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# Mary's Center Continues to Provide Energy Assistance in Prince George's County Through Pepco's Continued Support

# Hundreds of Families in Need Have Benefited from the Program in 11 Years

**Prince George's County, MD** — For the eleventh year in a row, Mary's Center was awarded funding from PHI Community Foundation to continue our Energy Assistance Program for Prince George's County residents in need of support with their gas or electric bills. The PHI Community Foundation strives to help families with managing their energy bills. "Pepco has been an incredible partner that truly cares about our community and their most urgent needs," says Dr. Tollie B. Elliott, Sr., Chief Executive Officer. "Their financial support has allowed Mary's Center to ensure families facing financial challenges can heat their homes through the winter."

Each year, Mary's Center receives \$80,000 for the program from Pepco. The 2023 cycle opened in February 2023 and is still meeting with participants and accepting applications.

Donna Cooper, Pepco region president, shares: "We stand by our commitment to provide affordable and reliable electricity equitably and inclusively to the communities where we live and work. The partnership with Mary's Center is reflective of the importance of working collaboratively on shared missions and priorities—which maximizes the level of assistance that can be provided to the communities we are both privileged to serve."

This one-time emergency program is meant to help individuals pay a portion of their household's heating/electric bill. In total, Mary's Center has helped over 500 Prince George's County residents.

The funding from the PHI Community Foundation is raised through their Annual Pepco Golf Classic. To learn more about our Energy Assistance Program, click <a href="here">here</a>.

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## **About Mary's Center**

Mary's Center is a community health center serving over 65,000 people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds in the Washington, DC metro area for 35 years. With an integrated model of health care, education, and social services, Mary's Center offers each participant individualized care on the path toward good health, stability, and economic independence. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.maryscenter.org">www.maryscenter.org</a>.