

MedStar St. Mary's  
Hospital



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### Coming Together to Help the Homeless

The primary goal of the new medical respite program is to fill the gaps in health care for the homeless. This new program is just one of several new services offered through the Veterans Housing Outreach and Assistive Services facility.

The multibed facility, recently opened at the Three Oaks Center in Lexington Park, offers individuals a place to recuperate from acute illness or surgery after being discharged from the hospital. The medical respite program offers patients 24-hour access to a bed during prescribed recovery time and a physical address where they can receive such services as visits from a home health nurse. The program also connects discharged homeless patients with care coordinators from MedStar St. Mary's Hospital, who will follow their recovery, help them find primary care, schedule and set up appointments, and coordinate services with a neighborhood wellness advocate.

"One of the primary goals of the program is to help stabilize these individuals' lives by connecting them to services and benefits, which eventually may move them out of homelessness," said Lori Werrell, director of Population and Community Health, the community outreach program of MedStar St. Mary's Hospital. "The hope is to transition these individuals to permanent housing and a better quality of life."

### Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

For more than 100 years, we at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital have taken pride in caring for our neighbors.

This year's Report to the Community confirms our ongoing efforts to reach innovative solutions to assist our growing population. We want to ensure that everyone in St. Mary's County who is in need of medical assistance has access to it.

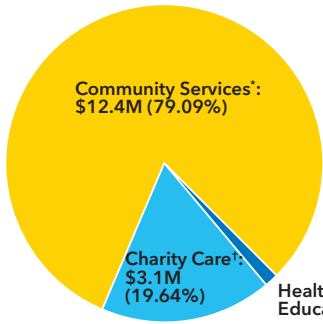
Everyone deserves quality care through the seasons of their lives. Serving our community is a long-held tradition for our hospital, and our doors are always open.

Kindest regards,

Christine R. Wray, FACHE

President, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital  
Senior Vice President, MedStar Health

## Total Community Benefit 2017: \$15.7M



\*Includes Medicaid assessments

†Includes subsidies, community health improvement services, community building activities, financial contributions, and community benefit operations

To learn more about MedStar Health's programs and initiatives across Maryland and the Washington, D.C., region that are contributing to healthier communities, visit [MedStarHealth.org/CommunityHealth](http://MedStarHealth.org/CommunityHealth).

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