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The Donor Newsletter of Chase Brexton Health Care



A CHASE BREXTON HEALTH CARE
FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM

Chase Brexton Combats Hunger with the **EVERY MEAL MATTERS** Program

For many of us, hunger and food insecurity have not been challenges that we have had to face. But hunger is a devastating reality for many of our patients and many people in our communities.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Chase Brexton is able to provide affordable health care to everyone in our community, regardless of one's ability to pay. While this further supports our mission and vision, the reality is that we see patients in need at our centers.

In 2021, 96% of our patients were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)—and 71% at or below 100% of the FPL. Looking at these statistics, it was important to find a way to make a difference in the lives of patients who were facing these barriers.

Additionally, COVID-19 increased job losses, impacted health conditions, and led to a staggering number of deaths, which has exponentially increased the number of community members who are food insecure. Currently, there are more than 619,000 food insecure Marylanders—a 27% increase since the onset of the pandemic.

While these numbers can be overwhelming, hope is on the horizon. Chase Brexton Health Care recently became a Distribution Partner of the Maryland Food Bank to create its Every Meal Matters Food Distribution Program. Through this routine distribution program, we are able to dispense 4,000 pounds of food each month at our four centers in Baltimore, Columbia, Glen Burnie, and Randallstown. In 2022, this program is anticipated to provide healthy food to more than 2,400 families in our community.

Get a Taste of Giving

A donation of \$25 will allow us to give a family of four a week's worth of healthy, supplemental food. In addition, we rely on volunteers to make this program possible. If interested in volunteering, please reach out to Development Manager **Raven Coleman** at RColeman@ChaseBrexton.org or visit ChaseBrexton.org/Give/Volunteer.



President & CEO's Update

Author, activist, and civil rights leader Coretta Scott King once said, "the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." These powerful words are in the forefront of my mind when I think of the incredible dedication and support that comes from our Chase Brexton family.

Guided by our new mission—to provide compassionate and integrated high quality health care that honors diversity, addresses health inequities, and advances wellness in the communities we serve—we intend to make a difference in the health and lives of our patients and communities and further shape the success of our organization as we reach for new heights.

We are growing in many new and important directions. We will be relocating our Randallstown Center to the second floor of the former Montgomery Ward adjacent to the Security Square Mall in 2023. This move will allow us to provide greater access for our current patients, while opening our doors to more people who need our care. The Board of Directors has committed to support the project cost up to \$7M, hoping to raise \$3M through community support; an accomplishment that will not be possible without you and the patients and communities we serve! In addition, we successfully launched two new programs: the Institute for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Every Meal Matters. Both of these programs will help to improve our communities and create a healthy, thriving environment for everyone. These two new programs will be supported in part from the overwhelming success of our annual gala organized through Co-chairs, Castle Hosts, Committee Members, and the 350 attendees.

As we look to the future of our organization, we celebrate our mission, the support, and the accomplishments that have contributed to our success. From the people who depend on us for their health care, to our employees who give their all to our patients each and every day, to the Board of Directors for their volunteerism, to the members of our Chase and Legacy Societies who donate graciously to our organization, we appreciate you. Together, we can make every compassionate action count.

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Mutch
President & CEO



SAVE THE DATE!

Backpacks for Back-to-School

Now – September 9

Bring your child in for a medical checkup and get a free backpack filled with school supplies (while supplies last).

Thanksgiving Drive

Accepting toiletries from September 15 – November 15. Contact Andy Zipay at AZipay@ChaseBrexton.org for more information.

#GivingTuesday

Tuesday, November 28

Celebrate the day of giving by making a gift to Chase Brexton at ChaseBrexton.org/Give.

World AIDS Day

Wednesday, December 1

Follow the POWER Project, Chase Brexton's HIV screening, testing, and prevention program, at Facebook.com/CBHCPower to learn how you can get involved.

Spring Festivities

Stay tuned for upcoming plans for the reimagining of our spring special event.

Visit ChaseBrexton.org/Calendar for a complete calendar of events.

We're Relocating Our Randallstown Center!

If you or someone you know would be interested in increasing access for our Baltimore County community, please contact Director of Development Alexa Milanytch at 410-837-2050 x1144.



Donor Spotlight: Karen Bellesky

Karen Bellesky joined Chase Brexton as our first registered dietitian in 1992—at the height of the AIDS crisis.

For the next twenty-three years, Karen’s incredible passion and commitment drove her to give endlessly of her time, talents, and treasure to Chase Brexton as a Registered and Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist, a grant writer, massage therapist, and friend. Though she left in 2015, her contributions still shine brightly, and Karen remains a cherished supporter of Chase Brexton to this day.



We could always count on Karen.

▪ *David Shippee, Former Chase Brexton CEO*



When reminiscing about the 90s, it was a true community of like-minded, caring, compassionate, and selfless people and Karen, you were a huge part of this. The great work continues that you helped to set in motion many years ago.

▪ *Jeff Klug, Former Chase Brexton Health Care Behavioral Health Employee*



Karen has a passion for her work and caring for people; she was a fabulous colleague and to this day she’s still a friend.

▪ *Maddy Feinberg, Former Chase Brexton Pharmacy Employee*



Karen Bellesky was one of those people who was always most willing to do those extra jobs.

▪ *David Haltiwanger, Former Chase Brexton Behavioral Health Employee*



She was a consummate professional and was dedicated to her patients.

▪ *Paul Fowler, MD & Franklin N. McNeil, Jr., Gala Committee Members & Former Board Members*

Updates from The Chase Society

The Chase Society is a program established to recognize individuals and family foundations who have donated \$5,000 or more over their lifetime, and corporations which have donated \$100,000 or more.

EMERALD LEVEL

In FY21, we welcomed two of our own employees as Chase Society donors at the Emerald Level of \$5,000:

Deb Dunn
Jennifer Mayhew

SAPPHIRE LEVEL

In FY21, we welcomed a member who has donated \$10,000 or more in his lifetime:

John Chrisman

RUBY LEVEL

In FY21, we welcomed two members who have donated \$50,000 or more in their lifetime:

Direct Relief
Karen Bellesky

Join The Chase Society

Want to support our mission and join the giving individuals, foundations, and corporations who are part of The Chase Society? Visit ChaseBrexton.org/Give to make your donation today.





INTRODUCING Patrons of Equity Donor Recognition Program

The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity is excited to announce a donor recognition program called Patrons of Equity. This special program is designed to formally recognize those who support the Center by becoming a recurring monthly donor at the \$100+ level.

Donors will be recognized as part of The Chase Society of Chase Brexton Health Care, and will be eligible for additional recognition at the different levels within this Society: Emerald, Sapphire, and Ruby.

Funds raised through this program will support **THE MISSION** of the Center which includes:

- Ending discrimination, stigma, bias, and misinformation in our health care systems through health care provider training and education.
- Reducing fear and mistrust of health care systems within the LGBTQ community through affirming and informed health care services.
- Improving health benefits for LGBTQ people through workplace training and public advocacy.
- Promoting the health care needs and rights of LGBTQ people through advocacy.

Upon joining the Patrons of Equity program, donors will receive the following **BENEFITS**:

- A Patrons of Equity lapel pin
- Scheduled time with the Executive Director of the Center for LGBTQ Health Equity and other senior leadership team members
- Special invitations to exclusive events and programs
- Recognition at our annual donor reception



The Patrons of Equity Program Launches October 11!

We're celebrating National Coming Out Day with the launch of our new recurring donor program. Make your contribution today and help us beat our goal!



Gala Raises a Record-Breaking **\$340,000**

We are celebrating! This year's Chase Brexton Health Care Gala, "Six: From Monarchy to Musical to Maryland," raised a record-breaking, goal-surpassing, astounding sum of \$340,000. Proceeds raised from the uniquely royal event benefit our two newest programs, the Every Meal Matters Food Distribution Program and the Institute for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion of Chase Brexton Health Care. Each benefitting program received \$107,146 towards programming.

Your support means that we are able to provide:

- **4,285 boxes of healthy, non-perishable groceries**, gifted to Chase Brexton patients in need. Each box is designed to feed a family of four for a week.
- **1,071 comprehensive, interactive equity, diversity, and inclusion training sessions** for Chase Brexton team members. Training topics will include implicit bias, understanding microaggressions, and how to deliver culturally competent care.

We are deeply grateful for our Gala Committee Co-chairs, the Gala Committee, and our Castle Hosts for your steadfast support of our mission and active participation in the 12-month planning process.



CASTLE HOSTS:

Catherine of Aragon Castle

Sanjeev & Leena Dev

Anne Boleyn Castle

Jamie Merida & Vincent Bochín

Jane Seymour Castle

Mark & Mary Blake Foster

Anne of Cleves Castle

Mahro Ershadi & Mo Ghorbanpour

Catherine Howard Castle

Jennifer Navabi, Paulo Fernandez, and Special Guest Annapolis' Mayor Gavin Buckley

Catherine Parr Castle

Anthony Evans & Kevin Sowers, RN

PRESENTING SPONSOR



DIAMOND SPONSORS



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SAPPHIRE SPONSORS



Gala Committee Co-Chairs

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LifeStyle Architect
Fiancé of Kevin W. Sowers,
President of the Johns Hopkins
Health System

Yvette Oquendo, MD

Medical Director
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

Gala Committee Members

Hosanna Asfaw-Means

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

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Devaney & Associates

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Paul Fowler, MD

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Retired Baltimore City
Public School Teacher

Ben Galloway

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Becky Koser

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PNC Bank

Jamie Merida

Jamie Merida Interiors

National Honor Our **LGBT Elders** Day Celebration

On May 17, we recognize National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day! This year, we celebrated virtually by sharing our own stories and showing gratitude and thankfulness for those who came before us—the incredible individuals who created the path, shone the light, and led the way for all of us today. Visit [@LGBT EldersDay](https://www.facebook.com/LGBT EldersDay) on Facebook to learn more about the day of awareness and appreciation.



MEET AYA SHUMAN

Executive Director of the Institute for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Chase Brexton Health Care

On January 3, 2022, Aya Shuman joined our Senior Leadership Team as the Executive Director of the Institute for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at Chase Brexton Health Care. Aya came to Chase Brexton with extensive experience working with at-risk populations—seeking to lessen health disparities and environmental, socio-economic, and behavioral deterrents to health.

Her background and experience are steeped in health equity within the federal, state, and local levels, including serving as a member of the Stakeholder Engagement Staff within the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Office of the Commissioner/Office of External Affairs, where she served as Health Programs Coordinator. While there, she worked closely with all FDA Centers and Offices across the entire Agency and coordinated stakeholder engagement activities with the FDA Commissioner, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and other FDA leadership.

Additionally, Aya served as the Stakeholder Engagement Lead within the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). At CMMI, Aya forged key partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and led strategies to improve upon the stakeholder experience through Communities of Practice, targeted outreach efforts, and the cultivation of strong relationships with key stakeholder organizations.

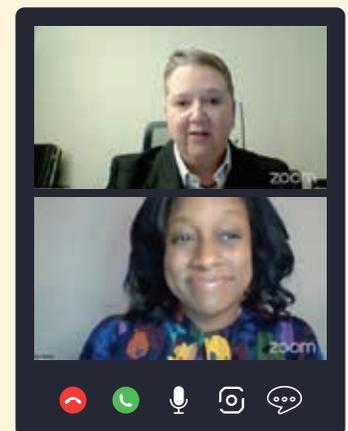
Her educational achievements include a Master of Science in Nutrition and Integrative Health and a Master of Science in Health Promotion from the Maryland University of Integrative Health.

Since coming on board in January 2022, Aya has quickly become an integral team player in strengthening our mission and commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Currently, she is working on a strategic plan for the Institute that will focus on ensuring the freedom, security, and well-being of Chase Brexton’s patients, teams, and communities.

Chase Brexton Staff Take Part in the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus Event

On January 19, 2022, Chase Brexton Health Care’s Executive Director of the Center for LGBTQ Health Equity Sam McClure and Executive Director of the Institute for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Aya Shuman, attended the 7th Annual Community and Legislative Priority Night, hosted by the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus.

Sam and Aya’s presentation expressed support for Senate Bill 150, Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults, and reminded Caucus members of Chase Brexton’s commitment to foster robust stakeholder engagement. With the goal of becoming a hub for innovative collaboration around the topic of equity, diversity and inclusion, Sam and Aya invited the Caucus to join us in our EDI efforts and to look to us to serve as a trusted partner going forward. Thank you, Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus, for having us!





Pictured (l-r): Dr. James Griffin, Staff Psychologist, Mt. Vernon Center; Lauren Vaszil, Assistant Director, Behavioral Health, Mt. Vernon Center; Tiffany Wrona, Assistant Director, Behavioral Health, Randallstown Center; Meika Byam, Staff Therapist, Columbia Center; Andy Tompkins, Staff Therapist, Columbia Center; Christina Daly, Director of Social Work and Outreach, and David Idemudia, Staff Therapist, Glen Burnie Center.

Behavioral Health Staff Members Attend National Conference for Mental Wellbeing

Several members from our Behavioral Health staff and our Social Work and Outreach Department attended NatCon22, a national convention on mental health and substance use presented by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing.

The conference was held on April 11 through April 13 at National Harbor, and our staff attended seminars on topics ranging from federal policy, peer support work, leadership, diversity, equity, and inclusion in relation to trauma, school-based mental health, LGBTQIA+ topics, and much more.

How and Where Your Donation was Used

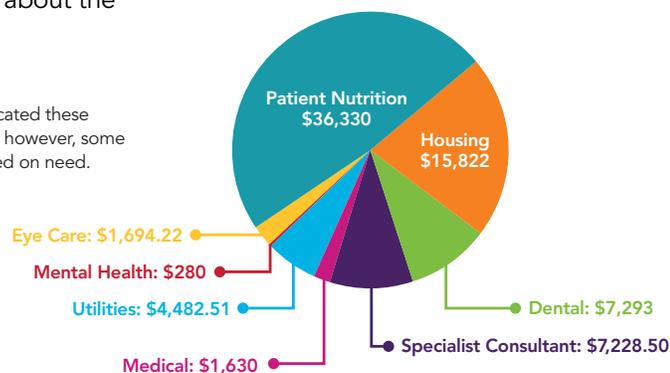
Since the start of 2022, your gifts to our Hope Lives Here program have helped more than 1,892 of Chase Brexton's most vulnerable patients get the care and wraparound services they need to take control of their health. Thank you for making a difference. Go to [HopeLivesHereMaryland.org](https://www.HopeLivesHereMaryland.org) to learn more about the program or to renew your support today.

Hope Lives Here Report:

*CY2022 January through June
Does not include uncompensated care

	CY2022*	CY2021
Columbia	\$3,405.00	\$8,400.00
Easton	\$0	\$0
Glen Burnie	\$6,741.00	\$8,014.00
Mt. Vernon	\$60,814.23	\$123,965.97
Randallstown	\$3,800.00	\$10,998.00
Total	\$74,760.23	\$151,377.97

Hope Lives Here has allocated these funds across all locations; however, some funds were not used based on need.





B'More Healthy Expo

On March 26, the POWER Project and the Mobile Testing Unit were on the floor of the Baltimore Convention Center offering free HIV testing, PrEP consultations, and giveaways during the 13th Annual B'More Healthy Expo.

It was a busy day for the team, as they completed 41 HIV tests, distributed more than 900 COVID-19 testing kits, and spoke with an estimated 500 people about PrEP and STIs.

Leading the Way for "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality"

Chase Brexton Health Care was once again named a "Leader in LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality" by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the nation's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization. The designation was reported in the recently released 2022 edition of the Healthcare Equality Index (HEI).



Chase Brexton was one of only two Maryland health care providers, and 496 nationwide, to earn the honor.

See How We're Paving the Way

You can read more about this prestigious recognition at ChaseBrexton.org/Blog.



Need to Reach Us?

Call us at 410-837-2050 to make an appointment at the location most convenient for you or to get in touch about after-hours care.

Chase Brexton Board of Directors

Our Board provides guidance on all aspects of Chase Brexton's growth. We are extremely grateful to our Board of Directors for their commitment to Chase Brexton:

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LOCATIONS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Glen Burnie Center
200 Hospital Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

TALBOT COUNTY
Easton Center
500 Cadmus Lane
Suite 203
Easton, MD 21601

BALTIMORE COUNTY
Randallstown Center
3510 Brenbrook Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

BALTIMORE CITY
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1111 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

HOWARD COUNTY
Columbia Center
5500 Knoll North Drive
Suites 370 & 400
Columbia, MD 21045

Chase Brexton Health Care is also the provider of primary care services at Sheppard Pratt's Way Station, as well as the MICA Student Health Center.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE AND INTEGRATED HIGH QUALITY HEALTH CARE THAT HONORS DIVERSITY, ADDRESSES HEALTH INEQUITIES, AND ADVANCES WELLNESS IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.