



MDVOAD
Resource Directory

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

The purpose of the Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MDVOAD) is to bring together voluntary organizations active in disaster services to foster more effective response to the people of Maryland in times of disaster through...

Cooperation
Coordination
Communication
Education and Outreach
Convening Mechanisms
Mitigation

MDVOAD seeks to ensure the availability of needed services and to encourage uniform, impartial provision of these services.

Our Function in Disaster: The Purpose and Mission Statement of the National Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) and the By-laws of MDVOAD specifically prevent either organization from providing direct disaster service to victims as this would then make NVOAD/MDVOAD another response agency. In view of this, MDVOAD will continue to be a facilitating agency and bring together as many voluntary organizations active in a disaster response (including spontaneous groups) as will participate.

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Member Organizations

Adventist Community Services (ACS)	House of Imogene Shelters	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the Presbyterian Church USA
American Red Cross (ARC)	Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)	The Disaster Response Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America
Baltimore County Volunteers	International Orthodox Christian Charities	Prince George's Volunteer Center
Baptist Convention of MD and DE	Lions/Lioness Clubs, District 22W	Salvation Army
Catholic Charities	Maryland Alliance of Guide Dog Users, Inc. (MAGDUi)	Tzu Chi Foundation USA
Church of the Brethren	Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD)	United Methodist Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)	Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County
Churches of Scientology Disaster Response	Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR)	Volunteer Center Serving Howard County
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)	Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)	Volunteer Frederick
Diakon/Lutheran Social Ministries	Maryland Food Bank	Volunteer Maryland
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	Maryland State Animal Response Team (MD SART)	We Care Ministries
Fidos for Freedom	Mercy Medical Airlift/Angel-Flight	
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI)	Montgomery County Volunteer Center	



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Resources and Capabilities Matrix

Organization	Donations Management	Mass Care/Feeding Operations	Volunteer Management	Crisis Counseling	Debris Clearance	Damage Assessment	Financial Assistance	Rebuilding	Training	Childcare	Animal Protection	Manpower Support	Personal Medical Equipment	Local Response and Recovery	Communications
Adventist Community Services	X			X					X						
American Red Cross	X	X	X (ARC Vols. only)	X		X	X		X					X	
Baltimore County Volunteers			X		X			X						X	
Baptist Convention of MD and DE		X		X	X	X		X						X	X
Catholic Charities	X	X													
Church of the Brethren	X				X			X		X					
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints														X	
Churches of Scientology – Disaster Response														X	
Civil Air Patrol	X	X		X	X	X			X					X	X
Diakon/Lutheran Social Ministries/Social Services-NCA			X	X			X	X	X					X	
FEMA	X					X	X		X						
Fidos for Freedom											X			X	
Governor's Office of Community Conservation	X (Lead)		X												
House of Imogene Shelter		X		X											
Humane Society of The US	X		X			X			X		X			X	
International Orthodox Christian Charities				X										X	
Lions/Lioness Clubs, District 22W												X	X	X	
Maryland Alliance of Guide Dog Users									X						
Maryland Department of Disabilities															X
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene			X	X					X					X	
Maryland Department of Human Resources							X		X					X	
Maryland Emergency Management Agency	X					X			X						X
Maryland Food Bank	X	X	X											X	
Maryland State Animal Response Team (MD SART)						X			X		X				
Mercy Medical Airlift/Angel-Flight														X	
Montgomery County Volunteer Center			X											X	
National VOAD (NVOAD)	X														
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the Presbyterian Church USA														X	
The Disaster Response Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America														X	
The Salvation Army	X	X					X	X							
Tzu Chi Foundation	X	X	X	X			X			X				X	
United Methodist Church	X		X	X			X	X		X				X	
Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County	X		X						X					X	
Volunteer Center Serving Howard County	X		X						X					X	
Volunteer Frederick	X		X						X					X	
Volunteer Maryland	X		X											X	
We Care Ministries														X	



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Volunteer Centers in Maryland

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Volunteer Central
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www.volunteercentral.net

Baltimore County Volunteers
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Volunteer Frederick
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www.volunteerfrederick.org

Harford County Connection/RSVP
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www.harfordcountymd.gov/volunteer

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info@princegeorgesvolunteer.org
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ShoreCAN Volunteer Center Serving
Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester Counties
Salisbury University
1101 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Maryland 21801
410-546-6015p
www.salisbury.edu/community/servicelearning

Volunteer Southern Maryland
Serving Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's Counties
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Adventist Community Services

The Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-Day Adventist is the administrative body of 54 local churches located throughout Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Delaware. Following after the example of Christ, we have made it our policy to respond to the needs of people in times of disaster. Chesapeake Conference is a resource center, which can network with a number of churches to connect people with the services they need.

Adventist Community Services (ACS) operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FEMA, ARC, and many state emergency management agencies. ACS is also a founding member of NVOAD.

In the event of disaster, we shall provide emergency distribution of needed products to victims and their families in cooperation with other government and voluntary disaster response agencies, without regard to any person's race, color, language or religion.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Emergency distribution of relief supplies, warehouse operations, donations coordination center, community collection centers, and crisis response counselors

Address: 6600 Martin Road
Columbia, MD 21044

Main Phone: (301) 596-5600 or (410) 995-1910 (only if Kitty can not be reached)

Internet: <http://www.adventist.communityservices.org/>

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross Disaster Services mission is to ensure nationwide disaster planning, preparedness, community disaster education, mitigation and response that will provide the American people with quality services in a uniform, consistent and responsive manner. The Red Cross works in partnership with people affected by disasters to help them return to living independently as quickly as possible by providing the following services:

- Sheltering and Feeding: The Red Cross opens shelters for those evacuated or displaced by a disaster and provides meals and snacks to families and to emergency workers in impacted areas.
- Individual and Family Assistance: Trained Red Cross interviewers meet one-on-one with individuals and families to determine their disaster-caused needs and how the Red Cross can help. The Red Cross also lets people know about other available community or government resources to help those needing long-term recovery assistance.
- Disaster Health Services and Disaster Mental Health Services: When a disaster strikes, the Red Cross assists in meeting the physical and emotional health needs associated with the disaster.
- Contacting Family in the Disaster Area: If a loved one is in the affected area, family members from outside the area can call their local Red Cross chapter and request assistance in determining the well-being of their family member.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Counseling, donations/distributions, feeding operations, financial assistance, medical assistance, shelter, and volunteer management (for those working for ARC).

Address: 4800 Mount Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215

Main Phone: (410) 358-2900 or (800) 787-0091, or 24-hr Emergency Services: (410) 624-2040

Fax: (410) 585-2431

Internet: <http://www.redcross.org>

Contacts:

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Baltimore County Volunteers (and Baltimore County Citizens Corps)

Baltimore County Volunteers matches organizations and non-profits with people who want to volunteer. We are in existence to meet the needs of the community through volunteerism. We have a web based matching program and publish periodicals listing volunteer opportunities for non-profits and government agencies. We work with over 150 non-profit partner organizations. We are a part of Baltimore County Government and are a program of the Department of Aging.

Baltimore County Volunteers is an active partner in emergency preparedness and disaster clean-up and relief. RSVP, management of spontaneous volunteers, The Baltimore County Citizen Corps Council, CERT, and Home Team are some of our primary program initiatives. Our programs help to meet the needs of the community through volunteer service and referral.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer matching and management, disaster recovery support, disaster preparedness.

Address: 611 Central Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Main Phone: 410-887-2715

Fax: 410-887-2656

Internet: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/volunteers/index.html>

Main Email: volunteers@baltimorecountymd.gov

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Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware

The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware is strategically located in the heart of the mid-Atlantic region. From the suburbs of the nation's Capitol, to the mountains of western Maryland, to the seashore, to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to the urban centers of Baltimore and Wilmington, BCM/D serves its constituent churches. The two states represent a highly diverse population with nearly six million people organized in twenty-seven counties.

The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware is organized throughout eleven geographic associations within the two states, and in cooperation with over 490 churches. We are committed to the expressed vision of planting new churches and strengthening existing ones.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities/Resources: Damage assessment, debris clearance, feeding operations, rebuilding, and shelter.

Address: 10255 Old Columbia Road
Columbia, MD 21046

Main Phone: (410) 290-5290 or toll free: (800) 466-5290

Fax: (410) 290-7040

Internet: www.yourbcmnd.org

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DC Baptist Convention (1628 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009)

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Fax: (202) 667-8258



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Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is grounded in the gospel of Jesus and rooted in the mission of the Catholic Church. Their employees, volunteers, and donors demonstrate their belief in the dignity of every person by cherishing the Divine within those we serve--regardless of their age, race, or religion. Because of that belief, Catholic Charities has a variety of programs that significantly improve the lives of children and families, the elderly, the disadvantaged, and people with developmental disabilities.

Their goal is to enable the people we serve to participate in the life of the community to the fullness of their abilities.

Their mission is threefold: provide healing and care to those in need, educate people to social awareness and motivate them to act, and advocate for public policy that ensures a just society.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Donations/distributions, feeding operations, etc.

Address: 320 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201-4421

Work Phone: (410) 261-5800

Fax Number: (410) 752-2873

Internet: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

Contacts: Harold A. Smith, ACSW, Executive Director

John Rusinko
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Church of the Brethren

The Church of the Brethren traditionally has been involved in the relief of suffering caused by war or natural disaster. The disaster response ministry began as an extension of the service ministries initiated and supported by the Church of the Brethren. Known as the Brethren Disaster Services, it was originally part of the Brethren Service Commission established in 1941. The present Disaster Response Program network was formally established in 1973.

Motivated by the biblical mandate to “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2), Emergency Response /Service Ministries (ER/SM) serves domestic disaster stricken communities with two distinct ministries – the Brethren disaster response program and the disaster child care program. The disaster response program mobilizes teams of skilled volunteers to clean up debris and repair or rebuild homes for disaster survivors in need. The disaster child care program is a national network of specially trained volunteers to help families and care for young children in traumatic disaster situations, including aviation accidents. This ministry continues on behalf of children during and after disasters in cooperation with the American Red Cross and the ecumenical disaster response community.

ER/SM is a program of the Church of the Brethren General Board. The Church of the Brethren is organized in 23 districts in the United States. Each district has a disaster response coordinator who is a volunteer recruitment officer for the disaster response projects. Local congregations are encouraged to appoint coordinators to assist with this task. The disaster child care program is organized with regional coordinators in 10 regions across the United States.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Childcare, debris clearance, donations/distributions, and rebuilding.

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PO Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776

Main Phone: (800) 451-4407

Fax: (410) 635-8739

Internet: www.brethren.org

Primary Contact: Bill Caputo, Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Coordinator
Phone: (301) 685-3860
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Each year, millions of men, women, and children are impacted by war, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other disasters. In these desperate circumstances, quick response is often the difference between life and death.

The Church continually gathers donations of food, clothes, medical supplies, and relief items. The resources are then pre-positioned in key locations for shipping on short notice. Because of this preparedness, the Church is able to respond immediately in times of emergency.

When the timing of response is critical, international relief agencies have come to rely on the Church for food and materials.

In addition to providing materials, the Church also helps with funds and volunteers. Volunteers often make the most difference in restoring hope in the lives of those in crisis. A recent example is the more than 10,000 days of labor donated by Church members to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and surrounding states.

From 1985 to 2006, the Church has shipped 54,905 tons of food and 107,061 tons of other supplies to more than 150 countries. In 2006, the Church provided \$14.9 million (USD) in cash and materials in response to the conflict in Lebanon, the earthquake in Indonesia, for refugees in Burundi, Sudan and Uganda, and 76 other disasters.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member Since 2007

Capabilities/Resources:

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Churches of Scientology Disaster Response

For more than 25 years, Churches of Scientology Disaster Response (SDR) has brought relief to those devastated by earthquakes, tornados, floods, bombings, and war-related disasters. SDR volunteers are active in all 50 states and in many countries around the world, providing service at a national and international level.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member Since 2006

Capabilities/Resources:

Mailing Address: Wahington D.C.

Main Phone: (202) 667-6404

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Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a non-profit, voluntary civil corporation chartered by Congress and established as an auxiliary of the United States Air Force (USAF). The objectives and purpose of the CAP are, in part, to “encourage and develop, by example, the voluntary contributions of private citizens to the public welfare” and to “provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national disasters.”

Voluntary emergency services provided by CAP may include the following:

- Air transport of authorized personnel and material in accordance with USAF and CAP regulations.
- Radio communications in the form of both equipment and personnel assigned to provide emergency communications.
- Ground transport in the form of vehicles and drivers for mobile operations.
- Damage assessment in the form of qualified air and ground teams (Digital Videoimaging).
- Evacuation route reconnaissance.
- Mass care manpower to work as volunteers in disaster shelters, feeding units, first aid stations, and logistics supply operations.
- Search and rescue operations, air and ground, as directed by USAF Rescue Coordination Center.
- Cadets, as well as adult CAP personnel may perform in any of the above capabilities according to their individual emergency service training and qualifications.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member Since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Communications, transportation and logistics services, damage assessments, debris clearance, feeding operations, medical assistance (first aid), search and rescue, mass care/shelter (manpower), and training.

Mailing Address: Maryland Wing Civil Air Patrol
P.O. Box 18341
Baltimore, MD 21240-8341

Location: Zachary Lane & Stewart Ave.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

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John Knowles
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Diakon/Lutheran Social Ministries

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries offers a range of retirement, health care, congregationally focused, and children and family services in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. As a leader in health care and social services, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries is one of the largest Lutheran social ministry organizations within the Lutheran church. Offered to people without regard to religious affiliation, Diakon services touch the lives of children, youths, families, individuals, older persons, refugees, and those in urban and congregational settings.

Diakon was formed Jan. 1, 2000, by the affiliation of Tressler Lutheran Services of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Lutheran Services Northeast (itself an affiliation between The Lutheran Home at Topton, Pa., and Lutheran Welfare Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania, located in Hazleton, Pa.).

Collectively, these three organizations have been helping people for some 280 years. In addition, the history of Tressler Lutheran Services includes the legacy of service of such organizations as Lutheran Social Services of Maryland, Inc., Baltimore.

Diakon, whose name comes from a Greek term for service, offers programs that aid people from the newborn through the most senior at nearly 70 service centers and facilities in the three states.

Diakon employs more than 3,000 staff members to bring hope and healing to people in need.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2003

Capabilities/Resources:

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Allentown, Pa. 18104-9108

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our institutions from all hazards by leading and supporting the Nation in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

FEMA, an integral part of the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS), supports state and local emergency management programs by funding emergency planning, training emergency managers and local officials, conducting large-scale test, called “exercises,” and sponsoring programs that teach the public how to prepare for disasters. FEMA provides technical assistance to communities that promote safe and wise land use planning in designated floodplains as a condition for making Federal flood insurance available to residents in participating communities.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: administration of federal disaster assistance programs, conduit for wide array of federal assets and resources, technical assistance to states, training, exercising, and educational support.

Address: One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor
615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404

Main Phone: (215) 931-5608 or (215) 931-5757 (ops center)

Internet: www.fema.gov

Contacts: Anthony Buller, FEMA Region III Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL)

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Email: Anthony.buller@dhs.gov

Liz Monahan-Gibson

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Fidos for Freedom

Fidos For Freedom, Inc. is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who strive to increase the quality of life for people living in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan community through the use of:

- Hearing Dogs;
- Service Dogs; and
- Therapy Dogs.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2002

Capabilities/Resources:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5508
Laurel, Maryland 20726

Street Address: 1200 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707

Main Phone: (410) 880-4178 or (301) 490-4005

Fax: (301) 490-9061 (FAX)

Web Address: www.fidosforfreedom.org

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

The Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI) coordinates community and volunteer activities statewide and advises the Governor on policies to enhance and improve community programs. This office oversees the work of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland and community outreach in cooperation with the Governor's Intergovernmental Affairs Office to serve the Executive Branch of Maryland government. In addition, GOCI coordinates outreach to ethnic communities across Maryland, overseeing the Governor's Office and Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs, the Maryland Commission on African Affairs, the Maryland Commission on New Americans, the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. GOCI is also the lead agency for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 15 - Donations and Volunteer Management.

GOCI also works with the leadership of faith-based organizations across the state to facilitate community improvement activities generated through those organizations, such as citizen patrol groups, neighborhood revitalization projects and neighborhood emergency response teams

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Volunteer training programs, volunteer outreach, interagency coordination, volunteer and donations management coordination.

Address: 301 W. Preston St., Room 1502L
Baltimore, MD 21201

Work Phone: (410) 767-4803 or 1-800-321-VOLS

Fax: (410) 333-5957

Internet: <http://www.goci.state.md.us>

Contacts: Angela Bernstein
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House of Imogene Shelters

Odds are, if you've lived near DC for any amount of time you've heard of the Bishop Imogene B. Stewart. She is the head of DC's African-American Women's Clergy Association and the pastor of The Greater Pearly Gates Baptist Church. In 1992, she was honored with the prestigious "Living the Dream" award for her service to battered women, the homeless, and the nation's veterans. She even has her own radio talk show, "The Georgia Peach," every Sunday morning from 8-10 a.m., WOL 1450.

The House of Imogene is just one of her many ministries. The first seed was planted nearly four decades ago, when the terrible toll of domestic violence began to press on her heart. Imogene Stewart responded the way she always does when people are in need: she rolled up her sleeves and got to work.

In 1972, her vision for a 12-bed safe haven became a reality, and was named, fittingly, The House of Imogene. Today, this labor of love is a compassionate and reliable presence on the front lines of domestic violence, providing shelter from the storm to victims throughout the DC-area and beyond.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities/Resources:

Address: 214 P St. NW, Washington DC 20001-1928

Main Phone: (202) 518-8488

Fax: (202) 518-1273

Web Address: <http://www.houseofimogene.org>

Contacts: Chaplain Imogene B. Stewart

Phone: (301) 420-2663

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Betty L. Howie

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Humane Society of the United States

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) promotes the safety and well-being of all animals that are adversely affected during a disaster through preparedness education, community planning, response training, and field rescue response by teams of trained animal disaster specialists, including a large volunteer base with veterinary, animal handling and other experience and skills.

The HSUS promotes the inclusion of the animal component in all federal, state and local government disaster plans, and those developed by the general public, by engaging in an on-going process of pro-active education and mutual awareness of the needs of animals in disasters.

The HSUS encourages cooperation with other animal protection organizations, veterinary associations, disaster relief agencies and government officials. It is a member of the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC) and works with federal, state and local officials to include animals in disaster preparedness and response planning and implementation.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities/Resources:

- Operational Capability: HSUS has trained specialists available for animal rescue, emergency sheltering, and EOC support.
- Stockpiled Materials: Some stocked locally, others can be obtained quickly from commercial sources.
- Training Available: Courses in animal disaster preparedness (individual, animal facility, and community), disaster response (DART), and emergency animal sheltering.
- Preparedness Information: General material for the public (Pets, Horses, and Livestock).
- Specialized information for emergency managers (animal facility planning and community disaster planning).
- Speakers available on Animals in Disasters.
- Animal issues, damage assessment, donations/distributions, search and rescue, etc.

Address: HSUS Emergency Services
2100 L St. NW
Washington, DC 20037

Main Phone: Dedicated "Disaster" 24/7 phone number: (202) 367-5446

Web Address: http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/

Contacts: Joan Willoughby, Emergency Services
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Cell: (202) 373-2473
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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

International Orthodox Christian Charities

International Orthodox Christian Charities, Inc. (IOCC) is the official international humanitarian organization of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA).

Since its inception, IOCC has administered more than \$226 million in humanitarian relief, sustainable development and self-help programs in thirty countries throughout the world. All assistance is provided solely on the basis of need, and benefits orphans, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, school children, families and people with disabilities.

IOCC's US Program became operational in the late 1990s and has since grown into a national, pan-Orthodox emergency response and recovery network consisting of trained emergency responders who provide relief and recovery services to people affected by natural or man-made disasters.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2006

Capabilities/Resources: Emergency relief item distribution, crisis and post-traumatic incident counseling, infrastructure and livelihood reconstruction/rebuilding, financial assistance, resettlement assistance, translation services.

Address: 110 West Road, Suite 360
Baltimore, MD 21204

Main Phone: (410) 243-9820

Fax: (410) 243-9824

Internet: www.iocc.org

Contacts: Pascalis "Lee" Papouras, US Program Coordinator
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Email: ppapouras@iocc.org



Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Lions/Lioness Clubs, District 22W

District 22-W of Lions Clubs International is the Maryland Chapter of Local Clubs covering the area from Carroll County westward to the Maryland/West Virginia Border. The sixty-three Lion/Lioness and Leo Clubs that make up District 22-W are community-based organizations chartered to provide local support to area communities. Although best known for their work in sight-loss prevention, eyeglass recycling, and diabetes awareness, the local clubs also supply other services to the community. Some clubs maintain physical equipment such as wheel chairs and hospital beds for loan within the community. Others work closely in support of local volunteer fire departments. All of the clubs offer a pool of twelve to seventy service-inclined volunteers that can offer assistance and manpower when requested to volunteer to a local disaster. They bring with them the backing and financial support of an International Organization.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2007

Capabilities/Resources:

Address: 6608 Phaedra Court
Sykesville, MD 21784

Internet: www.district22wlions.org

Contact: Freedom District Lions Club
PO Box 1663
Sykesville, MD 21784
(410) 549-LION
<http://www.freedomdistrictlions.com>
District Governor: Robert C. Disinger

Myron Horn, Lion ALERT Chairman
Phone: (410) 549-0558
Email: pmpjhorn@verizon.net



Maryland Alliance of Guide Dog Users

Maryland Area Guide Dog Users, Inc. is a member organization of Guide Dog Users, Inc. We are an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind. The vision of MAGDUi is a world where all guide dog teams can enter places of employment, amusement, or public accommodation, without hearing the words, "That dog is not allowed in here." That vision can be realized through education, advocacy, and outreach.

MAGDUi is a young and vibrant organization. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were adopted in 2002. The group received its' IRS non-profit charitable status in 2006.

Achievements in the areas of health, education, advocacy, training, and lobbying include:

Health- Obtaining an affordable veterinarian services national group benefit for members of our parent organization, GDUi. This helps guide dog users in finding affordable medical care for their canine partners.

Education- MAGDUi members provide presentations at schools, churches, and seminars. A new initiative with the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore began in the Fall 2006.

Advocacy- MAGDUi advocates for the rights of guide dog users at the federal and state levels of government.

Legal- MAGDUi is a recognized 501C-3 charitable non-profit organization.

Lobbying- MAGDUi has drafted and lobbied for passage of legislation to protect guide dog teams from attack and theft. MAGDUi observes and publicly comments on legislation which impacts guide dog teams.

Training- MAGDUi provides training and developmental opportunities to its' members. Seminars on current issues affecting guide dog teams are provided annually.

Outreach- MAGDUi is relationship building with agencies and organizations that impact the guide dog community. Alliances with county fire departments, emergency management planners, and state agricultural groups permit us to provide technical guidance in the development of policies that affect guide dog teams.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member 2005

Capabilities/Resources:

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Main Phone:

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Email: gnorman@magdu.org



Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD)

The Mission of the Department of Disabilities is to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve their personal and professional goals in the communities where they live. MDOD oversees the restructuring, reorganization of government delivery of services & programs for people with disabilities in Maryland through collaboration with all state government agencies. It has the authority to review and refocus regulatory provisions governing services and supports to people with disabilities, review and refocus budgetary emphasis regarding services and supports to people with disabilities, and implement governmental performance outcomes measured by consumer satisfaction.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member

Capabilities/Resources: Individuals with Disabilities or Special Needs Resource Coordination and Referral, and Individuals with Disabilities or Special Needs Emergency Preparedness Planning

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Baltimore, MD 21202

Main Phone: (410) 767-3660 voice/tty or 1-800-637-4113 voice/tty

Fax: (410) 333-6674

Email: mdod@mdod.state.md.us

Internet: <http://www.mdod.maryland.gov>

Contacts:

Phone:
Cell:
Email:



Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member

Capabilities/Resources:

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Baltimore, MD 21201

Main Phone: 1-877-463-3464

Internet: www.dhmh.state.md.us

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Email: wowkg@dhmh.state.md.us

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Maryland Department of Human Resources

The Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR) serves hard working families and individuals who are in need of temporary economic assistance and vulnerable children and adults seeking protection from abuse or neglect. Operating through 24 local departments of social services, DHR is responsible for the administration of all major social service programs across the state of Maryland.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member

Capabilities/Resources: Financial assistance, administrator of the federal disaster program Individuals and Households Program, oversees and assists volunteer and interfaith groups that are addressing unmet needs following a large disaster.

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Baltimore, MD 21201

Main Phone: 1-800-332-6347

Internet: www.dhr.state.md.us

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Maryland Emergency Management Agency

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is responsible for coordinating the State response to any major emergency or disaster. This includes supporting local governments as needed or requested, and coordinating assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In times of disaster, the Director of MEMA activates the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to support local governments as necessary, usually when requested. Representatives from various State Departments and Agencies, as well as private sector and volunteer organizations, are asked to report to the EOC. Representatives have the authority to make decisions and allocate resources necessary for emergency response. MEMA will provide information to support the Governor's decision-making process for declaring a state of emergency, as well as provide the Governor with reasonable justification to request a federal disaster declaration from the President of the United States. MEMA will also coordinate efforts with FEMA during the Presidential Disaster Declaration request process.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Communications, emergency planning assistance, resource coordination and allocation, assistance with damage assessments, coordination and information sharing with local jurisdictions, coordination with groups involved with donations/volunteers, preparing and submitting disaster declarations, and emergency management/homeland security training.

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Reisterstown, MD 21136

Main Phone: (410) 517-3600

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Maryland Food Bank

As long as hunger exists in Maryland, the Maryland Food Bank will strive to supply necessary grocery products to charitable food providers so that these organizations can feed every individual and family in need.

The Maryland Food Bank will accomplish this by gathering excess donated food and grocery products from the food industry and the general public and by distributing these products to community food providers so that these organizations can feed every individual and family in need.

The Maryland Food Bank is a charter member of America's Second Harvest, the national network of food banks.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities/Resources: Donations/distributions, feeding operations, volunteer management, etc.

Address: 2200 Halethorpe Farms Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

Main Phone: (410) 737-8282

Fax: (410) 536-0438

Internet: www.mdfoodbank.org

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Salisbury, MD 21802

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Maryland State Animal Response Team (MDSART)

Founded in 1999, State Animal Response Teams (SART) is a collaboration of interagency state organizations and private animal interests dedicated to the common goal of animal welfare during disasters. Preparation, planning, response, recovery and business continuity during animal emergencies are hallmarks of SART's efforts. The SART model utilizes the principles of the Incident Command System (ICS) to train participants to facilitate a safe, environmentally sound and efficient response to animal emergencies on the local, county, state and federal level. For more information, visit www.sartusa.org or call 1-888-989-SART.

MDSART is supported in part by the Maryland Department of Agriculture; the Center for Agrosecurity and Emergency Management at the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, and the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member since 2007

Capabilities/Resources: Animal care, veterinary services, animal shelter support, etc.

Address: 8015 Corporate Drive, Suite A
Baltimore, MD 21236

Main Phone: 410.931.3332, ext. 109

Fax: 410.931.2060

Internet: www.mdsart.org

Email : mdsart@managementalliance.com

Contacts: Dr. Jack Casper, MDSART
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Mercy Medical Airlift/Angel-Flight

MERCY MEDICAL AIRLIFT is managing the use of donated corporate jets with flight crews to transport relief workers, government employees, disaster specialists and to reunite evacuee families. Donated funds are urgently needed to cover expenses of coordinating these flights and responding to public needs. There is no charge to the public for MMA provided transportation

MMA also manages and coordinates large-scale charitable air medical transportation programs for individuals, often children, who need access to medical research centers and disease-specific treatment programs. MMA encourages and assists commercial airlines in the development of charitable ticket programs nationally. This is an important program for many who need charitable airline ticket assistance.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2006

Capabilities/Resources: emergency travel assistance

Address: 4620 Haygood Rd. Suite 1,
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Or

Northern Virginia Office

P.O. Box 1940
Manassas, Virginia 20108-0804
Phone: 1-800-296-1191 ext. 23
Local phone: 703-361-1191 ext. 23
Fax: 1-703-257-1642

Main Phone: (888) 675-1405 or (757) 318-9174

Fax: (757) 318-9107

Internet: www.mercymedical.org

Main Email: mercymedicalops@erols.com

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Cell: (703) 508-0200

Fax: (703) 866-0874

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Steve Craven, Washington, DC Representative

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Montgomery County Volunteer Center

To support our County's Emergency Operations Center with available volunteer resources including our Medical Reserve Corps and Emergency Action Team and to coordinate volunteer mobilization centers as needed.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Associate Member since 2004

Capabilities/Resources: Donations/distributions, feeding operations, volunteer management, etc.

Address: 401 Hungerford Drive, 1st Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Main Phone: (240) 777-2600

Fax: (240) 777-2601

Internet: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer

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National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)

NVOAD is a consortium of recognized national voluntary organizations active in disaster relief. Its mission is to foster, through cooperation in mitigation and response, more effective service to people affected (imperiled or impacted) by disaster.

NVOAD is non-operational, which gives each of its members the privilege of independently - but cooperatively - providing and implementing its resources when responding to disasters. NVOAD is committed to the philosophy that the time to train, prepare and become acquainted with each other is best achieved prior to the time of actual disaster response.

NVOAD provides effective service through the following priorities:

- Cooperation
- Coordination
- Communication
- Education
- Mitigation
- Convening Mechanisms
- Outreach

MDVOAD Membership Status: Advisory Member since 1996

Address: 1720 I Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20006

Main Phone:

Fax: (202) 955-5079

Internet: www.nvoad.org

Contacts: Diana Rothe-Smith, Executive Director

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Cell: (703) 355-5475

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Camille Hinojosa, National Portal Program Manager

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the Presbyterian Church USA

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It's core budget including staff and administrative costs is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work additionally funded through designated gifts.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

- Focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities
- Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods
- Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders.
- Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD, World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others
- Manages a number of specialized volunteer teams to work nationally and internationally providing consultation, program design and training
- Cooperates with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services in providing service structure for asylum seekers in the United States
- Cooperates with Church World Service in the resettlement of refugees to the United States

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2006

Internet: <http://www.pcusa.org/pda>



Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Prince George's Volunteer Center

The Prince George's Volunteer Center is your one-stop for volunteering in Prince George's County. We connect concerned and energized individuals with worthwhile and challenging opportunities to serve their neighbors and community. We help deliver creative solutions to our community's problems. In short, as our mission says, we mobilize volunteers to solve community problems.

A member of the Volunteer Center National Network, the Prince George's Volunteer Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and mobilizing community members to address community needs. In 2005-2006, we referred over 800 volunteers to 450 agencies.

MDVOAD Membership Status:

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer Management

Address: 5012 Rhode Island Avenue
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

Main Phone: 301-669-2800

Fax: 301-669-2806

Internet: www.princegeorgesvolunteer.org

Contacts: Teresa Gardner-Williams

Phone: (301) 699-2800

Email: tgardnerwilliams@princegeorgesvolunteer.org or info@princegeorgesvolunteer.org



The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army disaster program includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Spiritual counseling
- Family counseling and casework services
- Registration and identification of victims; missing persons services that locate individuals and answer inquiries from concerned relatives and families outside the disaster area
- Medical assistance
- Temporary shelter
- Mass feeding
- Mobile feeding - hot meals or snacks for disaster victims and emergency workers at the disaster scene
- Collection of donated goods for victims, according to predetermined needs
- Clothing distribution
- Food and commodities distribution
- Furniture distribution
- Bedding distribution

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities and Resources: Donations/distributions, feeding operations, financial assistance, rebuilding, search, and mass care/shelter.

Address: 814 Light Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Main Phone: (410) 347-9944

Fax: (410) 539-7766

Internet: www.tsamwv.org

Contacts: Connie Wise
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Tzu Chi Foundation USA

The Tzu Chi Foundation was established by Master Cheng Yen, a Buddhist nun from Taiwan, in 1966. With its four major missions of Charity, Medicine, Education, and Culture, this organization has built hospitals, schools, and helped millions of people in need throughout the world. Master Cheng Yen's three vows to purify minds, harmonize society, and free the world from disasters are key to Tzu Chi's mission.

The Master's compassion for human suffering has moved millions of volunteers to serve selflessly throughout the world. Called the "Mother Theresa of Asia," she was awarded the Eisenhower Medallion for her contribution to world peace, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

Today, there are 7 chapters and over 60 offices throughout the United States and their membership includes 50 thousand members in the US and 4 million members worldwide. Over the past 40 years, Tzu Chi volunteers have helped millions of people in times of need and disaster in over 31 countries.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2005

Capabilities/Resources: food, clothing, and shelter, building housing, building schools, medical outreach missions, emergency assistance for individuals, long-term care for families, and convalescent home visits

Address: Tzu Chi Foundation, Maryland Office
10405 Quietwood Drive
N. Potomac, MD 20878

Internet: www.tzuchi.org

Contacts: Mr. Howard Shieh
Phone: (410) 212-6168
Email: howard_shieh@us.tzuchi.org



Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

United Methodist Church and UMCOR

The United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) allocate funds for the relief of persons in need. Special offerings are taken to support these efforts. UMCOR also maintains a 24 hour hotline for information on disasters around the world. UMCOR helps to coordinate, enable, and mobilize the Baltimore – Washington Conference's response to disasters within the Conference boundaries.

We seek to do this by:

- Extending pastoral care to persons affected by disasters.
- Reaching out to persons who may have unique needs such as children, mentally ill, physically disabled or the elderly.
- Maintain contact with pastors and churches in the affected area.
- Responding to disaster victims through the periods of emergency, relief and recovery (long term).
- Providing a link with Volunteers in Mission and UMCOR.
- Linking with other community agencies active in disaster response such as Red Cross, Civil Defense and other church agencies.
- Communicating with the Bishop, Conference staff and Cabinet.
- Disaster Response Teams

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 1996

Capabilities and Resources: Child Care, Counseling, Donations/Distributions, Financial Assistance, and Rebuilding.

Address: 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046-2132

Main Phone: (800) 492-2525 or (410) 309-3400

Internet: <http://www.bwconf.org>

Contacts: Sandy Ferguson, Associate Council Director
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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County

Established in 2001, The Volunteer Center for Anne Arundel County, Inc., a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, acts as an information clearinghouse for volunteer projects and opportunities. The Volunteer Center is the sole countywide resource to connect potential volunteers with opportunities to meet local community needs. Our mission is to connect people and resources through volunteerism to create a vibrant community of service in Anne Arundel County.

The Volunteer Center is working with the Anne County Office of Emergency Management to coordinate the deployment of a Volunteer Mobilization Center (VMC), a clearinghouse for volunteer resources and needs, in any emergency event in the County. One goal of this project is to recruit volunteers for disaster/emergency response and recovery agencies prior to an event and to pre-affiliate community members with these agencies. Secondary goals are to assist agencies in identifying volunteer needs prior to and following a disaster and to refer spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers to agencies with post-event response and recovery volunteer needs.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer mobilization and management.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Main Phone: 410-897-9207

Fax: 410-222-4589

Internet: www.volunteerannearundel.org

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Bill Crabbs
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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Volunteer Center Serving Howard County

The mission of the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County is to stimulate and expand volunteerism in the community through connecting people to the needs of nonprofit and public agencies in order to improve the quality of life for all people in Howard County. Designed as a clearinghouse for community volunteerism, the Volunteer Center offers a variety of flexible opportunities for members of the community to connect with agencies seeking volunteers. The Volunteer Center serves as community resource by working with agencies to develop and implement volunteer recruitment and retention strategies.

After an event, the Volunteer Center will work with Howard County's Department of Citizen Services to coordinate the deployment of Volunteer Mobilization Centers (VMC), which will serve as a central point of registration and referral for spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers wanting to assist with response and recovery efforts.

Acting as a facilitator, the VC can actively engage community volunteers in a concrete and productive fashion while enhancing the efforts of first responders in a way that complements response efforts rather than complicates them as well as lay the foundation to help rebuild the community.

As an on-going activity, the Volunteer Center, as a member of CERN (Community Emergency Response Network – Howard County's Citizen Corps Council), promotes the recruitment and referral of community members to existing agencies whose missions include disaster preparedness, response and recovery. It is believed that pre-affiliated and pre-trained volunteers will be more effective and in a better position to serve the community.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer mobilization and management.

Address: 10221 Wincopin Circle
Columbia, Maryland 21044

Main Phone: 410-715-3172

Fax: 410-715-0845

Internet: www.volunteerhoward.org

Contacts: Mickey Gomez, Executive Director (Acting MDVOAD Chair)
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Volunteer Frederick

Volunteer Frederick inspires, strengthens and supports volunteerism in Frederick County by connecting people with opportunities to serve, building service partnerships and training volunteer program managers. Volunteer Frederick's Emergency Volunteer Mobilization Programs includes Volunteer Mobilization Centers, the Frederick County Medical Reserve Corps, the Emergency Volunteer Corps, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer mobilization and management.

Address: 31 West Patrick St.; Suite L2
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Volunteer Maryland

Across our state, Volunteer Maryland is getting things done! We're teaching children to read better, helping low-income families move into their own homes, making neighborhoods safer, maintaining Maryland's natural beauty, and much, much more.

How? By matching our AmeriCorps members (called VM Coordinators) with selected nonprofit organizations (called Service Sites). The VM Coordinators work with their Service Site to mobilize volunteers in direct service activities – like tutoring, building low-income housing, participating in safety patrols, or planting trees.

Our mission is to build stronger, healthier communities by developing volunteer and service-learning programs that meet critical needs in the areas of education, human needs, public safety, and the environment.

Volunteer Maryland recruits coordinators and associates who dedicate a year of public service to Volunteer Maryland. After reigning in volunteer management and empowerment techniques, teams of coordinators and associates are placed in government and private non-profit agencies to strengthen their volunteer programs.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member

Capabilities and Resources: Volunteer mobilization and management.

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Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

We Care Ministries

Our vision includes partnership with local, state and federal agencies to assist We Care Ministries (WCM) to grow this disaster relief effort nationwide. Our goal in these efforts is to serve as a bridge between the local church and area and federal governments.

MDVOAD Membership Status: Full Member since 2006

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