

UNITED WAY OF CALVERT COUNTY

IMPROVING LIVES AND BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY
...ONE SUCCESS STORY AT A TIME

BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Joe is a troubled 13 year-old, whose aggression was causing problems at home and at school. Prior to entering summer camp at *East-John Youth Center*, Joe spent most of his time playing video games. He was lacking in the skills and knowledge that would support his efforts to make friends. An outlet for children in low-income families, *East-John Youth Center's* camp provides a place of freedom and understanding, guiding youth on ways to control their anger and respect one another's differences. With the support of his counselors and fellow campers, Joe left the camp with life skills and lessons learned. Joe's mom is pleased that his behavior has improved at home, and the Camp Director, Nancy Smith, looks forward to offering him a position as Assistant Camp Counselor.

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

With the cost of living on the rise, Jacklyn agreed to move in with her nephew so they both could reduce their monthly expenses. Shortly after moving in, her nephew lost his job and moved out, leaving her responsible for all the bills. When Jacklyn first visited *Catholic Charities*, she was behind on the rent by over \$2000, making it so she couldn't afford her medication. The *Catholic Charities* staff assisted her with food support and utility assistance. They also worked closely with her landlord to secure her a more affordable apartment. Jacklyn is grateful for the peace that has come with financial stability.

FOSTERING FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

Over ten years ago, *Southern Maryland Community Network Residential Treatment Program* enrolled Fred, a schizophrenic man in desperate need of their services. When he joined, his mother had just passed away and he was living in squalor with no running water. With the support of the program he eventually learned how to cook for himself, proper hygiene, and most importantly how to communicate with the staff and his neighbors. Today, Fred is very outgoing, using public transportation on a regular basis, and working at a local supermarket. He has made many small steps to become a successful citizen of Calvert County all thanks to the support of the *Network's Residential Treatment Program*, supported by the *United Way of Calvert County*.

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