



LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS *AND FOREIGN MISSION PROJECTS*

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

His servant I am, and, as such, am employed according to the plain direction of his word, "As I have opportunity, doing good unto all men:" And his providence clearly concurs with his word; which has disengaged me from all things else, that I might singly attend on this very thing, "And go about doing good." - Journal of John Wesley August 12, 1738

Wow! When I look through all the help we provide throughout Talbot County and beyond, I am amazed. I would ask each of us to look through this booklet, please pray for each ministry partner and perhaps select a few you might like to serve with. As United Methodist it is in our blood to go about doing good unto all men/women. Thank you for all you are already doing and what new adventures we may take on!

Peace,
Pastor Ed

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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 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: Our staff supports and guides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) as they provide unique advocacy services to children under court protection due to maltreatment. Each CASA is appointed by a judge to act as an Officer of the Court, advocates for the best interest of one child or a sibling group, and provides written reports to judges at court hearings. CASAs interview social workers, therapists, teachers, relatives and care givers, research records, and, most important, get to know the child. Our in-depth, up-to-date knowledge enables us to make assessments and recommendations to our courts and agency partners about what is best for each child. Our staff members provide ongoing supervision, guidance, training, court accompaniment, and other assistance to our CASAs. Our main office is in Easton and we have office space in the Dorchester Circuit Courthouse. As caseloads increase in complexity, we strive to ensure that our appointed children are safe and their needs are met. Our CASAs visit their children at least monthly and often more frequently. They are a consistent presence for these children, giving the message that their lives and future matter. Children often state that their CASAs are the adults who know them best and who care most about their future.

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

We welcomed 7 newly trained CASA volunteers to our program in December and are serving 100% of the children who need us! Our program has been integral in creating positive change for maltreated children for 30 years. We focus on children's strengths and needs, which can help them feel attached and connected to their community. This helps to increase their resilience, which is highly important to their health and wellbeing. Our judges emphasize the value of our input in helping them understand individual circumstances of vulnerable children, enabling them to make decisions in each child's best interest. We provided hundreds of written recommendations to our Circuit Courts in 2018 related to the best interest of our appointed children, close to 95% of which were accepted and made part of the Courts' orders. At a recent Swearing-In Ceremony for new CASAs, Talbot Circuit Court Judge Stephen Kehoe stated, "You are inspiring a child to go beyond the sadness in their life...inspiring a child to look at the long term. [I thank you for] inspiring the world, the judges and magistrates who are listening to you."

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. 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 recruitment, screening, training, and supervision of CASA volunteers as they fulfill their court-ordered advocacy for vulnerable children.

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Organization's name: Channel Marker, Inc.
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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 program 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?

Channel Marker is in the final stages of our capital campaign for our new Regional Wellness Center. The new facility at 8865 Glebe Park Drive became fully operational with client services in January 2018. We are close to completion on the new roof and expect that the client gym will be operational for our clients by the middle to end of February. The possibilities for expanded services and partnerships are limitless with this new facility. Additionally, Channel Marker will host our 2nd Annual "FUN IS GOOD FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH" fundraising event on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Waterfowl Festival building. Additionally, in April 2018, we went through our latest CARF accreditation process and were again awarded the full three year accreditation.

Describe any special needs at this time: Due to providing services in three counties on the mid-shore we are next turning our sights to making needed improvements at our Denton Program Center. We are continuing to evaluate some of the most significant needs impacting our clients and to that end continue to work to further develop our Health Home service. Our fleet needs continue to grow as it seems we are faced with an aging population and an aging fleet. Mobility and balance issues make it difficult for some of our clients to easily get in and out of our vans. Each year we will need to come up with additional funding for our client's transport needs. We are expanding many services to our clients (especially children) for which we are very excited; however, this always comes with the need to secure additional resources and funding. **ADVOCACY is critical to our service growth.**

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)
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Phone number: 410-819-0386 **Fax number:** none
Lead staff name & title: Susan Luby, Executive Director
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Mission Statement: Our mission is to develop positive character in all aspects of our lives.

Organization's fiscal year dates: January – December 2019

Describe the organization's programs & locations:

Winners Walk Tall Program; Laws of Life Essay Contest; Clark Citizenship Scholarships
In Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester County Public Schools. WWT program in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County under our supervision.

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

Character Counts Mid Shore has been joining forces with schools since 1998 to help fill the void of teaching good character with the Winners Walk Tall program. This program teaches character in ways that improve academics, students' behavior and school climate as revealed in a study done by the Maryland State Department of Education. Our trained volunteers known as Character Coaches step in with lessons based on the Six Pillars of Character – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. They become the friendly face, the mentor, the consistent figure in the students' lives throughout the school year. Kids want somebody to tell them it's OK to do the right thing and take pride in it. Our program is reaching over 8500 students at no cost to the school systems nor taxpayers. This is our 20th year!

This program is now implemented at Caroline County Career and Technology Center. Business leaders have been matched with a field of study class and the students are learning the soft skills they will need in that particular career and how the Six Pillars of Character apply in the workplace.

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, Inc.
Organization's address: 713 Dover Road, P. O. Box 1906 Easton, MD 21601
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Phone number: 410-822-4122 **Fax number:** 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 Personal Support Services (PSS) 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.

December 2017- Peter Franchot and other elected officials toured.

2018 Frequent bakery orders for Comptroller Franchot and Hospice.

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 update flooring in several homes to remove carpet and install durable vinyl to be wheel chair accessible. Contractor estimates \$10,000.00.

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 2018 assisted the Center to renovate the bathroom at our St. Michaels Road 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: 133 N. Washington, Suite A, Easton, MD 21601
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Website: www.cacckids.org
Phone number: (410)822-8061
Lead staff name & title: Cristy Morrell, Executive Director

Mission statement: To provide quality, financially accessible 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 five sites located throughout Talbot County. The **Pre School Site**, located in Easton, provides a full-day preschool program for 2-, 3-, and 4-year olds. The **School Age Site**, located in Easton Elementary School, provides before- and after-school care for PreK-5th grade. The **St. Michaels Site**, located in St. Michael's Elementary School, offers a full-day preschool program for 2- and 3-year olds, a pre-K wrap, and before- and after-school care for pre-K-5th grade. The **Cordova School Site**, located in Chapel District Elementary School, offers a full-day 2- and 3-year old preschool program, pre-K wrap, and before- and after-school care for pre-K-5th grade. The **White Marsh Site**, located in White Marsh Elementary School, offers a full-day 3-year old preschool program, a pre-k wrap program, and before- and-after school care for K-5th grade. All five sites offer full day summer camp programs. Childcare 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 four generations of families in Talbot County and has had a profound impact on the fabric of our community, having educated and enriched the lives of more than 11,000 children from varying socio-economic backgrounds. Since 1970, more than \$2.5 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 to approximately 45% of our families.

This year, CACC expanded its program at the White Marsh Site to include a much needed full-day 3-year old and a pre-K wrap program. Additionally CACC received a Community Development Block Grant so we will have new classrooms in what will be the new Easton Elementary School.

Describe any special needs at this time: CACC's tuition assistance program continues to be a priority. Looking closer at the family make up of those who most need tuition assistance, single head of household mothers comprise 37% of our families and receive over 60% (\$74,500) of our tuition assistance each year. Very often low-income mothers lack the education, knowledge, or resources to help prepare their children for kindergarten making having their children enrolled in our program, all the more essential for these families. Preparing children for kindergarten is a very important step in breaking the cycle of poverty for these families.

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 48 years.

Organization's name: The Dixon House
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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 110+ old grand Victorian House provides a warm, home-like environment for 19 seniors. Maintaining the "just like home" feeling is important to our organization's mission. We want family members to feel like their loved ones are in a homelike environment as opposed to an institutional setting. Dixon House is a vibrant place. We continue to share the stories of our residents who grace our halls in our newsletter *A View from the Porch*, including the stories of our two 99 year old residents who will be turning 100 this year and continue to run circles around the staff at Dixon House. We are grateful for the family members who engage with us in recognizing these important milestones in the lives of our residents. We want family members to feel like their loved ones are with family at Dixon House.

Describe any special needs at this time: This coming year we hope to implement improvements on the second floor of the house to match the renovations done to the first floor. Improvements will include upgrading the carpet and the wallpaper and installing heating and cooling units in each resident room, which will increase comfort and help address our aging boiler system. In addition, we need to purchase a handicapped-accessible vehicle for Dixon House which will enable us to travel more comfortably as we expand special outings for our residents. The only vehicle we currently have is a 2001 van that can only accommodate five residents at a time.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): With support from St. Mark's we were able to complete some much needed outside improvements. This past year the house's exterior window trim, front porch and wooden shutters, all 98 of them, received a much needed fresh coat of paint.

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 either Asbury United Methodist Church or Brookletts Place and maintains a Post Office Box and 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. Neighborhood safety discussions during EENA general meetings.
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. Integrating East-End Small Area Plan developed by Morgan State with plan developed by Salisbury University students.
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, Inc.
Organization's address: 300 Talbot Street, Easton, MD 21601
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Phone number: 410-822-1018 **Fax number:** 410-820-5884
Lead staff name & title: Beth Anne Langrell, Executive Director

Mission statement:

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: The Behavioral Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons is a non-profit outpatient mental health and rape crisis center that provides a full continuum of 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 speaking child and adult victims of sexual abuse and assault. The staff of clinicians and psychiatrists provides seamless Trauma Certified services for our clients. Offices 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:

Our agency has recently expanded services by adding case managers, and additional staff to meet the needs of the trauma victims of the shore. For All Seasons has also started a training academy providing expertise in Trauma Informed classrooms and workplaces, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Perinatal and Post-Partum Depressions, Suicide Awareness, Anxiety, Depression and Health Living.

Describe any special needs at this time: Beginning in February 2019 For All Seasons will begin providing school based mental health services to the Talbot County Public Schools in Dobson and Tilghman Elementary. As the only agency who provides advocacy, mental health therapy and psychiatric care to English and Spanish speaking clients *regardless of their ability to pay*, funds will be needed to help cover the co-pays of the children who will be seen by our school based clinical team members through the year. In addition to mental health services being provided, our staff will be working with teachers and administrators to develop Trauma Informed Classrooms – time spent with teachers is an unbillable hour. Funding will be use to supplement the clinical team's time.

How have you used the funding in the past and how will you use it moving forward (general operating, specific projects, etc.): The funds will be used to support mental health treatment for the underinsured and uninsured children in Talbot County schools and will provide funding to allow our clinicians to support the teachers and administrators.

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Organization's name: Habitat for Humanity Choptank
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Phone number: 410-476-3204 **Fax number:** 410-476-3709
Lead staff name & title: JoAnn Hansen, Executive Director

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 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 26 years of operation, Habitat Choptank has completed 78 homes and provided qualified buyers with 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 FY 2018, 4 homes were sold with 2 of those homes located in Easton, 1 in Cambridge and 1 in Hurlock. Currently, there are 15 homes under construction, 2 homes where construction has been completed and closings are to be scheduled, and 17 home buyers who have been accepted as full partners in the program. Full partner equates to the completion of 100 sweat equity hours and a savings of \$1,500 toward closing costs.

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

1) We are proud of our Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program, which has expanded the role that Habitat Choptank plays by addressing: a) home weatherization (projects that reduce utility bills by 15% or more), b) critical home repairs needed to address urgent safety, health or durability issues; and, c) 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 2018, Habitat Choptank completed 52 weatherization projects and 9 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. 2) We are also very proud to announce that we have begun building four of seven houses in St. Michaels, one of which is our faith build home and which congregations from the Bay 100 region are working with Habitat Choptank to fundraise and build.

Describe any special needs at this time: Addressing the pressing need for affordable housing in this community requires more resources, particularly as we see the economy continue to improve and the cost of land and materials continue to escalate.

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.

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

Organization's name: Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
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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. All clients receive services through MSCFV's Administrative Office. Services are also provided through MSCFV's Outreach Office in Kent, Dorchester, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties.

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

Between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, MSCFV served 461 victims of family violence and their 670 children. Since its inception, MSCFV has incorporated innovative programs and services to help victims of family violence move toward a life of self-empowerment and self-sufficiency. MSCFV's Pet Safety Program, with the support of the Banfield Foundation and the American Kennel Club Trust, helps victims cover the cost of needed pet supplies, vet visits, and emergency vet sheltering when needed. MSCFV can also cover the cost of pet deposits when victims are securing their own homes.

MSCFV Economic Empowerment Center, created in 2016, provides Consumer Legal Representation and services to victims of Family Violence or sexual assault to increase their ability to be economically secure, to meet their basic needs and provide for herself and her children, to leave the abusive relationship, or to negotiate their safety within the relationship. During its first 13 months of operations, 93% of the 109 family violence victims enrolled in the Economic Empowerment Center reported that the EEC improved their families' financial situation.

Describe any special needs at this time: Donations of non-perishable food for food pantries offered at all MSCFV locations.

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.

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Organization's name: MID SHORE RECOVERING VETERANS GROUP (MSRVG)
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Email address: royceball@mac.com **Web Site** www.msrvg.org
Phone Number: 443-995-5908
Lead staff name and title: Royce Ball, Co- Founder

Mission statement: To conduct activities within the Mid Shore region or otherwise provide support or services to Veterans that would inure to their general welfare and recovery.

Organization's fiscal year dates: Jan 1 – Dec 31

Describe the organization's programs & locations:

MSRVG serves the five counties of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot, Talbot being the source of the majority of referrals. MSRVG takes referrals for assistance from many sources including Veteran Service Organizations, local charities and churches and private organizations and individuals. Several fundraisers may be held throughout the year however, we enjoy several annual benefactors as well. Early in our existence we relied on word of mouth and that is still a large part of our annual receipts.

In addition to two scholarship programs, MSRVG provides non-traditional goods and services to needy Veterans. A brief vetting process confirms eligibility allowing us to provide a wide variety of items including ramps, bed and bath retrofits for handicapped, clothes and food, auto repair, home repair and so much more.

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

We were formed in 2011 but became active in 2015. Since that time we have grown, not only in our fiscal ability to provide services to Veterans, but in our name recognition and reputation as the premiere Veteran Service Provider in the five county area. We have assisted over 150 Veterans with services in excess of \$106,000.00 to date. In 2018 alone, we exceeded our total distributions from the prior seven years.

Describe any special needs at this time:

St. Marks has been a benefactor of ours for the past two years; very much appreciated. To say we have no **special** needs at this point may sound irresponsible. However, the continued support of benefactors, such as St. Marks, **is** our special need. Referrals from St. Marks are also encouraged so we can help any needy Veteran church members you may have. Your continued support allows us to continue our mission of service, to those who served us so well.

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

As stated above, we have and continue to provide for the needs of our local needy Veterans. No salaries are paid to any of our staff, we are not reimbursed for gas or food, and most of our administrative costs are out of pocket. 99% of all funds received go directly to Veterans benefits such as shoes for factory work, bicycles for local transportation to and from work, wheelchairs, handicapped retrofits in the home, ramps, heating oil, all the way up to major home repair such as roof repair.

Organization's name: Neighborhood Service Center, Inc. (NSC)
Organization's address: 126 Port Street, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: mneal@nsctalbotmd.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's mission is "works toward eliminating poverty by empowering families to be self-sufficient".

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

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 Disconnect Prevention, Emergency Food Assistance, First Month's Rent and donations of clothing, household items and furniture. All of these services are provided at the 126 Port Street location. The Ridgeway House Transitional Shelter is located at 120 North Aurora Street and provides a 90-day stay while the homeless are Case Managed to find jobs and permanent living arrangements. An extended stay at the Shelter can be granted if it is needed in order for the customer to move to self-sufficiency. The Shelter houses six (6) adults (3 female and 3 male). The Dorothy W. Black Youth Center, located on the second floor at 126 Port Street, provides an After School and Summer Program to 16 students from elementary to middle school students of low-income families.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? June 2018 we opened Webb's Hope which is a twenty-three Single Room Occupancy (SRO) rental. Everyone gets along. Most importantly; those occupying the rental were either homeless or couch surfing and are currently living self-sufficiently.

Describe any special needs at this time: Our need continues to be funding for our emergency services program which helps NSC to continue making a difference in keeping clients housed, warm, feed. Other service under this program is assistance with medication, and other emergency needs as they arise. We are also in need of volunteers both at our agency and shelter.

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 continue to be used for the Neighborhood Service Center's Emergency Service Program. These services include utility disconnect prevention, which include water bills, electric and heating of any kind and hotel placement, where customers are placed in a hotel when shelters are filled to capacity or we have a situation involving children. We incorporated birth certificates and MD Identification Cards, for those who are unable obtain employment without them. Your Church allowed our programs to reach families whom may have over income (by less than \$10.00) and did not meet income government funded programs and/or the grant would not allow NSC to fulfill the required need.

St. Mark's Mission has proven to be a staple community partner in the Neighborhood Service Center's success.

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 recently remodeled our 1970's version of an accessible apartment and made it fully accessible. This project took almost 10 months but the result is beautiful. It will become occupied 02/01.19. Currently we are in the process of making the men's and women's bathrooms in the Social Center accessible. These projects are extremely costly, both money and time, but necessary.

We are entering into our 41st 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.): Since the purchase of our new bus (almost 2 years ago), we are holding all donations in an interest bearing account to provide for any future repairs and maintenance.

Organization's name: Talbot Community Connections, Inc. (TCC)
Organization's address: P.O. Box 2615, Easton, MD 21601
Email address: asteward@goeaston.net
Phone number: 410-829-0436 **Fax number:** none
Lead staff name & title: Amy Steward, 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 third annual Senior Summit at the Talbot County Community Center. We had over 50 sponsors and 200 attendees, which included licensed social workers from all over the state raising over \$8000. Our fourth annual Senior Summit will be held June 6, 2019. To register, please go to www.talbotcommunityconnections.org.

Describe any special needs at this time: This year, we would like to provide activities through the TCCAC to young child abuse survivors and their families that help repair, strengthen and sustain relationships as they recover from the impact of that abuse. These alternative treatment modalities/interventions may include: art therapy, music therapy, mind-body practices, yoga, outdoor therapies, etc.

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, the TCC distributed \$6,200 specifically for the TCCAC. The \$1000 grant funds from St. Mark's is being used by the TCCAC for therapeutic and mental health services/ activities that help survivors of abuse and their families heal from their traumatic experiences through team-building and other activities, and snacks for children being served by the CAC.

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Organization's name: Talbot Hospice
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, and 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?

We are proud to report that in July we opened the final three rooms in our Guest Wing at Hospice House in response to community need. We now have a total of 12 beds in our residence. We are also in the midst of launching our new Home-Based Palliative Care Program. This program will serve Talbot County residents facing a chronic, life-threatening illness who wish to remain in a community setting either in their home, an assisted living facility or a skilled nursing facility. Palliative care differs from hospice care in that it can be provided at any time, regardless of the patient's life expectancy, and can be administered while the patient continues to receive curative and life-prolonging therapies. We will work with community physicians and provide consultative support.

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 19 years. The salaries and training of Certified Nursing Assistants who staff our House 24/7 are paid by donations. Donations also pay for room and board fees 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. In FY2018 Talbot Hospice provided \$747,516 worth of uncompensated care to hospice patients wherever they called home, which illustrates our need for charitable support from the community.

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 assist people in economic need, protect children and vulnerable adults, and promote the safety and well-being of the residents 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. Community partners and citizens are encouraged to view our programs and services on our website at <http://dhr.maryland.gov/local-offices/talbot-county/>.

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. This past year, both the Department and the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (which serves victims of child abuse) maintained their accreditation status with their respective accrediting bodies. Our 5-county Mid Shore regional approach continues with the Thrive@25 implementation grant, which is designed to eliminate homelessness of youth exiting Foster Care. We continue working 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. This year, we expanded Nurturing Parents, a family-centered program that promotes positive, healthy interactions between parents and children. We now have Spanish-speaking facilitators who work directly with non-English-speaking participants rather than through an interpreter. We have also added facilitators trained in working with parents of adolescents. And, we hope to expand this work in the coming year to families in recovery. This year, we were also able to expand community partnerships to build service capacity. For example, we partnered with Talbot County Public Schools and Channel Marker to add service slots for The Primary Project, a program that helps early elementary school students adjust to school, gain confidence and social skills, and focus on learning. 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 residents 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 for medical and social necessities when other resources are not available.

Organization's name: Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Inc.
Organization's address: 107 Goldsborough Street; P.O. Box 2004 Easton, MD 21601
Email address: julielowe@atlanticbb.net **Phone number:** 410-310-2316
Lead staff name and title: Julie Lowe, Executive Director

Mission statement: Talbot Interfaith Shelter is dedicated to ending homelessness on Maryland's Mid-Shore by providing Shelter, Stability, Support, and a path to Success for families and individuals in need.

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

Describe the organization's program and location: Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) is a Year-round facility serving the Mid-Shore community. We have developed a program that we call S4 (Shelter, Stability, Support, Success), which is designed to give guests access to a stable home-like environment, services, and tools that can help them break the cycle of poverty and homelessness and reclaim their independence. Once guests are accepted into Easton's Promise, they receive case management as they move through an individualized plan, eventually transitioning into one of our eight subsidized off-site apartments, where they incrementally take over expenses until they are fully self-sufficient.

Take a moment to brag:

TIS' guests had many exciting developments and successes in 2018. We had:

- Three guests who found steady employment!
 - Three babies born into a safe, stable, homelike environment (with two more on the way in 2019)!
 - Three guests who "graduated" from our S4 program into their own apartments!
 - Five individuals/families who moved from Easton's Promise into transitional housing!
 - Two guests who received permanent disability income by following the "Fran Plan"!
 - Ten graduates from our "Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World" program, which helps guests build resources and strategies toward self-sufficiency!
 - One guest accepted to the Chesapeake College School of Nursing on a full scholarship!
- One young guest who made the honor roll for the first time!

As our program expands, we will be able to assist more and more families and individuals to reach milestones such as these.

Describe any special needs at this time: One of the biggest challenges for our guests and those facing poverty in our area is a lack of low-income housing. We have found that guests who are ready to graduate out of our program and into their own housing are often unable to find anything at a price they can afford. Because of this, many of them need to stay in our transitional housing for longer periods of time. This means that guests in our shelter must wait longer to move into transitional housing, and we are unable to accept new guests into our program. Our goal for 2019 is to add more apartments to our transitional housing program, and we need substantial additional funding in order to do that.

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 2018 were used for transitioning 3 families from Easton's Promise into our transitional housing, and for continued support of the purchase of Easton's Promise. This will continue to be the focus in 2019.

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: gerson@talbotmentors.org
Phone number: 410-770-5999 **Fax number:** 410-770-5991
Lead staff name & title: Gerson Martinez, 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.

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

Describe the organization's programs & locations: Talbot Mentors' office is located in Easton, and we have a single program. For 21 years, Talbot Mentors matches Talbot County youth who are growing up in challenging situations with carting adult volunteers for long-term supportive relationships beyond a parent. Talbot Mentors provides these on-on-one mentors at no cost to the children between the ages of 6 and 18. Extensive research shows that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people by improving their behavioral, social, emotional and academic outcomes simultaneously.

Take a moment to brag. What are you most proud of in your organization at this time? We are known throughout the Mid-Shore for successfully sustaining long-term matches. Although the initial "contract" that the mentor and mentee sign is for one year of weekly get-togethers, 45% of our matches have been together for *three or more years*. We are also proud to have earned the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency in 2018.

Describe any special needs at this time: The demand for mentors is swelling, and we are preparing ourselves to be able to meet that growing need for youth mentorship in Talbot County. This includes considering additional programs beyond 1:1 mentoring which may better address the needs of older youth who did not start mentoring relationships at an earlier age.

Explain how the funds our Church has provided your organization have been and will be used (general operating, specific projects, etc.): We were fortunate to be considered an agency partner of the SMUC Mission Fund in 2018, and your \$2,000 grant has helped Talbot Mentors meet essential costs for expanding mentoring services to more youth. Your funding provided staff-hour support to update mentoring match support and supervision services: which includes group training, peer support, interagency collaboration and advocacy on behalf of youth and their families, regularly scheduled contact with youth, their parents/caregivers and mentors, and consultation with Social Worker and professional staff as needs were identified. Researchers identify these services as the hallmark of an effective youth mentoring program.

SMUMC's support for our general operations is important to our agency, especially now. Your funds will go directly toward costs related to providing training for our additional mentors and staff and allow mentoring match support and supervision services for additional youth matched in 2019; we know that in order to execute our strategic growth plan we need to continually improve the quality of our services to existing and new mentor-mentee pairs in our program. We are eager to continue to expand our footprint in Talbot County in 2019.

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Organization's name: Talbot Partnership
Organization's address: 28712 Glebe Road, Suite 5, Easton ,MD 21601
Email address: info@talbotpartnership.org
Phone number: 410-819-8067
Lead staff name & title: Jayne Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Mission statement: The mission of Talbot Partnership is to help youth have fun, feel better, do better and fit in – without drugs.

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 Hot Spot Society – 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 is very excited and proud of the growing engagement with have with our county youth. Working directly with, not just for, our youth has opened opportunities that keep them engaged and excited about what is being offered. Our new Hot Spot Society hosted the first ever New Years Dance with very positive feedback.

Describe any special needs at this time: Talbot Partnership's 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, was overseeing the agricultural center he established in Zambia. He is now serving here in the U.S. and Temba is now the leader of Mujila Falls. Our missions committee is in the process of deciding where our missionary support will go.

Mujila Falls Agriculture Center (\$5,500) This center in Zambia was originally established by missionary Paul Webster in 2000. The center 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. We originally donated \$350 each year. Since then, we've increased our giving, plus a portion of our church's apportionment goes toward our Annual Conference's commitment to Africa University. (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. When the Quiggs moved to another missions field; we are continuing support for aviation in Africa thru Wings of Caring Aviation.

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 still make occasional trips there. Kongolo Chijika is now our contact person. 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.)

Lifetime Wells International (\$3,500) In 2006, Kenny Wood started Lifetime Wells in Ghana (LWG) where over 1500 wells have now been drilled. In 2011, he expanded into Tanzania, where over 700 wells have been drilled. In 2017, LWG & Water is Life International merged to form Lifetime Wells International. (Can be found on the internet)

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/UMCOR Sunday - \$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): Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) - \$100, CCYM Scholarship - \$100, & Board of Child Care - \$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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