



# HOPE LIVES HERE

*The Donor Newsletter of Chase Brexton Health Care*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day

**Thursday, May 16, Center Stage**

*Thank the generations who led the way at our annual National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day celebration! Get more info and buy your pin at [www.LGBTeldersday.org](http://www.LGBTeldersday.org).*

### 2019 Rainbow Fun Run

**Saturday, June 1, Winterplace Park**

*Join our Easton Center staff at the 2019 Rainbow Fun Run & Walk hosted by the Lower Shore LGBTQ Coalition & PFLAG Salisbury.*

### AIDS Walk & Music Festival

**Sunday, June 9**

#### Power Plant Live!

*This family-friendly event raises money for HIV testing, prevention, and treatment. Register at [www.baltimoreaidswalk.org](http://www.baltimoreaidswalk.org).*



### Elder Pride

**Sunday, June 15, Druid Hill Park**

*Visit the Elder Pride tent to add yourself to a timeline of LGBT history & celebrate your "coming out" anniversary at this intergenerational exhibit. To volunteer, email [lgbt@chasebrexton.org](mailto:lgbt@chasebrexton.org).*

### Back to School Backpack Campaign

#### Summer

*Kids get a FREE backpack and school supplies with a Chase Brexton health care or dental appointment.*

Learn about these events and dozens more at [www.chasebrexton.org/calendar](http://www.chasebrexton.org/calendar)

## Taking Steps Toward a Healthier Community

At Chase Brexton, our dedication to quality health care benefits every person who walks through our doors. In 2018, we served a record-breaking number of unique patients—over 37,000. Our growth is a result of piloting innovative projects, expanding sustainable programs, and partnering with community organizations. Here's a glimpse of our most recent initiatives:



### The Dental Emergency Diversion Program

Beginning in May, Chase Brexton's dental department in Mt. Vernon will serve as the main referral location for low-income patients who enter The Johns Hopkins Hospital emergency department with a dental-related complaint.

Anticipated to serve 850 patients, over two years, this program will transport patients to Chase Brexton for treatment, while also introducing them to the full scope of Chase Brexton's services. This partnership is supported by a \$344,301 grant from the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission and The Johns Hopkins Hospital.



### The Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival Community Partner Program

For the past five years, Chase Brexton has organized the Baltimore AIDS Walk to fund outreach programs and events that promote the education, testing, prevention, and treatment of HIV and AIDS throughout Maryland.

This year, Chase Brexton created the Community Partner Program and invites local HIV and AIDS-related nonprofits to participate in the event and raise money not only for our cause, but for theirs as well. Community Partners who join the walk get to keep half of the funds they raise to support their own work on HIV and AIDS programming and services.

*"Only by working together, can we bring the HIV infection rate to zero." —Dr. Sebastian Ruhs, Director of Infectious Disease Center of Excellence at Chase Brexton*

**JOIN US!** If you think these efforts are significant to our community, let us know by joining us in making a difference. Visit [ChaseBrexton.org/Give](http://ChaseBrexton.org/Give) to become a monthly donor. 📍



## An Update from Our President and CEO

The special mission and great work being done at Chase Brexton continues in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties. However, we cannot carry on with our important mission and maintain financial stability on our own without help from community partners.

Looking back over the past six months, I am confident that we are well on our way to forging new, lasting partnerships. If you haven't already read the cover article, I invite you to read the feature about our collaborative efforts with new and existing partners.

In March, Chase Brexton Health Care, in partnership with The Johns Hopkins Hospital, was awarded one of 23 grants from the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission for the Dental Emergency Diversion Program. We are particularly proud of this program because it will serve to impact the residents of Baltimore City and has the potential to be **scaled and replicated state-wide** among other patient-centered medical homes and partner hospitals.

Earlier this year, our newly established Community Partner Program launched to incentivize local nonprofit

organizations with HIV and AIDS programming to **work together to fight the stigma and infection rates associated with HIV**. Through this program, the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival will serve as a catalyst to fuel HIV/AIDS programming beyond Chase Brexton's.

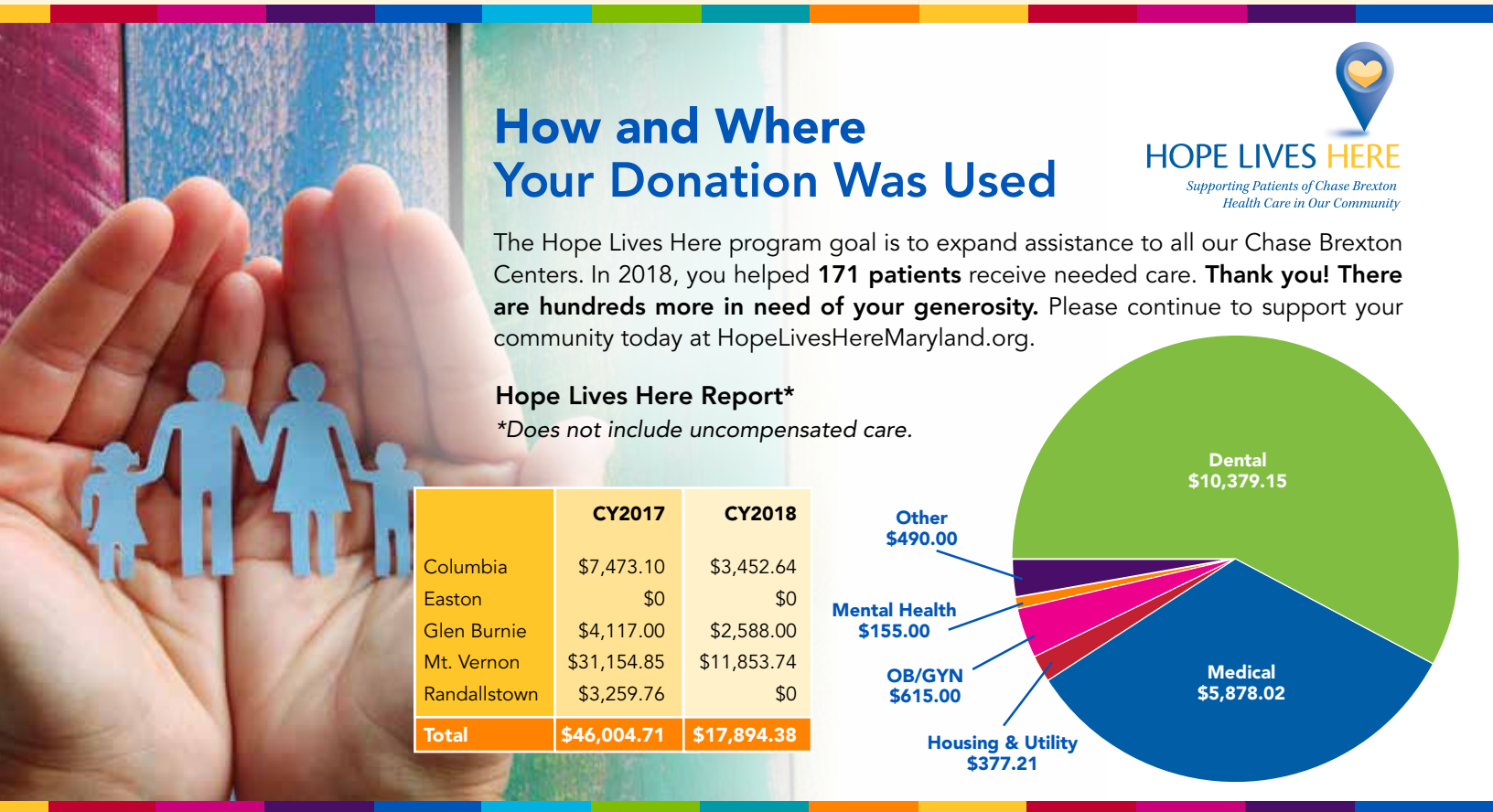
I also wanted to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members: F. T. Burden, Julia Krieger, Mia Pittman, and Dr. Crystal Simpson. Together, we are working to improve the health of our communities.

**Please consider your commitment to be an essential part of our team.** How else can we support the urgent needs of patients not covered through fee-for-service reimbursements, pharmacy revenue, or government grants such as the one received in March by the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission?

Consider becoming a patient's beacon of hope, that perfect stranger who has the empathy to understand the need of an anonymous neighbor. **Become a monthly donor today.**

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Mutch  
President and CEO



## How and Where Your Donation Was Used

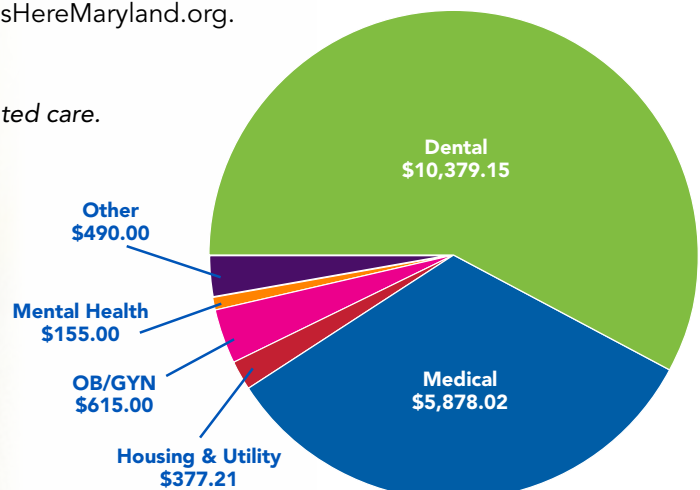


The Hope Lives Here program goal is to expand assistance to all our Chase Brexton Centers. In 2018, you helped **171 patients** receive needed care. **Thank you! There are hundreds more in need of your generosity.** Please continue to support your community today at [HopeLivesHereMaryland.org](http://HopeLivesHereMaryland.org).

### Hope Lives Here Report\*

\*Does not include uncompensated care.

	CY2017	CY2018
Columbia	\$7,473.10	\$3,452.64
Easton	\$0	\$0
Glen Burnie	\$4,117.00	\$2,588.00
Mt. Vernon	\$31,154.85	\$11,853.74
Randallstown	\$3,259.76	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,004.71</b>	<b>\$17,894.38</b>



# Fall/Winter 2018 Highlights



## September 29

Staff at Glen Burnie Center attended Hispanic Health Festival which drew 1,400 residents for health screenings. Since 2002, the festival has served over 13,000 individuals and families.



## November 10

Staff at Columbia Center, the only FQHC in Howard County, joined 500 community members at Horizon Foundation's first Equity Summit, held to highlight health disparities, to address barriers, and to advance racial equity in the county.



## December 4

Chase Brexton joined a growing consensus of medical professionals in agreement that HIV-positive individuals with an undetectable viral load are unable to sexually transmit HIV to others.



## March 9

The LGBT Health Resource Center hosted a sold out day-long CME/CEU event on transgender care across the lifespan for medical providers and behavioral health providers. Supported by Gilead and the Helen Serini Foundation.

## Why We Give: CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield

In June 2018, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield awarded a generous \$150,000 grant to Chase Brexton to support ongoing services on the Eastern Shore.

**"The ability to access affordable, comprehensive health care remains a huge challenge for residents of the Eastern Shore,"** said Patrick Mutch, President and CEO of Chase Brexton. "These funds will help address that critical need and support Chase Brexton's long-term commitment to serving this community."

Since 2012, CareFirst has contributed close to \$400,000 to support Chase Brexton's programming. Chase Brexton continually works to engage the corporate community in our health efforts. Along with the Corporate Partners recognized on the back cover, **CareFirst is a prime example of a partnership that we seek to replicate.** If your company would like to explore a meaningful partnership, please contact Alexa Milanytch, Director of Development, at 410-837-2050 x1144.



# COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING— AND FRIEND-RAISING!

Community members have been hosting and participating in fundraisers to support affordable healthcare in Maryland. Thank you to the dozens of people who participated in a single event or campaign to fund our mission.

## November

"Thanks to everyone's support of the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, the **Social Work and Outreach Department gave out 60 baskets** filled with Thanksgiving essentials to feed 300 individual patients this holiday," said Chase Brexton's Andy Zipay.

Special thanks to the local businesses that donated to and supported the drive: Audacious Inquiry, National Association of Black Accountants, S&B Company, and Lord Baltimore Hotel (which has supported this event for three years!).

## November 27

"Our first Dine with Chase Brexton fundraiser raised close to \$2,000 for Baltimore City patients in need!" said MVC Council Chairman Ezra Tilaye.

**Many thanks to all who participated** and three cheers for Marie Louis Bistro, Mt. Vernon Stable & Saloon, Potbelly, and auction contributors for making this a success.



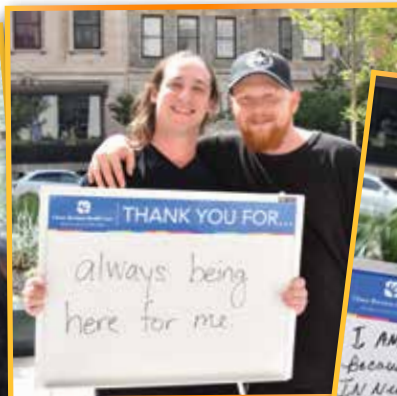
If you would like to host your own fundraiser or friend-raiser, contact Alexa Milanytch at [amilanytch@chasebrexton.org](mailto:amilanytch@chasebrexton.org). We are happy to provide you with resources and materials, and we thank you in advance for your initiative!

## Thank You to Our Corporate Partners!



## Meet Our Patients

100% of donations made to Chase Brexton go toward the care and support of our patients. They'd like to say thank you for...



Please consider becoming a monthly, sustaining donor. Your gift will allow patients—like the ones you just met!—to continue receiving the financial and medical support they need.

Visit [ChaseBrexton.org/Give](http://ChaseBrexton.org/Give) to set up your recurring donation.

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We are grateful to our Board of Directors for their commitment to Chase Brexton:

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