

# HOPE LIVES HERE

The Donor Newsletter of Chase Brexton Health Care

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE THAT HONORS DIVERSITY, INSPIRES WELLNESS, & IMPROVES OUR COMMUNITIES.

## SAVE THE DATES



**Back-to-School Drive**  
June 5 – September 8  
All CBHC locations



**Charm Ball**  
Saturday, September 23  
B&O Railroad Museum

*Our annual corporate gala benefiting the Hope Lives Here fund.*



**Hispanic Health Festival & Resources**  
Saturday, September 30

Heritage Community Church,  
Anne Arundel County  
*Glen Burnie's pediatrician, dentist, and family practice providers participating in health screenings for the community.*



**Doors Open Baltimore**  
Saturday, October 28  
Mt. Vernon Center

*In partnership with the Baltimore Architecture Foundation, our historic building in Mt. Vernon opens its doors to visitors to raise awareness about our efforts.*

*More on these events and dozens more at [www.chasebrexton.org/about-us/news/events](http://www.chasebrexton.org/about-us/news/events)*

## PLAYING OUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY: PREPARING CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL

In 2016, *The Baltimore Sun* reported that Baltimore County excluded nearly 600 students from school for failing to meet a deadline for required vaccinations. In response, Chase Brexton Health Care created the **Back-to-School** drive for families with low to moderate incomes.



During the initiative, Chase Brexton clinical staff administers all necessary vaccinations to school-aged children and, as an incentive to parents to schedule the well-child visits, students receive free age-appropriate backpacks filled with school supplies.

"Studies show there is a correlation between health and school performance. At Chase Brexton, we want to ensure that our children are healthy and prepared for school," said Dr. Olufunke Pickering, pediatrician at the Randallstown Center.

"This initiative also helps parents feel some small relief from the burden that often comes with back-to-school planning," added Deborah Thomas, Programs Analyst in Chase Brexton's Population Health Department.

Last year, the drive reported in a three-fold increase in pediatric patients seen during the eight week initiative: from 209 in 2015 to 626 pediatric patients in 2016.

Although the 2016 initiative was a success, there are still thousands of children in need. In Baltimore County and Baltimore City, for example, 11.7 percent and 34.1 percent of school-aged children live below the poverty level, respectively.

To account for this need, we've expanded this year's Back-to-School drive to 14 weeks, created educational handouts on healthy eating and dental care, and enhanced the program's visibility through advertising.

You can support the Back-to-School drive with a donation to Chase Brexton. Together, we can prepare our students for a successful school year and strengthen the health of our communities. 



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# WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

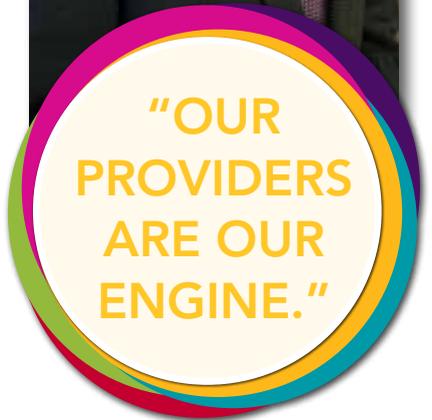
Chase Brexton's success is driven by the exceptional care our team of talented and committed health care providers offer our patients. It is an understatement to say that our providers and health care teams work extremely hard; what they do is extraordinary.

Caring for our more than 30,000 patients, our teams are adept at helping patients with complex health histories, multiple chronic conditions, and limited resources. About 20% of Chase Brexton's patients remain uninsured, even more are underinsured, and 97% of our patients are at or below 200% of the federal poverty line.

In this edition of our donor newsletter, I'm proud to highlight the efforts of our providers and the impact they have on our communities. Whether it's Dr. Olufunke Pickering caring for her pediatric patients in Randallstown, Brittany Yerkes raising awareness about HIV/AIDS on the Eastern Shore, or Dr. Yvette Oquendo, now retired from clinical practice, continuing to give forward to Chase Brexton's patients, our providers and health care teams are critical to our mission. Indeed, our healthcare providers are our engine.

But, they and I know one more vital facet to achieving Chase Brexton's mission: you, our donors. Your support enables our providers to ensure patients receive prescriptions, emergency rent, and so many other healthcare essentials our patients may otherwise be without. It is because of you that this year 127 patients have access to essential health resources. I encourage you to know where your contributions have gone and who you've helped (see below). Thank you for supporting our programs and, in doing so, enhancing the outstanding work of our gifted providers.

Sincerely,  
Patrick F. Mutch  
President and Chief Executive Officer



The Chase Society was created to recognize donors like Dr. Yvette Oquendo (see page 3), who have given generously, either through a one-time gift or over their lifetime.

You, too, can build up your support for Chase Brexton. In return, we will be happy to acknowledge your contribution.

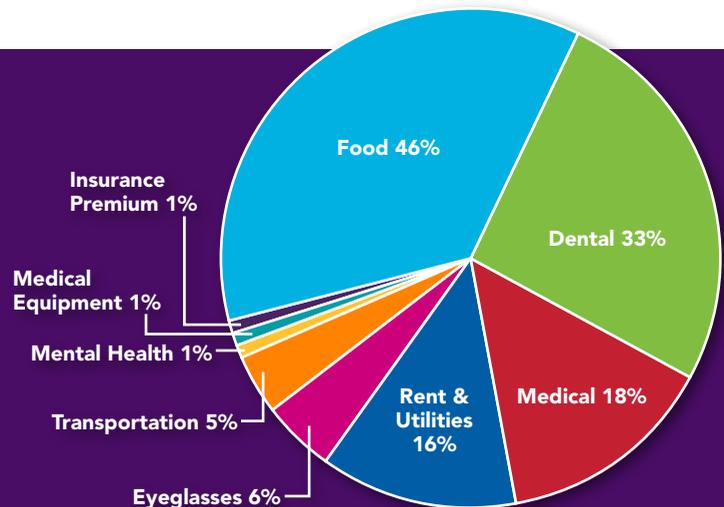
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## HOW AND WHERE WAS YOUR DONATION USED

The Hope Lives Here program's goal is to expand assistance to all our Chase Brexton sites. Year-to-date, you helped 127 patients receive needed care. Thank you!

There are hundreds more in need of your generosity. Please continue to support your community, today.

	CY2016	CY2017
Columbia	\$18	\$1,767.95
Easton	\$0	\$0
Glen Burnie	\$0	\$139
Mt. Vernon	\$5,578.72	\$11,768.85
Randallstown	\$318	\$2,482.06



## WHY I GIVE: DR. OQUENDO'S STORY



"I am a family physician who has had the honor to live and work in Howard County for 27 years.

Like many people, HIV and AIDS have touched me in a very personal way. In 1999, my sister passed away due to medical discrimination because she was HIV-positive. I also have a brother who, today, is surviving AIDS and lives a healthy, productive life, thanks to the wonderful health care he has received. I've always been inspired by Chase Brexton's deep-rooted history in the care of HIV and AIDS patients, so, in 2008, I jumped at the opportunity to join Chase Brexton's Columbia Center.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Chase Brexton serves a very vulnerable population that is often neglected by traditional health care systems. I GIVE to Chase Brexton because I have personally experienced how donations like mine help people in our communities achieve optimal health. And, even though I am now retired from the clinical side of medicine, I will continue to GIVE to Chase Brexton because I believe in the mission: to provide compassionate, quality health care that honors diversity, inspires wellness, and improves our communities."

Yvette Oquendo, M.D.

## SPRING/SUMMER 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



**March 7:** The Joint Commission accredited Chase Brexton Health Care for another 3 years with the Gold Seal of Approval®, affirming that our organization meets rigorous performance standards in delivering quality, safe care.

**April 18:** All four Chase Brexton pharmacies completed the installation of a new pharmacy computer system: McKesson's EnterpriseRx®. The new software is a major advance in the pharmacies' ability to manage workflow and inventory, decrease patient wait times, and improve medication safety.



**April 27:** Our Glen Burnie Center hosted a community open house to unveil its latest expansion, which includes new dental, behavioral health, substance abuse, and pharmacy services.

**May 7:** The 2017 AIDS Walk and Run Baltimore, presented by Quest Diagnostics, raised nearly \$100,000 to support our HIV and AIDS prevention, outreach, and testing services. Special thanks to the team captains and volunteers!



**May 16:** Members of the LGBT community gathered at The Eagle for our second annual National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day celebration. Guests shared moving stories about the LGBT elders who made a difference in their lives.

**June 6:** Case managers Andy Zipay and Anne Kohlar visited Earl's Place, a men's transitional housing program in Baltimore, to learn about the shelter's in-take process, tour the facility, and raise awareness about the services offered at Chase Brexton.



**June 17:** Over 65 Chase Brexton friends and staff participated in Baltimore's Pride Parade, joining more than 100 groups and organizations in celebrating LGBT culture and pride.

**June 18:** Chase Brexton's LGBT Health Resource Center hosted the first-ever Elder Pride celebration at Baltimore's Pride festivities. Elders and youth alike proudly signed a timeline to mark the year they came out, and learned about elder LGBT services offered by the center.



**June 27:** Chase Brexton's Easton Center participated in a regional HIV care and treatment planning meeting hosted by the Maryland Department of Health. Chase Brexton continues to serve as the primary provider of HIV care on the Eastern Shore.



## COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING & FRIEND-RAISING

Thanks to the dozens or hundreds of people who participated in a single event or campaign to support our mission.

**June 13, 2017 from Bill Quigley:** "Thank you to everyone who showed up for our dear friend Lindsay Brooke Kowalchek's memorial last May. We were able to raise a whopping \$1,365 for Chase Brexton Health Care! Hopefully a little good came of something so tragic. I'm so grateful for all your donations and to all of our sponsors. I know Lindsay is smiling on us."

**June 28, 2017:** 2017 Charm Ball Gala Chair William Gilmer hosted a VIP Reception, along with our six Charm Ball Table Captains, at Spirits of Mt. Vernon to motivate others to volunteer and organize a table of 10 for the corporate gala. Chase Brexton's COO Michelle Barrera, not only informed guests of our community partnerships, but committed to organizing two tables for the Ball. 📍

If you would like to host your own fundraiser or friend-raiser, contact Alexa Milanytch at [amilanytch@chasebrexton.org](mailto:amilanytch@chasebrexton.org). We are happy to provide you with resources and materials, and we thank you in advance for your initiative!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL SPONSORS



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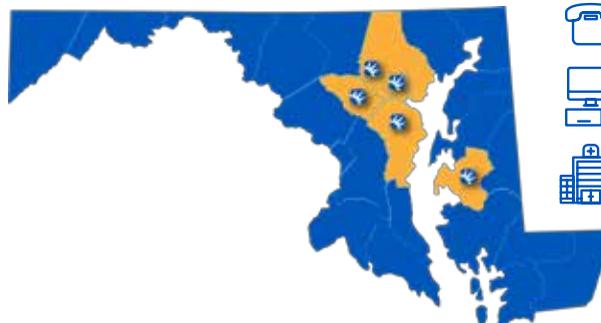
*Supporting Patients of Chase Brexton  
Health Care in Our Community*

Hope Lives Here is a NEW membership program for community members like you who believe in Chase Brexton's mission. To join, simply make a minimal annual donation – as little as \$10 a month – to help bring high quality health care to our community members in need. Plus, members earn great rewards all year long!

Visit [HopeLivesHereMaryland.org](http://HopeLivesHereMaryland.org) to join now.

## ABOUT CHASE BREXTON HEALTH CARE

Chase Brexton Health Care is a primary care provider serving a diverse group of patients at our five centers in **Baltimore City, Randallstown, Columbia, Glen Burnie** and **Easton**, and as provider of student health services at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A Joint Commission-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Chase Brexton Health Care provides a range of clinical services from primary medical care to behavioral health services to pharmacy. Our 400 staff members work as a team to put patients at the center of their own care, empowering them to live their healthiest lives.



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