

# END HUNGER IN CALVERT COUNTY

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

*Our mission is to end hunger in Calvert County through a growing network of people helping others become self-sufficient.*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

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This past year was one to remember! In collaboration with our many partners, we provided real life change to a growing number of needy Calvert County residents. Among our many accomplishments, we:

- Grew our Partner Food Pantry Network from **24 to 44 feeding organizations**. Virtually every food pantry in Calvert County partners with End Hunger In Calvert County.
- Facilitated the distribution of **910,612 pounds** of food for our Partner Food Pantries.
- Served over **15,000** individuals who use our Partner Food Pantries. Among these individuals, 40% are children.
- Provided free tax assistance for **229** low income families. The average tax return (both state and federal combined) was \$1,878.
- Launched the Cafe Management Program track which will continue in 2016.
- Graduated **33 students** from our Culinary Training Programs. 70% of all our graduates are now employed.
- Provided **4,620 turkeys** and side dishes for our Partner Food Pantries to distribute over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

### SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THE HEART OF END HUNGER

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At the heart of End Hunger In Calvert County are our Culinary Training Programs which are designed to move individuals from dependency to self-sufficiency in a way that creates real life change. The Commercial Kitchen Training and Cafe Management Programs teach people skills that land them a career in the Hospitality Industry. Since the launch of these two programs, nearly 90 students have graduated and over 70% are now working. In addition, our Calvert Cash Tax Preparation Program helps low income families prepare their taxes and equips them to better manage their finances. All of these programs are provided at no cost.

Real life change is happening.

#### Meet "John":

"John" came to Calvert Cash to have his taxes prepared and filed. John is head of his household and supports five dependents including both minors and elderly relatives. Earning just \$31,000 per year, our Tax Coaches knew John would qualify for the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit - two IRS anti-poverty tax credits that go under utilized every year. Because of Calvert Cash's tax expertise, John's 2014 refund was \$12,000; life changing for a family of limited means. At the time, John's vehicle was in desperate need of repair and was his only transportation to work. Before coming to Calvert Cash, he reported he didn't know what he was going to do to make ends meet, no less fix his car. Now, John has more than enough to keep his car running and has placed the remainder of his tax return into an emergency savings account.

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## POWERFUL PARTNERS

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### End Hunger In Calvert County Partners with Wal-Mart and Bank of America

Wal-Mart and Bank of America partnered with End Hunger In Calvert County to provide free tuition for our Culinary Training Programs. Thanks to the program, 70% of all our graduates are now employed. In addition, their partnership allowed us to launch our Cafe Management Program which graduated four students, all of whom are now working in local coffee shops.

### End Hunger In Calvert County Maintains Wise Giving Designation from Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau recognizes End Hunger In Calvert County as an Accredited Charity, awarding us its Wise Giving Designation for meeting all 20 Standards of Charitable Accountability. This certification means that when you donate to End Hunger In Calvert County, you can do so with confidence.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### OUR 2016 GOALS:

- Continue to focus on exactly why we do what we do - the people and lives that are being changed.
- Mature and strengthen the Cafe Management Training Program to graduate 25 students a year.
- Launch and establish The Lobby Coffee Bar as a fully operational coffee shop.

Our success is your success – your partnership is invaluable – the lives we are changing are real. And together, we'll accomplish what we set out to do – getting to the root causes of hunger and helping people move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Thank you for embracing the **#givewhereyoulive** value.

## FINANCIALS

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Financial statements for fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, can be found on our website, [endhungercalvert.org](http://endhungercalvert.org) under the *About Us* section.

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