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**Mary's Center launches Energy Assistance Program to Prince George's County residents  
The program will pay up to \$500 of energy and gas utilities**

**Washington, DC** – [Mary's Center](#) was recently awarded \$75,000 from PHI Community Foundation (a separate entity of Pepco Holdings, Inc.) to launch an Energy Assistance Program for Prince George's County, Maryland, residents. The Program will pay up to \$500 of electric and/or gas bills of families and individuals experiencing financial hardship.

"This partnership with PHI Community Foundation will allow us to alleviate the stress of debt that thousands of Prince George's County residents experience," says Maria Gomez, Mary's Center President and CEO. "And, we're excited to launch this program around the first anniversary of the opening of our site in this County.

During its first year in Prince George's County, Mary's Center has provided medical, social, and mental health services to over 5,000 residents. In addition, the Center operates a pediatric dental bus serving Prince George's County schools. The Energy Assistance Program will enhance the Center's capacity to improve the quality of life of its residents.

"I am pleased that Mary's Center has partnered with PHI Community Foundation. Both entities represent my health and human services vision which entails public/private partnerships that are making an impact in the quality of life for all Prince Georgians," said Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. The Mary's Center dental bus is another shining example of service deliver that is helping our public school students maintain their oral health. I have often said that government cannot do it alone however, fostering long standing relationships builds upon our outreach efforts and contributes to the overall health and welfare of our communities."

The program will begin reviewing participants on February 8, 2013. To be eligible for the Energy Assistance 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 Monique Perry at [mperry@maryscenter.org](mailto:mperry@maryscenter.org).

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**Mary's Center** is a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center founded in 1988 that provides comprehensive and integrated services at seven locations and two mobile units in the District and Maryland. With an annual budget of \$39.9 million in 2013, the Center projects to serve over 70,000 participants throughout the entire DC region. The mission of Mary's Center is to build better futures through delivery of health care, education and social services. Mary's Center saves lives and strengthens communities, one family at a time. [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org).