



2021 Press Releases

Mary's Center Announces Dr. Tollie B. Elliott, Sr. as New CEO

November 9, 2021 - Today, after an extensive nationwide search, the Mary's Center Board of Directors announced Dr. Tollie B. Elliott, Sr. as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2022. Dr. Elliott has served as Mary's Center's Chief Medical Officer since 2015. He succeeds Maria Gomez, founder of the organization, who will depart at the end of 2021 after 33 years of service.

Mary's Center Receives Funding from The Rita S. Metcalfe Foundation to Promote the Child Tax Credit

October 20, 2021 - Today, Mary's Center announced funding from The Rita S. Metcalfe Foundation to help community members access their Child Tax Credit payments. Foundation Vice President Heidi Metcalfe Lewis of Silver Spring, MD will also provide in-kind support, volunteering her time to amplify these efforts.

Mary's Center Receives Healthier Kids For Our Future Grant from Cigna Foundation

October 12, 2021 - Today, Mary's Center announced they have received a \$125,000 [Healthier Kids For Our Future](#)® grant from the Cigna Foundation. This funding will provide high-quality, culturally competent nutrition counseling to 300 under-resourced caregivers and their at-risk children ages 0-17 in the State of Maryland.

Mary's Center Receives Funding from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation to Improve Access to Dental Services

September 23, 2021 - Today, Mary's Center announced a grant from the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation to provide enhanced dental services to the greater Washington, DC community. The upgrades include new state-of-the-art equipment and replacements for aging dental equipment to provide high-quality, equitable care for all.

Mary's Center Appoints Three New Board Members

September 22, 2021 - Mary's Center is proud to announce the appointment of three new board members whose expertise in healthcare, finance, and aging will enable the organization to advance its mission of building better futures through the delivery of health care, education, and social services.

Solving Hunger: Feed the Fridge Partners with Local Nonprofits, Paying Entrepreneurs to Provide Free Meals in Silver Spring, Maryland

July 19, 2021 - Feed the Fridge, the innovative approach to battling food insecurity while helping the local economy in the Washington, D.C. region, will hold a ribbon-cutting

ceremony at Mary's Center in Silver Spring (344 University Blvd. West) on July 21 at 1:30 PM, to officially open its latest fridge.

Mary's Center and Capital Area Food Bank Launch Nutrition Program for High-Risk Pregnant Women in Maryland

June 28, 2021 - Today, Mary's Center and Capital Area Food Bank announced the launch of the Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby pilot program. This supplemental food and nutrition education program, funded by UnitedHealthcare, aims to improve the overall health of Mary's Center's high-risk pregnant participants residing in Maryland.

Mary's Center and Briya Public Charter School Celebrate Three Awards from The Washington Post 2021 Top Workplaces

June 18, 2021 - The Washington Post announced that the Mary's Center & Briya Public Charter School partnership has made the list of 2021 Top Workplaces in the Greater Washington, DC area. Mary's Center President and CEO Maria Gomez was honored with the Large Workplace Leadership Award, and Mary's Center and Briya in addition to receiving the Top Workplace award were also recognized with the national Top Workplaces Woman-Led Culture Excellence Award.

At Ribbon-Cutting for Mary's Center's Vaccine Pod, Mayor Bowser Announces New Vaccine Outreach Workforce and Encourages Community Members to Join the Day of Action on June 19

June 10, 2021 - Today, Mayor Bowser joined Mary's Center and UnitedHealthcare to celebrate and cut the ribbon on their new mobile vaccination pod which is located at the Mary's Center Fort Totten Clinic in Ward 5.

Mary's Center Receives Funding from TD Charitable Foundation to Improve Access to Prenatal Care and Infant Health Outcomes

June 3, 2021 - Today, Mary's Center announced an \$80,000 grant from TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, to expand its evidence-based Centering Pregnancy program. Over a two-year period, the program will engage 250 expecting mothers who have limited access to healthcare, transportation, and social support in an innovative group care model aimed at improving pregnancy outcomes.

UnitedHealthcare Introduces First-of-its-Kind Community-Based Collaborative to Improve Health Outcomes and Equity

May 19, 2021 - UnitedHealthcare today announced a community-based initiative, Community Catalyst, that convenes a broad range of community stakeholders to identify and address specific health care needs of members of the community and residents of publicly assisted housing who are often difficult to reach and serve.

Mary's Center Appoints Two New Board Members

May 17, 2021 - Mary's Center is proud to announce the appointment of two new board members whose expertise in corporate philanthropy and education will enable the organization to advance its mission of building better futures through the delivery of health care, education, and social services.

The American Cancer Society and Pfizer Launch Health Equity Grant for Mary's Center

April 1, 2021 – The American Cancer Society and Pfizer Global Medical Grants are collaborating and have awarded a new grant of \$250,000 to Mary's Center focused on addressing prostate cancer disparities impacting Black men in Washington, DC, and Prince George's County, Maryland.

US Second Gentleman, Doug Emhoff, Visited Mary's Center

March 30, 2021 – Today, the US Second Gentleman and husband of Vice President Kamala Harris, Doug Emhoff, visited Mary's Center to see first-hand the vaccination efforts of the organization that is helping eliminate Covid-19 in the DC metropolitan region. Mr. Emhoff was joined by MD Congressman Jamie Raskin.

Mary's Center's President and CEO Announces Departure

March 25, 2021 – Today, Mary's Center President and CEO Maria Gomez, one of the founders of the organization, announced her departure after 33 years of service. Maria will leave by the end of 2021.

Mary's Center Families Benefit from Laptop Donation by Hispanic Heritage Foundation

February 12, 2021 – Today, Mary's Center announced the donation of 30 laptops by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation for inter-generational families in the Greater Washington Area. The donation is part of a national effort in partnership with NBCUniversal Telemundo Enterprises and Comcast for a total of 1,000 laptops distributed nationwide.