



Addressing the needs of a community hit hard.

The community of Cherry Hill, a proud, tightly knit community in South Baltimore that was already suffering from many social and health inequities, saw some of the highest rates of COVID-19 in the city shortly after the pandemic hit. Along with the threat of illness and death, residents faced another devastating consequence of pandemics—food shortages.

This motivated a group of activists to band together to address the community's many needs by hosting an event called "Mask-Up Cherry Hill." Held on December 11, 2020, the event was a partnership between Family Health Centers of Baltimore, MedStar Harbor Hospital, the Cherry Hill Development Corporation, Weller Development Company, and Cherry Hill Elementary and Middle School.

Through our collective efforts, the event generated many positive outcomes for the community. In addition to the distribution of 150 free boxes of food, 148 community members were tested for COVID-19, 30 HIV tests were performed, 37 individuals received the flu vaccine, and 700 free face masks were given out, providing Cherry Hill residents with some of the essentials needed to survive these difficult times.

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Letter from the president.

At MedStar Harbor Hospital, we value our role as an integral member of the community and are committed to doing all we can to help area residents live their lives to the fullest. During the pandemic, this role took on new meaning as we worked with our community partners to address many community needs.

Improving the lives of everyone we serve is our primary focus. It's at the heart of what we do. I thank all of you for playing a part in helping us advance this important mission.

Sincerely,

Jill Donaldson, FACHE
President,
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Planting the way to better health.



Since the adoption of its Master Green Infrastructure Plan five years ago, MedStar Harbor Hospital has worked tirelessly to create an environment that is healthy and conducive to healing. Uniquely located on the Patapsco River, the hospital has been unwavering in its commitment to expand the urban forestry canopy on its campus. In fact, since 2018, more than 150 trees have been installed thanks to the help of community partners—Blue Water Baltimore, Plisko Sustainable Solutions, and the Baltimore Tree Trust.

This work recently earned MedStar Harbor recognition, for the second time, as a Tree Campus Healthcare facility from the Arbor Day Foundation. This one-of-a-kind program aims to transform community health and wellness, and ultimately save lives, through the health benefits provided by trees.

MedStar Harbor’s Green & Wellness team has expanded on these efforts by installing an additional five native gardens, located at the hospital’s visitor, patient, and associates entrances, that serve to enhance human health as well as protect native species and the health of the bay.

“The health benefits of living in a green environment are well noted,” says Brian Gray, director of clinical support operations. “Plus, the work we are doing now will have a positive impact for generations to come.”

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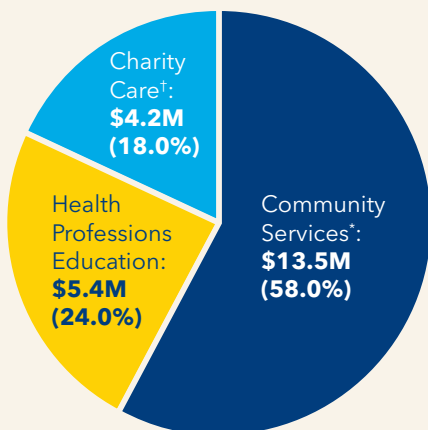
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