns of maintenance both inside and outside their apartment. The activities provide not only social experiences, but enrichment opportunities as well. The bus, that runs three days a week, affords residents the freedom they desire to go shopping, take care of their banking needs and keep important medical appointments. We continue to interface with multiple agencies/organizations within our community, bringing a variety of opportunities to our residents that otherwise would not be available.

We continue to rehab our kitchens, replacing kitchen cabinets, vinyl flooring, light fixtures, appliances, etc. This is being done as the apartments are vacated. This project has been a welcome refurbishment for our incoming residents. We currently have completed 50+ kitchens. This past year(2017), we purchased a new, 12 passenger bus. Nothing overly exciting, but it all ties into beautification, attractive curb appeal and maintaining independent living for as long as possible.

We are entering into our 40th year of service.

Describe any special needs at this time: Due to budget restrictions, the cost of providing social programs to our residents is challenging. While we want to encourage all residents to attend, often the cost to attend can be prohibitive for their budget. We are always looking for creative ways to offer a variety of social events on a limited budget.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): The funds that SMUMC has provided are in an interest bearing, savings account designated for the bus replacement/expenses. These were used to aid in the purchase of our new bus.

Organization's name: Talbot Community Connections, Inc.
Organization's address: P.O. Box 2615, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: rsull@atlanticbb.net
Phone number: 410-226-0028 **Fax number:** none
Lead staff name & title: Ruth Sullivan, President of the Board

Mission statement: Raise and distribute funds to answer unmet needs that are fundamental to the safety, security, health and well-being of Talbot County's vulnerable children and adults.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 - June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: All undesignated funds are raised in support of programs of the Talbot County Department of Social Services (TCDSS), and are approved by the TCC board and distributed through the department's offices in Easton. Some funds are specifically designated to support the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (TCCAC). The Child Advocacy Center is a collaborative effort of several Talbot County agencies with the Talbot County Department of Social Services being the lead agency. Other disciplines such as law enforcement, the judiciary, the medical team of physicians and sexual assault forensic examiner nurses, and mental health providers coordinate care for the child victims of sexual assault and their families. The TCCAC is a healing place.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? At our TCCAC, the multidisciplinary team sees 60-75 children of suspected sexual abuse a year in a safe environment. We are solely supported by local community support and grants through the Talbot Community Connections. Our children tell their story once to trained interviewers on tape for our multi-disciplinary team to coordinate their care locally. We continue to be able to provide a child-friendly, nationally certified program in our community that has been nationally re-certified every 5 years. We have documented assistance to over 1200 children and their families in this community. We have completed branding for the TCCAC, as well as our TCC nonprofit organization. We maintain two updated websites: www.talbotcac.org and www.talbotcommunityconnections.org. These sites allow for mailed donations to our nonprofit organization and allow us a venue for community awareness and education. We continued to offer annual educational events in the spring. TCC has named this ongoing annual event the Nancy Wilson Professional Education Series, to honor one of our founding TCC board members. This past year, we held our second annual Senior Summit at the Talbot County Community Center. We had over 41 sponsors and 220 attendees, which included licensed social workers from all over the state raising over \$8000. TCC had to close registration to the Senior Summit several weeks before the event due to the overwhelming response from for our community. Our third annual Senior Summit will be held June 7, 2018. To register, please go to www.talbotcommunityconnections.org.

Describe any special needs at this time: To maintain national certification, we are constantly updating practice guidelines to meet best and emerging practice standards. This year, we would like to provide activities to young child abuse survivors and their families that help repair, strengthen and sustain relationships as they recover from the impact of that abuse.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): We are proud that our administrative costs remain below 10% and that most of the funds donated to Talbot Community Connections are used to meet the needs of low-income citizens in our county and are distributed by TCDSS. This fiscal year, we awarded \$5,900 specifically to the TCCAC. TCC grants funds based on the annual request by the TCDSS leadership. St. Mark's was our sole designated, restricted, contributor from the community. Funds from the St. Mark's community allowed us to provide family advocacy, mental health and other services to child victims of sex abuse.

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Organization's name: Talbot Hospice Foundation, Inc.
Organization's address: 586 Cynwood Drive Easton, MD 21601
Email address: kcox@talbothospice.org
Phone number: 410-822-6681 **Fax number:** 410-822-5376
Lead staff name & title: Kate Cox, Director of Development

Mission Statement: Talbot Hospice offers hope, compassionate support and services to all members of the community facing end-of-life issues. We provide patient/family care, community education and advocacy while respecting both curative and palliative treatment choices.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 - June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Talbot Hospice provides hospice services in homes, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in our Guest Wing residence on Cynwood Drive. TH also provides a pre-hospice program called Pathways for individuals who have a progressing, life-limiting illness but might still be seeking treatment or may not be ready for, or do not desire, traditional hospice care. Our Bereavement Programs are for anyone in the community who has suffered a loss regardless of whether or not their loved one was a Talbot Hospice patient. Our Chaplain is available to provide spirituality support to anyone in our programs who requests it. Our dedicated, specially-trained Volunteers help deliver direct services to our patients and families. They also provide indirect support in many ways, including gardening, cooking and baking, administrative support and music therapy, to name a few.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization/programs at this time? In July we announced two new programs, the "Artist in Residence" Program (AIR) and a "Memoir Writing Workshop" (MWW). The AIR program is available to both patients and their families as a way to create a lasting legacy that captures the unique qualities of an individual. The MWW was an 8 week workshop for the public that provided a chance for life reflection. The class filled quickly and another session was added. In March 2017 we will hold our 2nd Annual Community Outreach event, Caring for Individuals with Memory Disorders: State of the Art 2017, featuring Constantine Lyketsos, MD, MHS, who is a world expert in Alzheimer's and Dementia. Dr. Lyketsos founded the Johns Hopkins Memory and Alzheimer's Center and is the Interim Director of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. The event will take place at Easton High School Auditorium. Prior to the event we will have a panel of representatives from local agencies about resources and care in Talbot County and following the event we will have a breakfast for members of the medical community to meet directly with Dr. Lyketsos.

Describe any special needs at this time: We have continued to need additional staff and specially trained volunteers who help with hands-on patient care. Medicare and private insurance does not cover most of the expenses associated with our Hospice House which has been the pride of our community for 18 years. The salaries of Certified Nursing Assistants who staff our House 24/7 are paid by donations as is all their training. Donations also pay in full or for a portion of the room and board fee for approximately 60% of our patients. Hospice services are provided regardless of financial status, and no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.). Although we now receive Medicare or private insurance reimbursement for a portion of our services, these funds do not fully cover the breadth of services we provide above and beyond basic hospice requirements. Talbot Hospice continues to rely on community partnerships to provide the excellent care and services to patients and families that Dr. and Mrs. Guthrie envisioned over 35 years ago. St. Mark's support has had a significant impact on our ability to provide increasing levels of service and variety of programs over the years.

Organization's name: Talbot County Department of Social Services
Organization's address: 301 Bay Street, Unit 5, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: talbdss.talbotcountydss1@maryland.gov
Phone number: 410-770-4848 **Fax number:** 410-820-7117
Lead staff name & title: Linda Webb, Director

Mission statement: We will assist people in economic need, protect children and vulnerable adults, and promote the safety and well-being of the citizens of Talbot County.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 through June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: There are over 32 programs that make up the services available at Talbot County Department of Social Services. The Family Investment Program provides emergency assistance and income support to families with children, as well as assistance in achieving financial independence through employment. The Child Support program establishes and enforces child support orders leading to child support payments, locates absent parents, and establishes paternity. The Social Services programs are a continuum of child welfare and adult services programs that assist and protect families and individuals.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time: The Department of Social Services continues to serve as the safety net for those in economic need and vulnerable to abuse and neglect. Community partners and citizens are encouraged to view our programs and services on our website at <http://dhr.maryland.gov/local-offices/talbot-county/>. This past year, the department successfully achieved reaccreditation by the National Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services. The Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center maintained its member in good standing status with the National Children's Alliance by successfully meeting reaccreditation requirements. Our 5-county Mid Shore regional approach continues with the Thrive@25 implementation grant, which is designed to eliminate homelessness of youth aging out of Foster Care. We continue to roll out family centered and community based Adult Services. For example, "Breakfast Bites", a group of senior-serving organizations, spearheaded the Adult Services media plan in which each month one full page of the Star Democrat highlights programs and services available to the senior population. "Empower Me" teams of TCDSS staff and community partners continue to provide information and/or training to others in the community with the goal of preventing child maltreatment. And, we have worked with our partners and the Talbot Family Network to deliver the Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World series of modules that helps individuals in poverty build their resources for a more prosperous life for themselves, their families, and their communities. Our partnerships with many community agencies continue to help support our programs and services, along with local initiatives.

Describe any special needs at this time: Talbot County citizens come in to our agency with increasingly complex circumstances often requiring multiple services and financial assistance.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): Funds provided to Talbot County Department of Social Services have been and will continue to be used to provide families with emergency assistance. This includes but is not limited to: Buying groceries and clothing, paying utility bills, car repairs to allow transportation to work, medications, rental assistance, school supplies, and medical needs.

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Organization's name: Talbot County Health Department
Organization's address: 100 S. Hanson Street, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: fredia.wadley@maryland.gov
Phone number: 410-819-5606 **Fax number:** 410-819-4701
Lead staff name and title: Fredia Wadley, MD, Health Officer

Mission statement: To improve the health of Talbot County citizens through assessment, prevention, education, regulation, assurance of necessary services, and social and political advocacy.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 – June 30

Describe the organization's programs and locations: The Talbot County Health Department is the local agency for the Maryland Department of Health. We provide multiple services through various funding sources including county and state funding grants. Services include but are not limited to: Addictions/Substance Abuse Prevention with Care Coordination and Peer Support; Senior Services (evaluations and case management); Cancer Prevention/Screening/Education programs; Communicable Disease (immunization, surveillance, TB identification and treatment); Developmental Disabilities Resource Coordination/Case Management; Family Planning referral (contract with Planned Parenthood of Maryland); Center for Children and Families (Family Literacy Initiative, Adult Education, GED, Early Head Start); Maryland Children's Health Program; Medical Assistance Insurance Enrollment and Care Coordination; Maternal/Child Health; Healthy Families; Environmental Health (food control, well/septic, etc.); School Health; and Tobacco Cessation.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization/ programs at this time?

The greatest strength of the health department is our care coordination case management programs for vulnerable seniors, individuals with functional or developmental disabilities, individuals with behavioral health issues, and women and children. Our case managers work with individuals in their homes and in the community linking individuals to needed and desired services with the aim of building independence and capabilities, and ultimately improving general community health.

The Donations Account continues to benefit Talbot County citizens in need of assistance. Account funds are used for emergencies and other needs when no other resources are available.

Describe any special needs at this time: Talbot County is unique in that there is a great deal of wealth in our community; however, we have a greater number of people living in poverty or at the poverty line. We depend on the contributions from our community partners to fill the gaps in our services that our current grants, county, and state funding are unable to support.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.):

The generous donation received from St. Mark's Church is used solely for direct services to citizens of Talbot County. Residents who meet the financial eligibility may request financial assistance for utility assistances; with purchase of items for basic daily living – hot water heater, oil for heat; assistance towards purchase of wheelchair, dentures, eyeglasses, elevated toilet seats with rails; installation fee for Emergency Response System (Lifeline); and "safety net" funding when other resources are not available.

Organization's name: Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Inc.
Organization's address: 107 Goldsborough Street, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: julielowe@atlanticbb.net
Phone number: 410-310-2316
Lead staff name and title: Julie Lowe, Executive Director

Mission statement: The Talbot Interfaith Shelter is a voluntary interfaith-based service organization in Talbot County, Maryland. It is dedicated both to providing safe, temporary shelter to men, women, and children who lack adequate housing, and to raising awareness of the issues of homelessness in our community. Its vision is that no one in Talbot County will ever have to spend a night on the streets, in a car, or in the woods because he or she cannot find housing.

Organization's fiscal year date: July 1 to June 30

Describe the organization's program and location: The Talbot Interfaith Shelter is a Year-round facility serving the Mid-Shore community. TIS provides shelter and transitional housing, when available, to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or impending homelessness. We serve this population in our home on Goldsborough Street which was a former bed and breakfast (aptly named Easton's Promise). Capacity there is 12-15 men, women and children. The transitional housing apartments are leased from the Housing Commission of Talbot and one private landlord. We currently provide 8 transitional apartments in Easton to families and individuals who are successful in our Shelter Program at Easton's Promise and who meet the criteria for the TIS Transitional Housing Program.

Take a moment to brag:

TIS now has 6 families and 2 individuals in the Transitional Housing Program. TIS subsidizes rent and continues to provide case management for the families who live in these apartments, providing them the opportunity to become self-sufficient. TIS partners with community agencies, worship communities and businesses to provide services, advocacy, awareness related to homelessness. This year we will enclose the back screened porch to create a confidential meeting room for in-house and partner agency counseling for our Shelter guests and Transitional Housing Program participants.

Describe any special needs at this time: One of the most difficult challenges for our families with young children (especially single parent families), is the lack of affordable childcare. We are working with some of the day care providers in Easton to rectify this gap in services so parents can re-enter the workforce.

Easton's Promise needs a new heating system, and we are currently exploring energy-efficient options.

Explain how the funds our church has provided your organization have been and will be used: The funds donated by St. Mark's UMC Mission Committee in 2017 were used for transitioning 3 families from the Shelter Program into our Transitional Housing Program, and for continued support of the purchase of Easton's Promise. This will continue to be the focus in 2018.

We are so very grateful to St. Marks for all the support we continue to receive and have received since our inception in 2008. We give thanks for your time, talents and treasures; for opening your doors to keep our neediest neighbors warm and safe in the winter, the blessing of compassion from your competent and caring volunteers, and the prayer lifted up by clergy and congregation. You have seen us grow from a rotating overnight cold-weather shelter into a program that year-round lifts and sustains people wrestling with the challenges of poverty. We could not have done this without your help, and we look forward to our continued partnership in the years ahead.

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Organization's name: Talbot Mentors Inc.
Organization's address: 108 Maryland Avenue, Suite 102, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: natalie@talbotmentors.org
Phone number: 410-770-5999 **Fax number:** 410-770-5991
Lead staff name & title: Natalie Costanzo, Executive Director

Vision statement: Talbot Mentors' vision is that mentoring will make a significant contribution to building a Talbot County community where all young people have the opportunity to lead fulfilling and rewarding lives, including access to a variety of educational and employment options.

Mission statement: The mission of Talbot Mentors is to work to ensure that all young people in Talbot County have the opportunity to mature into engaged and productive members of their communities. Through consistent support, guidance, coaching and role modeling, our volunteer mentors will strive to instill values and standards, and help these young people prepare for success in their personal and professional lives. Talbot Mentors will achieve this mission by fostering partnerships to support and expand the power of one-on-one mentoring. We will also actively engage in other programs designed to help these young people achieve their full potential.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January 1- December 31

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Talbot Mentors provides Talbot County youth with the consistent, long-standing (12 months or more) caring involvement of an adult friend. Each student is matched one-on-one with a volunteer mentor (a mentorship). Participants meet one to two hours a week during the high risk, out of school hours. Talbot Mentors' core services for facilitating these intergenerational relationships include volunteer screening, mentor training, matching procedures, and ongoing support and supervision to the matches. We are located in Easton on Maryland Avenue. In addition we offer an After School Program on Wednesdays, College Scholarships, Summer Camp Scholarships and group activities/experiences for mentees, mentors and their families.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? Talbot Mentors celebrated a milestone of 20 years of service in 2017. Currently, we support 100 kids in Talbot County in one-on-one mentorships an increase of 45 matches since the beginning of 2015! By 2020 we aim to have at least 200 mentors for youth in Talbot County.

Describe any special needs at this time: Talbot Mentors' goal for 2018 is to make it to 130 matches while sustaining our 100 existing matches. Over 400 youth in Talbot County have been identified as needing a mentor. We currently serve 100. Talbot Mentors continues to face the on-going challenges of locating the "The 2 M's": Recruiting mentors and raising money to sustain a high-quality mentoring program. We would like for every student who wants a mentor to have a mentor.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): Past contributions from SMUC have funded camp scholarships, mentor training sessions, and background checks which are required for all of our staff and volunteers. With the last year's funds, Talbot Mentors was able to send 50 kids to Summer Camps, an increase of 25 kids from 2015. Contributions in 2017 will again be used to provide camp scholarships, background checks for volunteers, and mentor training sessions.

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Organization's name: Talbot Partnership for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention
Organization's address: 8 Goldsborough Street, Suite 203, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: info@talbotpartnership.org
Phone number: 410-819-8067 **Fax number:** 410-819-8153
Lead staff name & title: Jayne Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Mission statement: Talbot Partnership encourages the community to recognize the problems and implement solutions related to Substance Use Disorders by building a community culture that fosters drug-free youth.

Organization's fiscal year dates: July 1 - June 30

Describe the organization's programs & locations: All activities are throughout Talbot Co.

- Talbot Teen Court – Youth age 13 to 17 serve as volunteers for first time youth offenders.
 - Talbot Teen Club – dances, entertainment, activities for Talbot youth regardless of school or any other affiliations.
 - Life Coaching for Youth
 - Parental and Community Education
- Advocates for healthy youth options.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time:

Talbot Partnership has a long history of activities and programs in Talbot County of building strong community norms through education, helping families through community programs, serving as fiscal agents for organizations providing community youth outreach, making it hard for youth to get alcohol, and other drugs, and working with youth to encourage healthy choices. Talbot Partnership works to counter the growing influences from television, ads, movies, and the internet that promote and encourage behaviors that lead to substance abuse and related second-hand effects including crashes, sexual assaults, poor school and workplace performance and crime. Talbot Partnership is excited to have “adopted” Teen Court, ensuring that this valuable program will continue to have the support and funding necessary to run. We have been active in educational opportunities on sharing about new research regarding the adolescent brain and phase of life and have been very successful in Life Coaching for Youth, making a positive impact on the youth served and the choices they are making in their lives.

Describe any special needs at this time: Talbot Partnerships expanding programs will increase our expenses at a time when we have no state or federal funding.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): Funds from St. Mark's have been used for general operating expenses, which include support for all of the programs and initiatives listed.

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African Missions

Paul Webster (\$2,500): Paul Webster, our Covenant Relationship Missionary since 2006, is serving in Zambia developing and over-seeing the agricultural center he established there.

Mujila Falls Agriculture Center (\$5,500) This center, operated in Zambia by our covenant relationship missionary Paul Webster, produces many crops such as corn, vegetables & fruits. They also raise cows, goats, sheep, chickens, etc.; to teach the people there how to feed themselves as well as to have enough to sell some of what they produce.

Africa University, Zimbabwe (\$500): Supports the UMC's effort to provide a first class university in Africa. A portion of our apportionment goes toward our Annual Conference's commitment, plus we are increasing our donation from the \$350 previously given for many years to \$500. (Can be found on the internet)

Wings of Caring Aviation Program (Congo) (\$500): Previously supported the Quiggs Aviation Program, who provided aviation safety training in Africa. The Quiggs moved to another missions field; while we are continuing support for aviation in Africa

Mulungwishi Seminary Scholarship (\$2,500): This supports paying for a pastor to go to seminary and for his wife and children to receive an education while at Mulungwishi. David & Lorene Person are still involved with this station. There is a dire need for seminary-trained pastors in the Congo, for there are about 2,000 ordained pastors for over 1.1 M Methodists! (Can be found on the internet.)

Kenny Wood's Lifetime Wells International (\$3,500) We have supported his project for several years now, where Mr. Wood from Denton, MD has now drilled approximately 1375 wells in Ghana and approximately 700 in Tanzania as of May 2018 .

African Leadership Resources (\$250) Dr. Jefferson Labala, a United Methodist pastor, writes resources for ministers in Liberia, Sierra Leone & Nigeria. He resides in Easton.

Other Global Missions:

Six Special Sundays (400): This is an effort to educate the church membership on these special Sundays (Human Relations Day - \$50, One Great Hour of Sharing - \$100, Native American Ministries Sunday- \$50, Peace With Justice Sunday - \$50, World Communion Sunday - \$100, & United Methodist Student Day - \$50) and to make a nominal donation to them

Pen Del Conference's Partners in Mission (\$300): Central Congo Partnership - \$100, BOOM - \$100, & Abundant Health Ministries - \$100.

Other UMC Missions As Requested:

Volunteers in Mission – when a member of St. Mark's Church participates in one of its programs
 UMCOR responses to storms around the U. S. and the world
 St. Mark's missions fund pays \$8700 of St. Mark's Church's annual apportionment

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