



Found in FAITH Ministries

5th Anniversary

“COMMIT YOUR WORK TO THE LORD,
AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PATH.”

PROVERBS 16:3

2016 – 2021
Celebrating our Past, Planning our Future

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

To our staff, volunteers, clients, and community,

From its inception, Found in Faith Ministries has been rooted in the desire to help people move their lives forward. As a Founding Member, I can recall the divine inspirations that led me to the meeting on that warm spring day in April 2016. What I couldn't see, however, was how God's hand had been patiently weaving together the personal strengths, gifts, and faith of three local women determined to make people's lives better. What only God could see was that in five years' time, the passion of those women would spread across Harford County and as a result, 940 families would find comfort and warmth in a newly furnished home.



The past five years have been filled with many great successes, a few learning lessons, and a whole lot of love. We are more than just a nonprofit fulfilling its mission. We are an organization that has been founded upon the dedication and support of the Harford County community, and we are family. A family of local volunteers giving more than 11,200 hours of service to furnish empty homes. A family of 1,261 donors providing \$167,608 worth of in-kind goods to their neighbors in need. A family of local churches, businesses, and individuals who have given more than \$160,200 in monetary support to impact a pressing social issue in our community. Family is what Found in Faith is built upon, and it is what has allowed us to successfully serve this mission together and positively impact the everyday lives of so many in our county.

Since 2016, the Fresh Start Furniture Program has been run entirely by volunteers. In the interest of program sustainability, in 2020, Found in Faith began working on a development plan to ensure that access to furniture and home-goods will always be available for people who need it. Since then, funding for two part-time positions has been raised and new opportunities for program development are on the horizon.

As we look forward to the next five years, our goal is to protect the continuity of the Fresh Start Furniture Program and to strengthen our recipients' ability to achieve self-sufficiency. These initiatives will not be possible without the ongoing support and dedication of our Found in Faith family; those Harford County residents who know that it takes a village to create meaningful county-wide change. We deeply appreciate your commitment to acknowledging the poverty in our community, and your eagerness to do something about it. It is our honor to celebrate our 5th Anniversary with you, and we look forward to celebrating with you again at our 10th!

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Hamilton".

Alicia Hamilton
Executive Director



TRANSFORMING



EMPTY



HOUSES



INTO



HOMES

OUR MISSION

is to improve the quality of life for individuals and families facing financial hardship in Harford County, MD by providing gently used, quality furniture and home goods at no cost through our Fresh Start Furniture Program.

OUR VISION

is to be a catalyst of community progress by connecting need to resource, neighbor to neighbor, and inspiring personal growth.

OUR LEADERSHIP



ALICIA HAMILTON

*Executive Director &
Founding Member*



MEGAN EWING

*Administrative
Support*



CATHY STEWART

*Community Partnerships
Coordinator*



EVELYN MCSORLEY

*Program Director &
Founding Member*



DENEICE HALL

*Donations
Coordinator*

OUR BOARD

Ali Paskun
Harry Offutt
Brit Ayers
Alicia Hamilton
Evelyn McSorley

OUR COUNCIL

Nancy Mahoney
Allyn Marie Horton, SSND
Thomas Hopkins
Robert Meza
Lindsey Pope

APRIL 2016: OUR BEGINNINGS



Found in Faith Ministries (FIFM) was established when three faithful women came together to discuss how they had individually been serving those in the community.

These women discovered that a significant number of Harford County residents do not have the financial resources to purchase basic furniture and home goods necessary to maintain a standard quality of life.

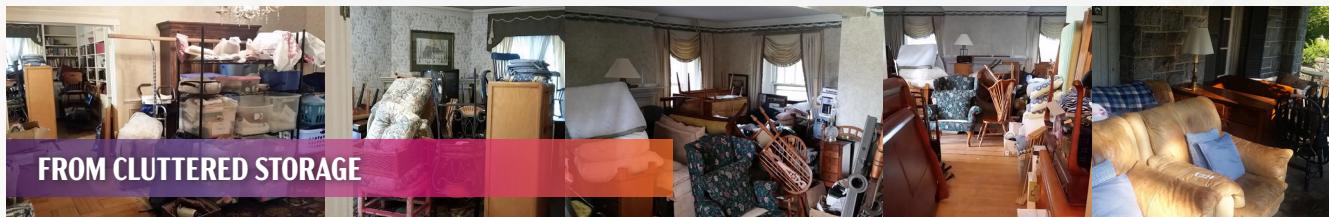


Fortunately, these women also identified an abundance of local, generous donors willing to offer quality items they no longer needed. As such, they determined that forming a nonprofit would give them the opportunity to serve more people and keep more useable items out of the landfill.

Since that initial discussion, FIFM has grown to be a reputable, community-centered nonprofit that remains true to its mission of helping struggling families. In the past five years, we have furnished more than 940 households in Harford County with nearly \$170,000 worth of donated in-kind goods. Thanks to charitable community members like you, our clients can “shop” in our showroom with dignity and receive much-needed items to transform their empty house into a home. An unanticipated outcome of the Fresh Start Furniture Program has been the consolation it brings to local families grieving the loss of a loved one and seeking a meaningful place to donate their unwanted belongings.



Found In Faith Ministry milestones are significant and growing still, and we look forward to sharing those that are ahead with you!



FROM CLUTTERED STORAGE



TO DECORATIVE SHOWROOM

Read more at foundinfaithmd.org/about-us/mission-vision-history

OUR MILESTONES

REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE MILESTONES AS YOU
PREPARE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD.

NELSON MANDELA

2017

FEBRUARY: Established Founding Board
DECEMBER: Obtained tax-exempt nonprofit status

FLASH FORWARD: NOVEMBER 2021

CELEBRATED OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

2018

FEBRUARY: Upgraded from 800 square feet of storage in a house offered by Bel Air United Methodist Church to 4,800 square feet of showroom space in Joppa, MD
JULY: Received our first grant; established referral partnerships with other nonprofits and service agencies.
OCTOBER: Hosted ribbon cutting, open house, and first fundraiser
DECEMBER: Hosted first Volunteer Appreciation event

2019

MAY: Established and fully-funded showroom sponsorships
DECEMBER: Furnished more than 200 families in a year; sponsored two families for Christmas

2020

MARCH - MAY: Closed due to COVID; hosted Interfaith Day of Prayer online
JUNE: Received substantial funding from the Dresher Foundation; hired our first part-time employee; invested in crucial data management software

2021

JANUARY: Increased support by adding two Volunteer Coordinator positions
JULY: Established paid part-time Executive Director position



MAUREEN

"Even though it doesn't look like it, there is a lot of homelessness in Harford County. I was shocked to find out that in only one night 220 homeless individuals were counted."

"A huge factor in our project was to educate people on the idea that homelessness isn't just in big cities. I realized through the project that anybody can help out with this conflict, no matter the age."

GRACE

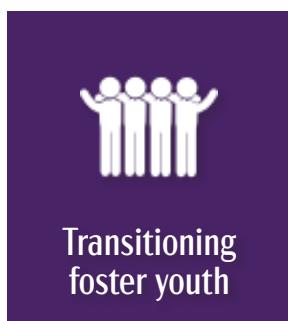




I'm just so amazed places like this exist. My boys and I been through a difficult time and although we still have a long road ahead, it's getting easier thanks to people like you. Thank you for helping our family have a comfy place to call home.

SARAH

WHEN YOU SUPPORT FOUND IN FAITH MINISTRIES, YOU'RE HELPING US SERVE:



Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. **WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE ARE IN NEED, BE READY TO HELP THEM.** Always be eager to practice hospitality.

ROMANS 12:10-13



BY THE NUMBERS

ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE;
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

HELEN KELLER



HOUSEHOLDS

■ 194 HOUSEHOLDS (2020)
■ 940 HOUSEHOLDS (since 2016)



BEDS

■ 138 BEDS (2020)
■ 553 BEDS (since 2016)



SOFAS

■ 86 SOFAS (2020)
■ 513 SOFAS (since 2016)



DINING TABLES

■ 59 TABLES (2020)
■ 280 TABLES (since 2016)



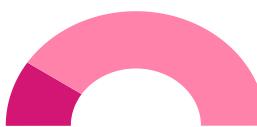
DRESSERS

■ 78 DRESSERS (2020)
■ 494 DRESSERS (since 2016)



TOTAL ITEMS PLACED

■ 2,635 (2020)
■ 9,965 (since 2016)



TOTAL VALUE OF ITEMS KEPT OUT OF LANDFILL

■ \$38,401 (2020)
■ \$167,608 (since 2016)



IN-KIND DONORS

■ 321 (2020)
■ 1,261 (since 2016)

27

Formal Community
Partnerships
since 2016

20

Special Volunteer
Projects
since 2016

11,204

Volunteer
Hours
since 2016

35

Active
Volunteers
as of 2020



STEVE
BAYADA HOME HEALTH CARE

The Fresh Start Furniture Program has become an important resource for our clients, especially our seniors who have mobility issues. They frequently need recliner chairs to get in and out of easily and I always appreciate how the showroom volunteers are patient and allow us to select just the right piece to meet their needs."

REFERRAL PARTNERS:

- Aberdeen Epicenter
- Agape Projects
- Alpha's Glory
- Anna's House
- Bayada Home Healthcare
- Birthright
- Breathe 379
- Catholic Charities Early Head Start
- Department of Social Services
- Edgewood Epicenter
- Empowering Minds Resource Center
- Extreme Family Outreach
- Habitat Restore
- Harford Community Action Agency
- Harford Community Services Reach Program
- Harford County Health Department
- Harford County Infants & Toddlers Program
- Harford County Office on Aging
- Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development
- Harford Family House
- Havre de Grace Housing Authority
- Higher Together (ERS Shelter)
- House of Ruth Maryland
- Inner County Outreach
- Judy Center at Magnolia Middle School
- Keypoint Health Services
- Leading by Example
- Lions Club (numerous locations)
- Praising Through Recovery
- Priority Partners
- Rage Against Addiction
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- SARC
- Seizing Psych, Inc.
- Springboard Community Services
- Success Project
- Tabitha's House
- The ARC Northern Chesapeake
- The Hope Center of Maryland
- United Way Harford County
- Upper Bay Counseling & Support Services
- Welcome One Shelter
- Winners Choice Core Program

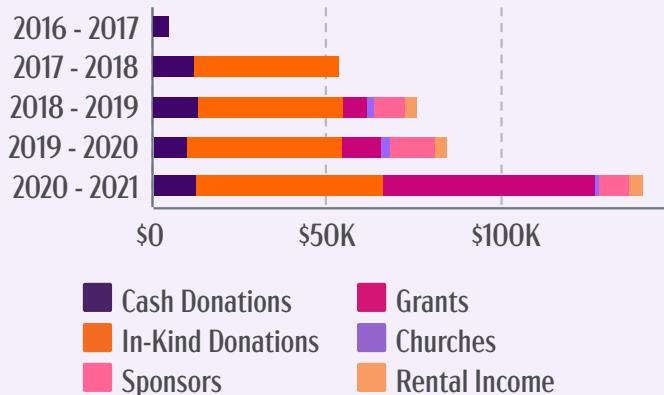
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foundinfaithmd.org/our-supporters/community-partners

OUR FINANCIALS

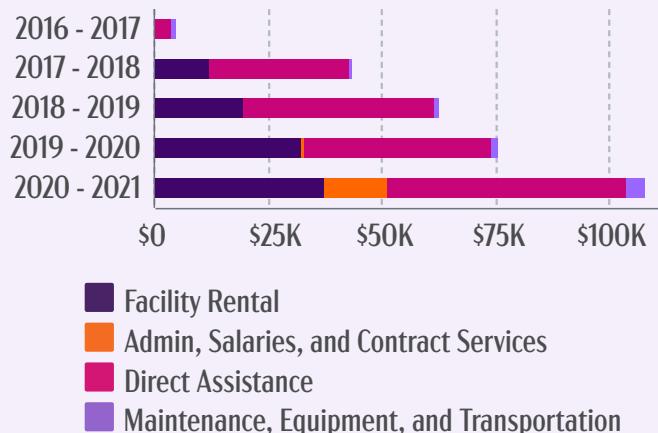
A LIVING IS MADE BY WHAT WE GET.
A LEGACY IS MADE BY WHAT WE GIVE.

WAITE PHILLIPS

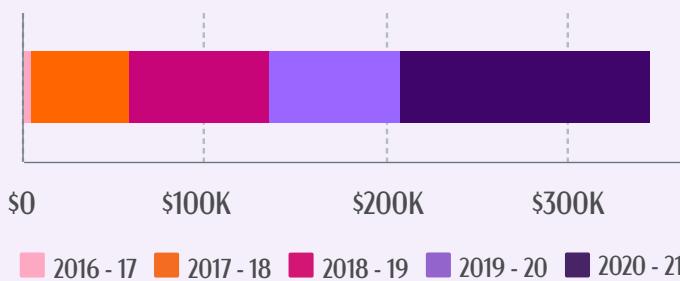
REVENUE



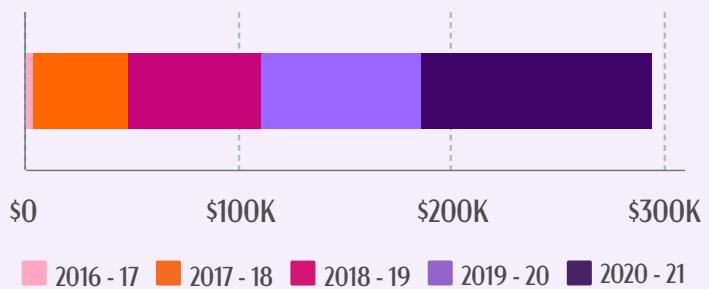
EXPENSES



GROSS REVENUE



GROSS EXPENSES



NET REVENUE



2016 - 17:	\$596.49
2017 - 18:	\$10,292.48
2018 - 19:	\$13,959.00
2019 - 20:	-\$3,486.00
2020 - 21:	\$29,520.00

“It’s been SUCH A BLESSING TO know that my father’s furniture isn’t just going to go to the dump. Losing him unexpectedly has been one of the hardest things ever and without a plan, we’ve been struggling to get his affairs in order. When a friend told me about your program, I felt such relief knowing his things would go to good use and could HELP SOMEONE GET ON THEIR FEET AGAIN. If my father were here, I think he would wholeheartedly agree.”

JANET
DONOR

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

WHOSE CARE
HAS HELPED
PEOPLE LIKE

INCLUDING OUR FINANCIAL DONORS:

CHANGEMAKERS (\$20,000+)

- Dresher Foundation*
- Harford County Government*

- Ron & Kathleen Fox[~]
- Thomas Hopkins[~]

INVESTORS (\$5,000+)

- Glen Steele[~]
- Women's Giving Circle*

- David & Susan Morrow
- APGFCU⁺

LEADERS (\$2,500+)

- Atlantic-Midwest Province School Sisters of Notre Dame*
- The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation*
- Jones Junction⁺
- Jesse & Lou Anne Bane

- Saint Margaret's Parish
- John Sams

ADVOCATES (\$1,000+)

- Joseph Conroy, Harford Retirement Planners
- Mike & Evelyn McSorley
- Elks Club*
- Liz & Greg Tutino
- Fallston Presbyterian Church
- Leadership Authority⁺

- Southern Harford County Rotary⁺
- Mildred Hopkins[‡]
- Alicia Hamilton
- Trudy Daniels

FRIENDS (\$300+)

- Christ our King Presbyterian Church
- Mary Ellen Bates
- Mr. & Mrs. Howard Magness
- Holy Cross Episcopal Church
- Reatha Alexander-Harris
- Saint Marys Episcopal Church
- Bari Klein, Healthy Harford⁺
- Presbytery of Baltimore[‡]
- Ali Paskun
- Bob Hoopert[‡]

- Lindsey & Daniel Pope[‡]
- Deanne Wasmer[‡]
- Daniel & Patricia McCoy
- Michael Rosellini
- Stephen Tillinghast[‡]
- Tina Lolley[‡]
- John and Beth Happick
- Roberta Scoville[‡]
- Richard Bishop[‡]
- Margaret & Allan Gorman[‡]

*Grant

[~]Seed Funder

⁺Sponsor

[‡]Family Sponsor



GALIE



MARK & ROBERT



CHRISTINE



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DENISE

ON THE HORIZON

JUST BEYOND THE HORIZON OF THE SO-CALLED
IMPOSSIBLE IS INFINITE POSSIBILITY.

BRYANT MCGILL

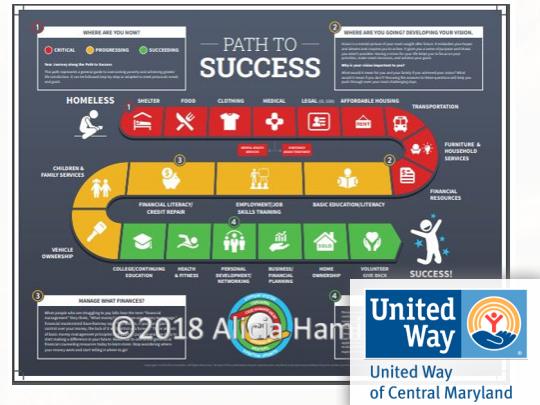
As we look ahead towards the next five years, our goals at Found in Faith Ministries are to ensure the sustainability of the Fresh Start Furniture Program and to expand our capacity to serve more individual and community needs. We plan to accomplish this in a variety of ways including:

IMPLEMENTING THE NEXT STEPS APPROACH IN OUR ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY

The Next Steps Approach is based on the life experience of one of our Founding Members and her journey through poverty. The idea is simply to be intentional about asking people facing hardship what their next steps are and then doing what we can to offer a connection. A community of volunteers and service providers making this a habitual practice could significantly increase the stability (and therefore decrease the crime, drugs, poverty, and despair) in the southern third of our county.

EXPANDING THE PATH TO SUCCESS →

The Path to Success is a life management tool that helps people with limited incomes develop a plan of action, get connected to resources, and increase self-sufficiency. In November 2021, Found in Faith Ministries was awarded \$20,000 in the United Way of Central Maryland Changemaker Challenge to develop the Path to Success as an interactive, online platform.



HOSTING OUR SIGNATURE EVENT

Though our program is primarily funded by grants and individual donors, we hope to celebrate our successes and raise funds for future projects through the development of our organization's Signature Event. We are currently recruiting an Events Committee to begin planning. To learn more, please email Alicia at: alicia@FoundinFaithMD.org.

LAUNCHING THE ***** WEBSITE

Planned to launch in 2022, this website will be the go-to resource for anyone seeking to donate items and support a cause in Harford County, MD. Sign-up for our newsletter at bit.ly/FoundinFaith for the latest updates and launch details!



EXPLORING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES

A social enterprise is a for-profit service that supports a social mission. Much like Tom's Shoes or Warby Parker, our program sustainability goals include the development of fee-based services that support our mission and add value to the community independent of fundraising initiatives.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH DONATION

LOOKING AT
THE RESULTS OF
FIVE YEARS OF
COMMUNITY-LED
SUPPORT



STORAGE TO SHOWROOM



2016 → 2021



PORCH PICK-UP TO LOBBY



2016 → 2021



HOMEGOODS HALLWAY



2016 → 2021

“ I just love sorting through the kitchenware and putting together matching sets for the families that come in. Everyone is so nice and they are always happy to be here. I’m so glad I get to be a little part of their joy for the day and they are a part of mine too. ”



ALVERA (Volunteer) with RASHAD

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

DONATE ITEMS

DONATE MONEY

DONATE TIME

DONATE TOGETHER

We give unwanted items a new life by passing them at no cost to families in need. If interested in donating, visit foundinfaithmd.org/donate/donate-items.

There are lots of ways to financially support us to help advance our mission. If interested in donating, visit foundinfaithmd.org/donate/financial-contributions.

It takes a village to run a grassroots organization. Your expertise is invaluable! Get involved: visit foundinfaithmd.org/donate/services-supplies.

Church Missions Support is essential. Serve the underserved in Harford County by partnering with us: foundinfaithmd.org/donate/church-missions-supporters.

Support Found in Faith Ministries at
foundinfaithmd.org/donate

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’”

Jeremiah 29:11

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MINISTRY SUPPORTERS:

Bel Air United Methodist Church • Christ Our King Church
Ebenezer United Methodist Church • Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Fallston Presbyterian Church • Harford Community Church
Joppatowne Christian Church • Mountain Christian Church
Riverside Community Church • Saint Margaret's Parish
Saint Paul's Lutheran Church - (Aberdeen) • Trinity Lutheran Church

HONORABLE MENTION:

Girls Scouts of Central MD Troop 1362
Bel Air Toastmaster Club 8050 • Joppatowne Lions Club

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