



Prince George's County Government, Not-for-Profit and Business Leaders Discuss Platforms for Increasing Health Care Access

ADELPHI, MD (Feb. 19, 2015) – The issue of increasing health care access to Prince George's County's most underserved residents took center stage today as members of the county's government, not-for-profit and business communities introduced innovative collaborations designed to expand these critical services countywide. Through grants awarded by Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, community members will have increased access to needed medical services.

Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, addressed the topic alongside representatives from the Prince George's County Health Department, Doctors Community Hospital, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Prince George's Child Resource Center and Walmart.

"No issue is more important than making quality health care accessible to those in our community who need it most," said County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "Bringing together government, not-for-profit and business resources is an essential part of achieving this objective, and I'm pleased that leaders from each of these sectors within Prince George's County are committed to working together to develop solutions to this fundamental need. I want to thank Walmart and the Walmart Foundation for their support of this important effort."

Among the highlights of the day's event was the unveiling of a mobile health clinic that will be operated by [Doctors Community Hospital](#) (DCH) in conjunction with the [Prince George's County Health Department](#). Named "Wellness on Wheels" (or W.O.W.), this mobile unit will be staffed with healthcare professionals and will travel to different locations within the county. One of its primary focuses will be to provide medical services to underserved residents who reside in communities where health disparities are higher than regional or national averages. Offering diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure screenings, medication education and other services to residents who are ages 16 and older, Wellness on Wheels will help many people prevent or better manage numerous chronic diseases that occur at elevated rates in the area.

Funding for the mobile health clinic's first year of operations is being provided by Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, which awarded a total of \$100,000 to the initiative.

"The ability to further expand our reach directly into individual communities will enable us to serve more patients, improve the clinical care that underserved communities receive and meet critical health

care needs throughout Prince George's County," said Doctors Community Hospital's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Paul Grenaldo. "We're thrilled to be working with the Prince George's County Health Department and Walmart on this program that will improve the health and the quality of lives of the populations that we proudly serve. These types of initiatives truly help the hospital reinforce its nearly 40-year mission of passionately caring about the health of our community."

The Walmart Foundation also awarded a \$50,000 grant to [Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care](#) to further its mission of building better futures by providing health care, education and social services to those Prince George's County residents who need them. Mary's Center staff works with program participants to identify their individual needs and to find multifaceted solutions to overcome their challenges.

"The issue of health care cannot be separated from other aspects of everyday life, such as housing, food, education and employment," said Mary's Center Maternal and Child Care President and Chief Executive Officer Maria Gomez. "We're dedicated to employing a holistic approach to the various interrelated factors that contribute to good health, and the funding provided by the Walmart Foundation allows us to address these considerations in an effective way to maximize positive outcomes."

Today's event was held at the Adelphi/Langley Park Support Center, a program of the [Prince George's Child Resource Center](#) that annually provides family support services to more than 1,500 families and training to more than 2,000 child care providers, parents and human services workers. The Prince George's Child Resource Center ensures that families have access to high-quality child care, adequate housing, health care and nutrition.

To promote this mission, the Walmart Foundation has donated more than \$55,000 to the center in recent years, including \$5,000 in October of 2014 to help launch the facility's new diaper bank. Walmart donated more than 8,000 diapers to the facility today to meet the growing demand for the diaper bank.

"The diaper bank is instrumental in improving the overall health and wellness of many of our program participants," said Prince George's Child Resource Center Executive Director Marti Worshtil. "The ongoing support of local governmental agencies and companies like Walmart vastly increases the number of participants we can serve and the number of lives we can improve."

Supporting the communities where it operates is among Walmart's philanthropic missions. In recent years, the company and the Walmart Foundation have donated well in excess of \$500,000 to recipients in Prince George's County.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to work with local governmental agencies and exceptional not-for-profits to help transform the lives of people in need," said Walmart Director of Community Affairs Nina Albert. "Programs like those operated by the Prince George's County Health Department, Doctors Community Hospital, Mary's Center and the Prince George's Child Resource Center provide essential services to friends, neighbors and fellow residents. It's an honor to play a part in supporting their honorable missions and promoting the outstanding work they do every day."

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts that draw on the strengths of Walmart in the arenas of sustainability, economic opportunity, and community. As part of our commitment to creating a more sustainable food system worldwide, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are leading the fight against hunger in the United States. They recently exceeded a \$2 billion goal to fight hunger one year ahead of schedule and have donated more than 1.5 billion pounds of food to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit www.foundation.walmart.com.

About Doctors Community Hospital

[Doctors Community Hospital](#) is a premier medical and surgical hospital located in Lanham, Maryland. With a mission of being dedicated to passionately caring for the health of our patients and community, the hospital has provided high-quality as well as comprehensive health care to residents of Prince George's County and the region for nearly 40 years.

A 190+ bed facility that has earned numerous [quality awards](#), Doctors Community Hospital has a wide range of specialty programs and services: [Bariatric and Weight Loss Center](#); [Cardiology Services and Outpatient Vascular Studies](#); [Center for Comprehensive Breast Care](#); [Center for Ear, Nose and Throat](#); [Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine](#); [Comprehensive Orthopedic Program](#); [Doctors Regional Cancer Center](#); [Emergency Services](#); [Infusion Center](#); [Joslin Diabetes Center](#); [Metropolitan Medical Specialists](#); [Rehabilitation Services](#); and [Sleep Center](#).

To learn more about Doctors Community Hospital or ways to support its various community health improvement initiatives, visit www.DCHweb.org or call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968).

About Mary's Center

Mary's Center is a nonprofit organization based in Maryland and Washington, D.C., with 27 years of experience providing medical, social, and education services to families throughout the region. As a Federally Qualified Health Center we provide care to over 40,000 individuals from over 110 countries, in Prince George's County alone we saw over 5,000 clients in 2014. Our [social change model](#) integrates an array of culturally competent health, education, and social services. Strengthening a family's health and job-readiness has large payoffs. For instance, prenatal care avoids the increased costs that arise from pre-term and low-weight births; childhood immunizations prevent medical costs later in life; and adult literacy programs result in higher earnings and lower education costs for participants' children. Mary's Center's holistic approach leads to healthy individuals, an increased number of stable families, and stronger communities.

To learn more about Mary's Center or opportunities to support our community development efforts, visit www.maryscenter.org or call 202-420-7051.

About Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc

Prince George's Child Resource Center helps create healthy and nurturing environments for children by supporting their families and educating their caregivers. Each year the Resource Center provides family support services to over 1,500 families and training to over 3,500 child care providers, parents and human services workers touching the lives of nearly half a million children since 1990.

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