



# Press Release

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**Mary's Center to Launch its 2017 Energy Assistance Program in Prince George's County**  
The program will pay up to \$500 of energy and gas utilities for needy residents

Washington, DC – [Mary's Center](#) was recently awarded \$80,000 by the Pepco Holdings, Inc. Community Foundation Energy Assistance Program to help residents in Prince George's County who are experiencing financial hardship to pay for their electric and/or gas bills.

Since Pepco Holdings Inc. started funding this program at Mary's Center in 2013, the Center has provided \$240,000 in assistance to more than 300 families in need.

“Once again, our partnership with Pepco will allow us to alleviate the stress of debt that thousands of Prince George's County residents experience every year,” says Maria Gomez, Mary's Center President and CEO. “We look forward to continuing to help more families in 2017.”

The Energy Assistance Program at Mary's Center will pay up to \$500 of energy and gas utilities for applicants. To be eligible for the Program, individuals/families must reside in Prince George's County, meet income requirements, and prove financial hardship.

To be considered as a beneficiary of the Energy Assistance Program or refer someone you know, contact Angeline Jefferson at 202-545-2024 or [EnergyAssistance@maryscenter.org](mailto:EnergyAssistance@maryscenter.org).

The program will begin reviewing applications on January 20, 2017.

For more information about the Energy Assistance Program, visit [www.maryscenter.org/EAP](http://www.maryscenter.org/EAP).

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Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a [Community Health Center](#) that provides a model of care including healthcare, educational and social services to more than 36,000 individuals from over 100 countries. Using a holistic, multipronged approach, Mary's Center helps each participant access individualized services and find the path towards wellness, stable families, educational success and economic opportunities. For more information please visit us at [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).