OUR MISSION

Mary’s Center embraces all communities and provides high-quality healthcare, education, and social services to build better futures.

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE CEO

Dear Friends,

This has been a year of firsts as we both entered new leadership roles at Mary’s Center, as Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer. Our collective 10+ years with the organization, and your support, gave us the insight and momentum we needed to hit the ground running and humbly advance the work of those who came before us.

COVID-19 continues to take precedence as we navigate new variants and pivot to administer new vaccines and booster shots to protect our community. We are proud that Mary’s Center has been on the forefront of care since the beginning of the pandemic, collaborating with government agencies and partners at the community and federal levels.

Mary’s Center has consistently been one of the first community health centers to receive shipments of vaccines as they are approved for new age groups. Access is our top priority, and we continue to offer free walk-in vaccines and boosters to all community members over 6 months old. Through June 2022, we have administered nearly 50,000 doses of the vaccine to over 27,000 people, including more than 5,000 children under 12.

In many ways, the pandemic has brought about a “new normal,” and that extends to Mary’s Center’s fundraising efforts. Earlier this year, the Board of Directors and executive leadership decided not to host the annual Mary’s Center gala in 2022. We made this choice with valued feedback from our supporters, all of whom noted the increasing costs for hosting events. By forgoing the gala, we can direct more funds to our critical healthcare, education, and social services to further our impact in the community.

We are truly grateful to everyone who strengthened Mary’s Center this past year through gifts of your time and resources. With this generosity, we launched the Maria S. Gomez Scholarship for Nursing to continue the legacy of our dear founder. Six deserving staff were selected as 2022 scholarship recipients to fulfill their aspirations of becoming a nurse and achieve economic stability.

As we look ahead, we encourage you to support Mary’s Center with an investment in better futures for our neighbors. Your donation or sponsorship will help provide the $7 million in unreimbursed medical, dental, and behavioral health care that our most under-resourced participants depend on each year.

Thank you so much for standing by Mary’s Center through our year of transitions, and we look forward to partnering with you toward our shared mission for many years to come.

Warm Regards,

Wendy Goldberg
Board Chair

Tollie B. Elliott, Sr., M.D.
Chief Executive Officer
In recognition of our efforts, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation named Mary’s Center as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Top Performer in their 2022 Healthcare Equality Index.

Learn more about our LGBTQ+ services at www.maryscenter.org/pride.

Mary’s Center is committed to creating an environment where participants of any sexual orientation or gender identity feel safe and comfortable talking about their health, their thoughts, and any unique challenges they may face. At a moment when some lawmakers are taking rights away from our LGBTQ+ community, Mary’s Center has strengthened our healthcare offerings for these participants and trained our workforce in the provision of culturally competent care.

Over the last few years, Mary’s Center has coached over 400 participant-facing staff on the principles of LGBTQ+ and Trans-Affirming Care. New patient visits for transgender participants have increased exponentially, and we established a multi-disciplinary team committed to a 12-month TransECHO program to improve and expand these life-saving services. Due to increased need, Mary’s Center also created a behavioral health service line for participants seeking LGBTQ+ affirming therapy, and a Trans/Gender-Expansive Processing Group.

Supporting Our Older Adults

As our community evolves, so has Mary’s Center. The pregnant participants Mary’s Center served in our early years are now becoming grandparents with a new set of needs as they age. In recent years, Mary’s Center has expanded our services for older adults to give them the customized, holistic care they need to thrive:

**ORAL HEALTH**

In April 2022, Mary’s Center began a new partnership with Howard University College of Dentistry to address the national oral health care crisis among older adults. Funded by the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation, the program promotes the connection between oral health and overall health and creates greater equity in the care and treatment older adults receive.

**NUTRITION**

We ensure older adults have healthy food on their plate for every meal through our “Eat Well, Live Better” Senior Nutrition Program, which has delivered over 15,000 boxes of fresh produce, whole grains, nutrition education, and wellness materials to over 800 homes since September 2020.

**VACCINES**

Mary’s Center is committed to protecting those at high risk of severe infection from COVID-19, and we have vaccinated thousands of people over age 60. We have a dedicated staff member to help older adults make appointments for vaccines and booster shots, and even coordinate free transportation to reduce barriers to care.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

Mary’s Center supports older adults in addressing the emotional challenges that arrive in later years, from job transitions to aging bodies to loss of loved ones. We offer individual therapy and wellness groups specifically for older adults at our two Senior Wellness Centers.

When I retired, I felt lost, and Mary’s Center filled that gap in my life. Mary’s Center is a family where they always treat you with respect and they don’t turn anyone away, even when you have lower income. I’ve been going to Mary’s Center for several years for their excellent primary care, psychiatry, mental health, and nutrition services, and the Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center has been my safe haven where I can do my art, gardening, nature classes, and meditation to control my anxiety. Mary’s Center has truly healed me and led me in the right direction so I can be my best self and be an advocate for other older adults.

MARY, MARY’S CENTER PARTICIPANT
LIVES TOUCHED IN 2021

In 2021, we served over 65,000 participants.

The data we are required to report to the federal government includes 52,604 individual participants, which translates to 265,373 visits. This does not include social services, education, and other programs.

OUTCOMES

Medical

- 73% Healthy birth weight (>5.5lbs)
- 79% Child immunizations for 2-Year-Olds
- 74% Pap smear in last 3-5 Years
- 58% Prenatal Care Entry – 1st Trimester

Social Services

- 100% Teen pregnancy prevention in After-School Program
- 100% College entry success in After-School Program
- 98% No cases of child abuse and neglect in Home Visiting Program
- 69% Home Visiting participants who attended their postpartum care appointment

Education

(from Briya Public Charter School, our partner in education)

- 90% Parents reading with children at home
- 92% Increased books in the home
- 60% Community and civic involvement
- 97% Parents participating in parent-teacher conferences
- 92% Preschoolers met or exceeded growth expectations from the fall to spring administration of the GOLD literacy assessment
- 98% Adult students in Child Development Associate and Medical Assistant program who passed the exam to earn their credential
Expanding COVID-19 Vaccines with Children’s Shots and Boosters

Mary’s Center continues to support our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. After CDC’s approval of the vaccine for children ages 5-11 in November 2021, Mary’s Center was one of the first health centers to receive these vaccines. Hours later, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser and former DC Health Director Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt visited our Petworth site to witness these initial child vaccinations. We have also offered third shots and booster shots to all eligible participants, and in June 2022, we began offering the vaccine to children 6 months-4 years old.

Launch of Maria S. Gomez Scholarship for Nursing

In May 2022, Mary’s Center launched the Maria S. Gomez Scholarship for Nursing, which provides Mary’s Center staff with assistance in funding nursing education programs. The scholarship continues the legacy of our founder, Maria Gomez, by helping staff fulfill their aspirations of becoming a nurse and empowering them to achieve economic stability. Six deserving staff were selected as 2022 scholarship recipients.

Celebrating 10 Years in Prince George’s County

In May 2022, Mary’s Center celebrated the 10-year anniversary of our health center in Adelphi, MD with participants, staff, elected officials, supporters, and community partners. Nearly 100 guests gathered to commemorate Mary’s Center’s impact in one of Maryland’s most under-resourced counties, with significant health disparities, limited access to care, and lack of insurance. In 10 years, we have proudly improved the quality of life of 172,436 county residents with our services.

New Community Council to Engage Participants

In 2021, we launched our first Community Engagement Council (CEC) composed of a group of participants who are actively sharing their feedback about their experience at Mary’s Center and Briya Public Charter School, our partner in education, to help us understand the needs of the community so that we can better serve them.

AWARDS

- 2022 LGBTQ Champion Award from UnidosUS
- 2022 USA Top Workplaces, Top Workplaces in the Greater Washington, DC area, and Top Workplaces in the Nonprofit Industry (in partnership with Briya Public Charter School)
- John Benjamin Nichols Award from the Medical Society of the District of Columbia
- Innovative Research in Primary Care Award from the Weitzman Institute
For the past 34 years, Mary’s Center has benefited from the caring support of individuals, foundations, and corporate partners whose philanthropic investments have made a difference in thousands of lives.

Sources of Funding in 2021

- 54% Patient Revenue
- 27% Federal & Local Grants
- 9% Other Income (including rental)
- 7% Foundation & Corporate Grants
- 3% Contributions & Fundraising

TOTALING $93M

A Day in the Life

Through Mary's Center’s Social Change Model, we look beyond just physical health as we strive to put all participants – no matter their insurance status – on the path toward a brighter future. For example, when a participant comes in for their first prenatal visit, they receive medical care and the provider also screens them for any other stressors that may affect their well-being, including mental health, food and housing insecurity, and domestic violence issues.

When the medical visit is complete, the provider can walk the participant down the hall to connect them with a therapist, enroll in WIC for food vouchers, or talk to a family support worker. By the time the participant leaves Mary's Center, they know they have the holistic support they need to overcome any challenges.

Providing a full range of care to our participants ensures healthy and stable families, but Mary’s Center is not reimbursed fully or sometimes even at all for many of these essential services. Your support can fill this gap and help our participants have the opportunity to thrive.

Legacy Giving

There are many ways to leave a legacy. Individuals that include Mary’s Center in their estate plans demonstrate a commitment to our mission and help ensure that we remain nimble and able to provide our community with quality services when they need them. With thoughtful planning, your planned gift will help families in need now and for years to come. For more information about Legacy Giving, please contact Heather Morgan, EVP of Development, at hmorgan@maryscenter.org or 202.579.6198.

Caring for Our Most Under-Resourced Neighbors

Mary’s Center is busier than ever. The adversities our community faces have multiplied since the pandemic and the need for our services continues to grow.

Our FY21 revenue of $93 million allowed us to keep up with demand and care for more than 65,000 people last year in the District of Columbia and Maryland.

We have continued to provide quality care for everyone who walks through our doors, regardless of their ability to pay. When we serve participants without insurance, Mary’s Center is not reimbursed for these expenses. A large percentage of our participants are uninsured or underinsured, adding up to approximately $7 million of uncompensated care per year.

To help offset the cost of this unreimbursed care, we rely on donations and grants. Your generous support ensures lasting outcomes across generations, as our comprehensive services help to stabilize families and break the cycle of poverty.

To learn more about how you can join us in building stronger communities, contact Heather Morgan at hmorgan@maryscenter.org or 202.579.6198, or visit www.maryscenter.org/donate.