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The Donor Newsletter of Chase Brexton Health Care



The LGBT Health Resource Center is NOW:

The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity

A Chase Brexton Health Care
Center of Excellence



In February, Chase Brexton's LGBT Health Resource Center unveiled its new name and brand identity: The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity, a Chase Brexton Health Care Center of Excellence.

At the heart of the rebranding is the Center's new, mission: to create health equity for LGBTQ patients in our communities and around the world through better health care services, education, and advocacy.

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-Sam McClure

While the name and the mission may feel new, they are actually a reflection of the steadily evolving work that the Center has been doing for more than six years, when it was founded in 2015. The Center will continue to focus on four key priorities: reducing fear and mistrust of health care

systems within the LGBTQ community through affirming and informed health care services; ending discrimination, stigma, bias, and misinformation in our health care systems through health care provider training and education; improving health benefits for LGBTQ people through workplace training and public advocacy; and promoting the health care needs and rights of LGBTQ people everywhere.

"The rebranding was really about giving people a better understanding of the work we do here every day," explains Sam McClure, Executive Director of The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity. "We have an incredible team of visionaries who are doing game-changing work to not only support our patients and stakeholders, but also on the national and international stage to end LGBTQ health disparities."

Support The Center's Growing Mission

Visit ChaseBrexton.org/LGBTQ to learn more about The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity and make a gift today.



THE CENTER'S MISSION STATEMENT

To create **health equity for LGBTQ patients** in our communities and around the world through better **health care services, education, and advocacy.**

Sam McClure | Executive Director of The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity



An Update from Our President and CEO

For more than 40 years, Chase Brexton has made a habit of defying expectations. When others say, “that’s impossible,” we say, “let’s do it.” You can trace it all the way to our founding and the small but mighty group of volunteers who believed they could build a health clinic for those that traditional health care systems overlooked. And so they did.

And now, in 2021, Chase Brexton continues to defy expectations. In the midst of a global pandemic, when many organizations have had to shut down key services, we have not only kept our doors open, we have also grown in many important ways. Our new telehealth program, which launched last March, now accounts for 50 percent of total patient visits and has enabled us to significantly increase patient access to our behavioral health and psychiatric care. By expanding our free pharmacy delivery service, we were able to fill more prescriptions than the year before. And our LGBT Health Resource Center even adopted a new name and a bigger vision—becoming The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity to reflect its growing work as an advocate for LGBTQ patients on a global scale (see cover story).

How is such pandemic-defying growth possible? Much of the credit goes to the awe-inspiring innovation, courage, and commitment of our staff. But the credit must also be shared with you: our volunteers and donors. Your generosity and wholehearted belief in our mission fuels us to do more and think bigger.

Now it’s time to defy another expectation: to show the world that we can end HIV for good. This spring’s Baltimore Virtual AIDS Walk & Music Festival will give us the chance to do just that. I challenge you to join me as we walk, run, bike, and dance to raise money for game-changing advances in HIV care. Because when others say that ending HIV is “impossible,” people like us say, “let’s do it.”

Sincerely,

Patrick F. Mutch
President & CEO

SAVE THE DATE!

National Honor Our LGBT Elders Day

May 16
Celebrate those who pioneered the LGBTQ community’s path to freedom. Visit LGBTEldersDay.org for ideas and updates and follow the day at [Facebook.com/LGBTEldersDay](https://www.facebook.com/LGBTEldersDay).

Pride & Elder Pride

June 1 – 30
Chase Brexton will be celebrating Pride and Elder Pride virtually! Follow us to get the latest information on [Facebook.com/ChaseBrexton](https://www.facebook.com/ChaseBrexton).

Back-To-School Supply Drive

June 14 – September 17
Make a gift at ChaseBrexton.org/ Give to help us provide new school supplies to nearly 1,400 children who will be visiting Chase Brexton for back-to-school physicals.

National HIV Testing Day

June 27
Protect yourself: know your status. Visit ChaseBrexton.org/POWER-Project to learn about our fast, free HIV testing and PrEP assessments.

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

Virtual

AIDS WALK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

NEW WEBSITE BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org

Sunday, June 6, 2021



Join us to raise critical funds to expand HIV testing, prevention, education, and treatment.

Open to all, the Baltimore AIDS Walk & Music Festival brings our community together to pledge to do everything we can to prevent new HIV infections. Out of an abundance of caution for CDC guidelines, the event will go virtual this year with some very cool changes coming your way!

Why This Matters

Though advancements in testing and treatment have significantly increased the quality and length of life for people living with HIV, we are continuing to face an epidemic, especially in our younger generations. As of 2018, 60.3 percent of the new HIV diagnoses in Maryland were among adults ages 20–39. Funds raised at the event enable Chase Brexton and our partners to expand HIV testing, prevention, education, and treatment services across the region.

Help Us Achieve Our Fundraising Goal!

Our 2021 goal is to raise \$165,000 to support Chase Brexton and other community organizations with HIV and AIDS programming. Every generation has the power to stop HIV. We can make this happen together.

How to Participate

Now

Start by registering as an individual or as a team at BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org. Choose your activity and goal. You can also raise funds from friends and family who want to cheer you on and pledge their support.

Sunday, May 23 – Saturday, June 5

The official **AIDS Walk Mile Challenge** begins! Walk, run, bike, dance—however you like to move!—toward your goal. We’ve made it easy for registered participants to track your progress using the Strava mobile app. Also, follow us on Facebook for information on **educational workshops** leading up to the Walk at [Facebook.com/AIDSWalkBaltimore](https://www.facebook.com/AIDSWalkBaltimore).

Sunday, June 6 | 5pm

Join us online for the event’s virtual celebration, featuring performances by Eze Jackson, Wendel Patrick, and Jasmine Pope. Plus, prizes will be awarded to our top fundraisers!

[Learn More and Register Now > BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org](http://BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org)

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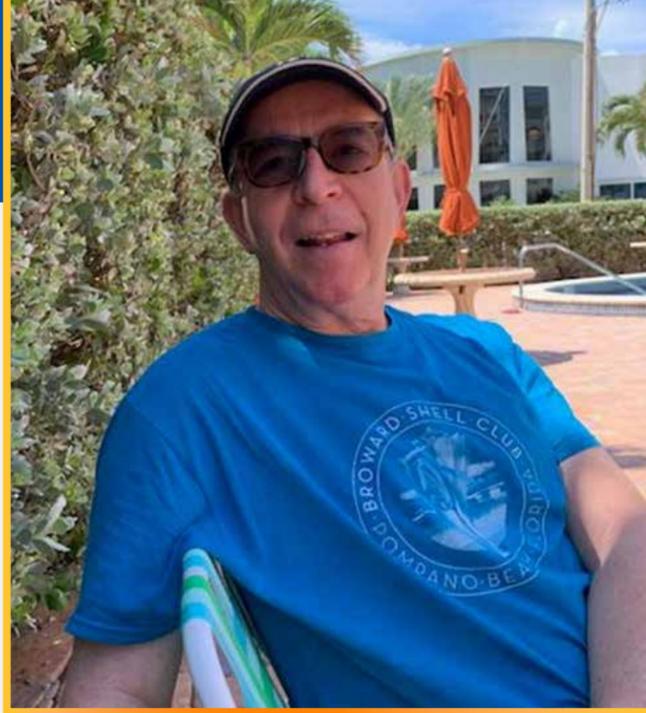
Donor Spotlight: David Haltiwanger, Ph.D.

When it comes to fighting HIV, a conversation with David Haltiwanger, Ph.D., will make you feel grateful for just how far we've come.

"I began working for Chase Brexton in 1994 (as the Director of Mental Health), and back then, most of our medical patients were living with HIV. Sadly, many of them lost their battle against AIDS," he recalls.

Dr. Haltiwanger and his colleagues launched a host of support services designed to help patients and the community deal with the mental health effects of the still very-new disease. "We came to our patients wherever they needed us—to their homes, their living rooms, at times their bedside—to provide solace," he explains. "They were difficult days, but the strong camaraderie amongst the Chase Brexton employees got us through."

Over the course of his 17-year career at Chase Brexton, which included taking on the role of Director of Clinical Programs and Public Policy in 2004, Dr. Haltiwanger witnessed incredible advances in medicine, research, and policy that gave patients the opportunity to live "a new life." The work inspired him to become a donor to Chase Brexton, and he continues to give, even after he retired in 2011.



"People don't realize how Chase Brexton was truly on the frontlines—nationally—of the AIDS epidemic," he says. "To think that this organization started with just volunteers and to see the trajectory it has taken is very meaningful. I'm proud that Chase Brexton is still standing and is the leader that it is."

See How You Can Make A Difference

Visit ChaseBrexton.org/Give to explore all the ways you can support Chase Brexton.

GRANT UPDATES

Chase Brexton Receives \$750,000 Weinberg Grant

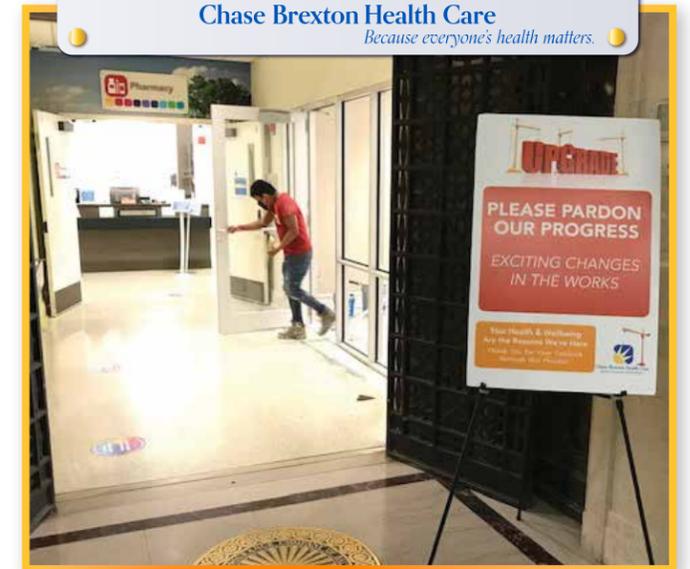
Chase Brexton will make much-needed upgrades to its centers in central Maryland and purchase medical equipment thanks to a \$750,000 grant from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Funding from the capital grant will serve to provide safer and more secure access for Chase Brexton's 36,000 patients throughout its five centers across Maryland.

A significant portion of the grant will be used to make exterior repairs to Chase Brexton's historic Mt. Vernon Center, an architecturally significant building first opened in 1928. At Chase Brexton's Randallstown Center, Weinberg's support will enable upgrades to the building façade signage to increase the center's visibility and the public's awareness of the services it offers. At the newly-relocated Easton Center, the grant helped with the build out of the new space at our Cadmus Lane location.

Chase Brexton Health Care appreciates The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation's continued support of our mission and the communities we serve. In return for their generous gift, Chase Brexton Health Care is

pleased to dedicate the medication delivery program to the Foundation, naming it The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Pharmacy Mail Delivery Program.

THE HARRY AND JEANETTE WEINBERG
PHARMACY MAIL DELIVERY PROGRAM
Chase Brexton Health Care
Because everyone's health matters.



GIVING SOCIETY NEWS

Giving Societies Welcome NEW Inductees

Congratulations to the newest members of Chase Brexton's giving societies!



Brian Pieninck
Jon Carneiro
Dr. Yvette Oquendo with her husband Edwin Berruz



The Legacy Society
of Chase Brexton Health Care

An anonymous benefactor
The Sugarman Family, represented by
Dr. Jeremy Sugarman

The Chase Society recognizes those who have supported our mission with donations totaling \$5,000 or more over the course of their lifetime, while our Legacy Society honors those who have included Chase Brexton in their planned giving. [Learn how you can get involved at ChaseBrexton.org/Give/Give-Individual.](https://ChaseBrexton.org/Give/Give-Individual)

How and Where Your Donation Was Used

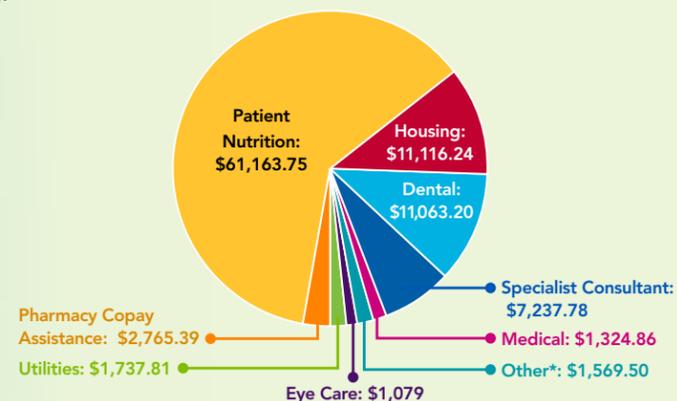
The Hope Lives Here program goal is to expand assistance to all our Chase Brexton Centers. **Between September 2020 and March 2021, you helped 705 patients receive needed care, including more than \$61,000 in patient nutrition and food assistance services brought on by COVID-19.** Thank you! There are hundreds more in need of your generosity. Please continue to support your community today at HopeLivesHereMaryland.org.

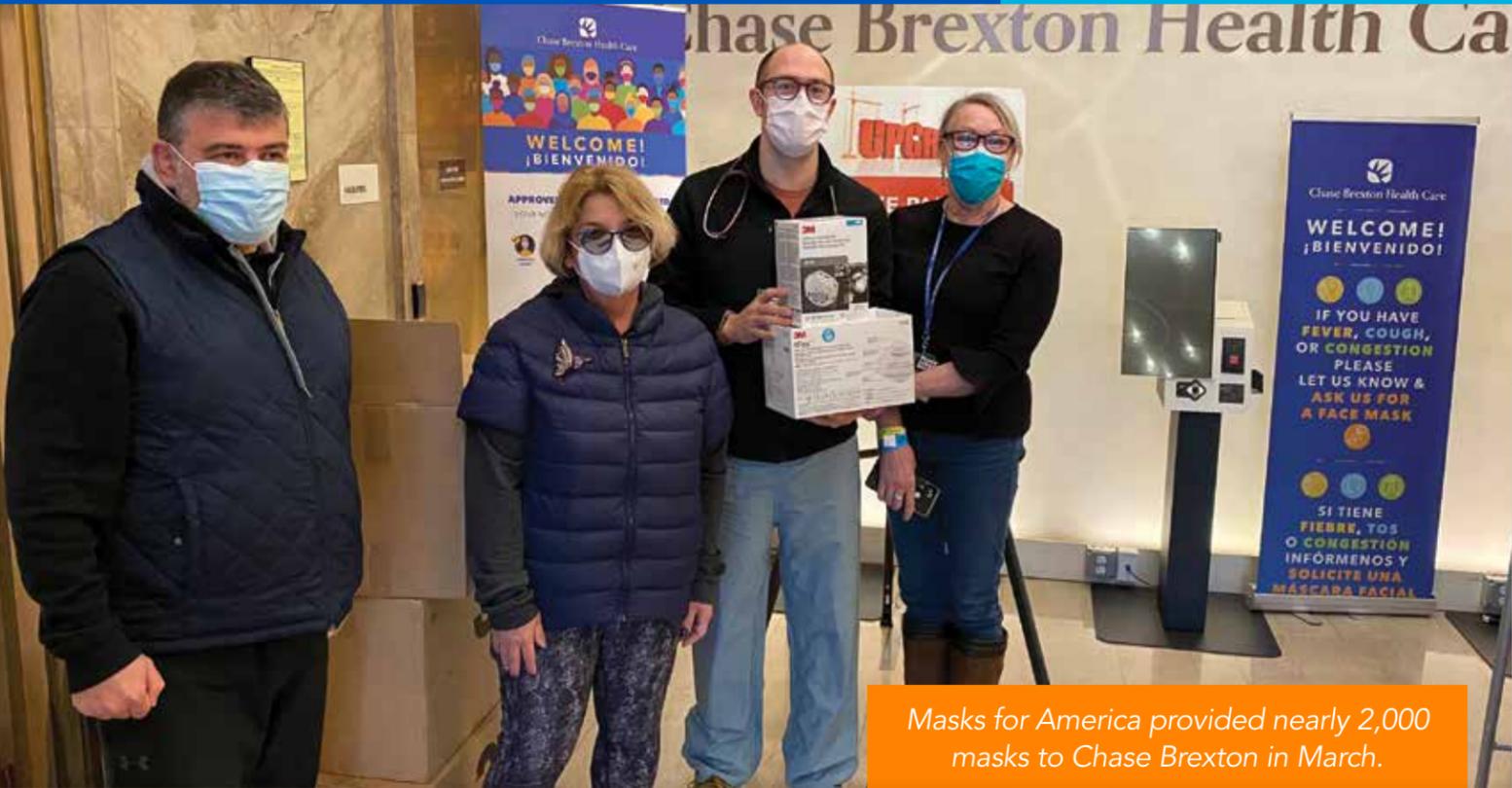
Hope Lives Here Report*

*Does not include uncompensated care.

	CY2021	CY2020
Columbia	\$7,000.00	\$9,123.12
Easton	\$0	\$0
Glen Burnie	\$3,650.00	\$7,544.68
Mt. Vernon	\$35,330.84	\$106,674.82
Randallstown	\$4,848.00	\$5,871.88
Total	\$50,828.84	\$129,214.50

CY2021 through March





Masks for America provided nearly 2,000 masks to Chase Brexton in March.

COVID-19 FAQs: Behavioral Health & Telehealth



Chase Brexton has significantly expanded its telehealth services to meet the surging demand for behavioral health care brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Stephanie Saunders, Psy.D., Director of Behavioral Health,** gives us an idea of what patients can expect.

to make sure that they are in a space that is free from distractions, and where the individual feels comfortable and safe speaking.

Is group therapy offered via telehealth?

Our patients have voiced how critical group support is, and we have heard. We are currently offering telehealth groups that focus on depression and anxiety, grief and loss, groups for transgender health, a dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) coping skills group, and a substance use therapy group. Please stay tuned for more announcements about innovations in group telehealth in the near future.

In what ways is a behavioral health telehealth session different from a traditional session?

With telehealth, the provider and patient are not physically in the same location, but the essential therapeutic factors of acceptance, change, and growth all remain the same. It is very important for the patient

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Hero Spotlight: Sanjeev Sriram, M.D.

Last April, Sanjeev Sriram, M.D., a pediatrician at our Chase Brexton Glen Burnie Center, collaborated with a small group of other community organizers to get N95-equivalent masks into the hands of health care workers across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. They formed Masks For America, and in six days had raised over \$100,000 from small donations via GoFundMe.



Since then, Masks For America has grown into an all-volunteer coalition of activists, health care workers, and everyday people that's drawn support from Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and celebrities like Mark Ruffalo, and delivered nearly one million masks to frontline workers nationwide.

This March, Chase Brexton was fortunate enough to be the recipient of nearly 2,000 masks courtesy of Masks For America. We are grateful for the contribution, and proud to call Dr. Sriram a part of the Chase Brexton family!

"It's been a labor of love to connect masks to all kinds of frontline workers. Together, we are doing what we can with what we've got to save lives and stop COVID."
Sanjeev Sriram, M.D.

Join The Effort
Learn how you can help at Masks4America.org.

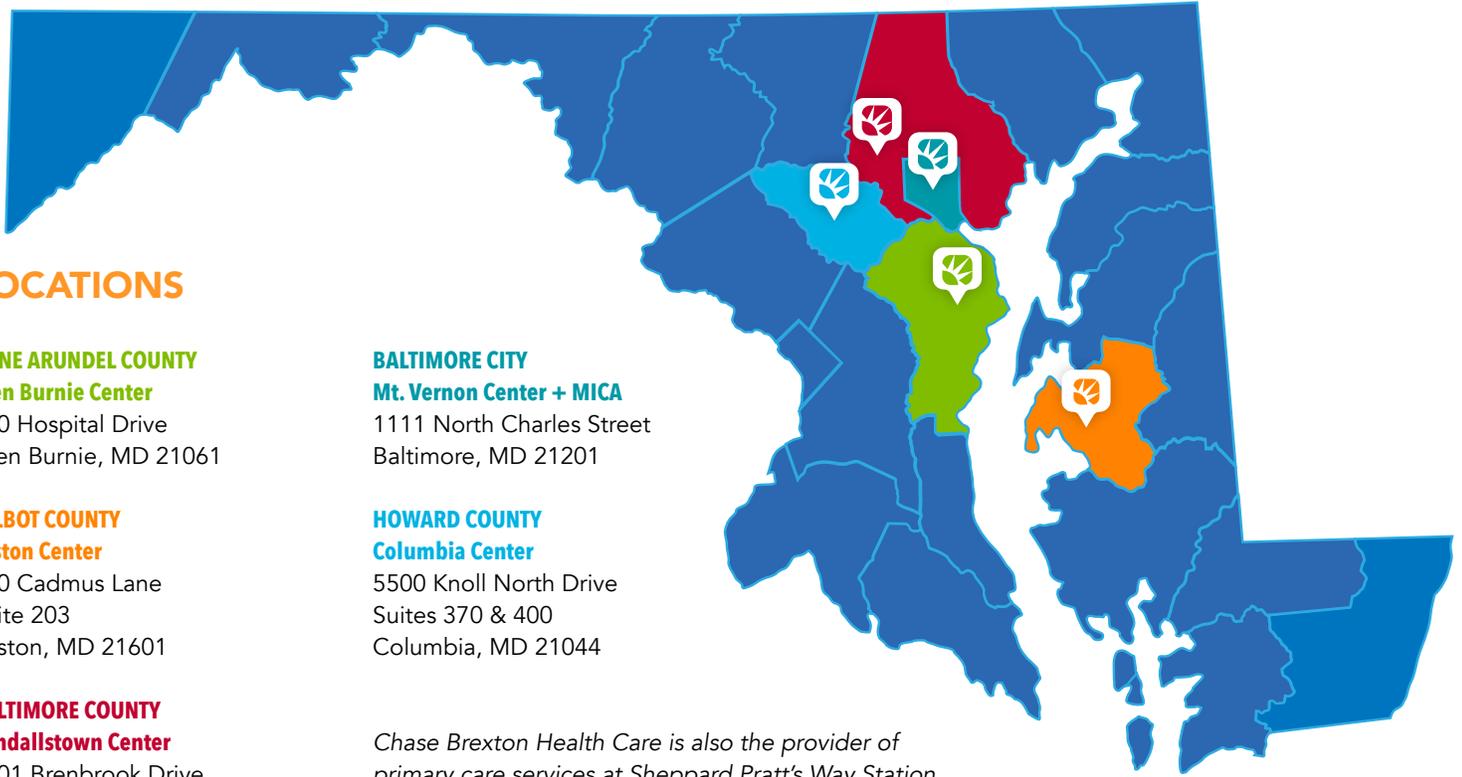
Do Your Part! Get Vaccinated Against COVID-19



Chase Brexton is proud to be a part of the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out. We encourage you to schedule your vaccination with your local health department. We also offer a limited number of doses for established Chase Brexton patients who have access to our patient portal and who meet the state's eligibility requirements.



Learn more at ChaseBrexton.org/COVID-19-Vaccines.



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

3501 Brenbrook Drive
Randallstown, MD 21133

BALTIMORE CITY

Mt. Vernon Center + MICA

1111 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

HOWARD COUNTY

Columbia Center

5500 Knoll North Drive
Suites 370 & 400
Columbia, MD 21044

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.

Chase Brexton Board of Directors

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

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Chase Brexton Appoints Three New Board Members

Chase Brexton's board of directors is pleased to announce the addition of three new board members:



Oscar Franklin has more than 15 years' experience in finance and currently serves as a Program Advisor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard.

Jessica Obayan is a licensed social worker with more than eight years' experience providing programmatic and technical guidance to community health and social welfare programs.



Alaysia Phillips is the Senior Quality & Innovation Project Administrator for the Clinical Communities program of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality within Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

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