

DID YOU KNOW?

When a community joins hands, everyone wins.



Many in the Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia area face challenges everyday that hinder them from living the normal lives that most take for granted. Read below and discover the alarming needs in our community.

FAST FACTS

- Almost 20 million low-working families spend more than half their income on rent and/or mortgages
- 2.2 million mortgages are currently in default
- A person with a full-time job would need to earn an hourly wage of \$18.46 in order to afford a modest, two-bedroom rental at Housing and Urban Development's national average fair market rent
- Nearly 65% of households with incomes under \$25,000 have less than \$500 in emergency savings, while in households with incomes between \$25,000 and \$50,000, only 38% have more than \$500 available
- Nearly 25% of low-income individuals don't have checking accounts, and the percentages increase dramatically for ethnic minorities and immigrant populations
- Almost 25 percent of adults in the United States earn less than \$27,000 annually in jobs that offer no healthcare, vacation, or paid sick leave and little opportunity for advancement
- 20% of high school students reported being bullied on school property
- 25% of public schools reported that bullying occurred among students on a daily or weekly basis. A higher percentage of middle schools reported daily or weekly occurrences of bullying compared to primary and high schools
- Approximately 4% of 12- to 18-year-old students reported having been cyber bullied during the school year

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION

- Approximately 27,000 homes have been foreclosed upon
- An employee making minimum wage in the national capital area would have to work 153 hours a week to afford the fair market rent for a two bedroom apartment

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

- 1 in 6 children under 18 is at risk of hunger
- 30,000 children live in poverty
- 12.5% of residents do not have health insurance
- 18.1% of residents, age 5 and older have a disability

ALEXANDRIA

- More than 3,000 people in Northern Virginia are homeless, 10% of these live in Alexandria

ARLINGTON

- 10.5% of children live below the poverty level
- 9.4% of students drop out of high school

FAIRFAX

- 7.9% of students drop out of high school
- 5.6% of people live below the poverty level
- 10.6% of residents do not have health insurance

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LOUDOUN

- There are more than 40,000 uninsured residents living in Loudoun County
- Nearly 8,000 people in Loudoun County live on an income of \$20,000 to support a family of four
- 6.1% of students drop out of high school

PRINCE WILLIAM

- More than 130,000 residents do not have health insurance
- 9.4% of students drop out of high school
- 6.0% of people live below the poverty level

MARYLAND

- Last year 2-1-1 Maryland answered 240,000 calls around basic needs such as food, shelter, eviction prevention and financial assistance for prescriptions
- 9.2% of people live below the poverty level
- 12.5% of residents do not graduate high school
- 14.5% of births were to women who had completed fewer than 12 years of education

MONTGOMERY

- 1 in 6 children under 18 is at risk of hunger
- 8.9% of students do not graduate high school
- 6.7% of people live below the poverty level

PRINCE GEORGE'S

- Approximately 1 in 4 children under 18 is at risk of hunger
- 12% of residents have poor health
- 4.6% of homes have been foreclosed upon
- 7.8% of people live below the poverty level
- 13.9% of students do not graduate high school
- More than half of the children living in Prince George's County are considered overweight and obese and nearly 70% of adults weigh in at the obese or overweight level

WASHINGTON DC

- Nearly 1 in 2 children under 18 is at risk of hunger
- In seven out of the eight wards in the city, residents are closer to fast food restaurants than large grocery stores, which could have a negative impact on residents' health
- 32% of children live below the poverty level
- 22% of students do not graduate high school
- 19% of residents receive food stamps
- 17% of residents live below the poverty level
- 11.9% of residents are unemployed

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WARD 1

- Over 40% of single-family home and condominium sales resulted from foreclosure completions or owners selling under distress
- 12% of people receive food stamps

WARD 2

- 6.0% of residents are unemployed
- 5.0% of residents receive food stamps

WARD 3

- 3.2% are unemployed

WARD 4

- 9.8% are unemployed

WARD 5

- 15.8% are unemployed
- Residents have to travel far to gain access to a public library. This distance can make it hard for residents to continue to succeed in their education

WARD 6

- 67% of children are living below the poverty level

WARD 7

- Nearly 20% of people are unemployed
- Residents have to travel far to gain access to a public library. This distance can make it hard for residents to continue to succeed in their education
- Over 40% of single-family home and condominium sales resulted from foreclosure completions or owners selling under distress
- 35% of residents receive food stamps

WARD 8

- Ward 8 public schools have the lowest average share of students testing at required standards, only 33% in reading and 32% in math
- Over 28% of residents are unemployed
- Residents have to travel far to gain access to a public library. This distance can make it hard for residents to continue to succeed in their education
- Over 40% of single-family home and condominium sales resulted from foreclosure completions or owners selling under distress
- 45% of residents receive food stamps