



# SAVE A CITY

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## EBENEZER CHURCH OF GOD HOSTS ITS ANNUAL “SAVE A CITY” BACK TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR



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In this close-knit Landover Hills community in Prince George’s County, Maryland, the need for outreach is greater than one can imagine. As a response to this great need, Pastor, Bishop Oliver Subryan, First Lady Reverend Dr. Rose Subryan, and the Outreach Ministry of Ebenezer Church of God have graciously agreed to host a “Save A City” event every year.

“Save A City” was born as a vision for urban mission in the hearts of

Tom Madden and Sean O’Neal as an opportunity to communicate Jesus Christ’s message through *Word and Action* involving all generations and cultures. In accordance with the vision, people would work together to achieve something no one individual or church could do alone—“**Save A City**” and **Change the World!**

This exciting family event will be held on the church grounds on **Saturday, July 30, 2022, from 10 am - 2 pm.** Residents and

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Bishop, Dr.  
Oliver Subryan

Scripture tells us “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly

clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” James 2:14-17 KJV

As Christians, it is our duty to serve our community and show responsibility towards one another. In the Bible, God encourages us to take care of our brothers and sisters, maintain connections with one another, and build a community of love in words and actions. Ebenezer Church of God embodies that ideal and puts it into action at our annual “Save a City” health fair.

Five years ago, members of our congregation partnered with the DELMARVA/DC Regional Office to host this annual event to engage the church with the community through service. This fun-filled family event will be held **from 10 am - 2 pm** on the church grounds. We look forward to serving our community and shining the light of God. I believe there is power in unity and working together.

I invite you to join our volunteer team or as a participant. We look forward to seeing you.

*-Bishop Oliver Subryan*



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neighbors can enjoy healthy food, fun activities, and wellness services, in addition to the sheer joy of living in the community. The bouncy castle, face painting, free groceries, clothing, and back-to-school give-away are always a delight for the kids and youths, while the adults benefit from the FREE health clinic, fitness classes, free groceries, and other essential services.

Ebenezer Church of God embodies love and compassion, two necessities for human survival. Touching one life means reaching a family, and reaching one family enhances the community, hence positively influencing and forever changing the wider population.

Pastor, Bishop Dr. Oliver Subryan and the members of Ebenezer Church of God welcome you to join them in loving God and loving each other to the honor and glory of God.

Additionally, the annual “Save A City” community event would not be possible without the support from sponsors, volunteers, and participants. For more information regarding how you can contribute to this cause, please contact **Sis. Dionne February at (240) 338-6065.**

## School Supplies & Backpacks

*Helping ensure students succeed in school*



The “Save A City” event numbers have doubled and tripled over the last five years, resulting in the need for more backpacks and school supplies for the children in the community and surrounding areas. It is a blessing for us to provide our future business owners, scientists, police officers, engineers, doctors, educators and the like, with the basic tools and resources they need to succeed in school.

The importance of distributing backpacks and school supplies to students at our annual “Save A City” event comes as no surprise. Based on the 2016-2020 census, Prince George’s County’s high school graduation rate was only 87.2%. It is apparent that this is a number that needs to be improved.

With the help of private and public sponsors, we distributed approximately 300 backpacks during the launch of our backpack initiative in 2018. However, since

## Food Distribution *Feeding families in need*

Combating the current food disparities in our local area was one of the most significant components of the “Save A City” initiative - even more so during the pandemic, which shows how critical this support can be for struggling families. A growing number of low- to moderate-income families lack sufficient funds to keep food on the table due to the high cost of essential items. For this reason, we have

the pandemic began two years ago, this number has increased to over 1200. This year, we plan to fill 1500 backpacks with essential school supplies. Moreover, we will continue to encourage and support our community to achieve higher graduation rates throughout the county.

We invite you to join us in investing **TIME, RESOURCES, and CHARITABLE DONATIONS** into our community.

partnered with Celestial Manna, the Capital Area Food Bank, Stand Up & Deliver, and other public and private donors in the National Capital Region to ensure that families have access to fresh fruits and vegetables, beans, poultry, eggs, bread, and more. In addition, our pantry is also open to families every Saturday.

Our “Food Distribution Center” has served more than 40,000 families



from June 2018 through April 2022. Isn’t it exciting to see all the positive things happening in our community?

Come join the effort to provide healthier meal options to our underserved community. Contact us for information about how you can donate to our weekly pantry or to volunteer at our annual community event. **TOGETHER**, we can feed families in need.





## Health Corner

*Providing access to health resources and services for the underserved*

Every year, we aim to provide the community with a wide range of healthcare resources and services and assist families with finding ways to access quality health care. The health component of “Save A City” is becoming increasingly crucial for many residents living in Prince George’s County, where 8.6% of the population is considered underserved and 13% have no or limited health insurance (*the highest rate of people without insurance throughout MD’s 24 Jurisdictions*).

Access to free or reduced-cost healthcare coverage and services are available to anyone, documented

or undocumented, insured or underinsured. Therefore, we have partnered with various healthcare organizations such as Kaiser Permanente, Luminis Health, Amerigroup, Maryland Physicians Care, and a host of other local and private healthcare professionals throughout the DMV to provide FREE services such as vision/hearing/blood pressure screenings, Covid vaccinations and boosters, HIV information and testing, cancer awareness and education, healthy eating, fitness classes, and much more.\*\*

We invite healthcare organizations and licensed medical professionals

to join us in this effort by volunteering your time to create a bridge between socioeconomic divides and contribute to improving the quality of life in the community.

To learn how you can get involved, please call **Sis. Dionne February (240) 338-6065** or **Bishop Chris Benjamin (301) 674-3738**.

*\*Fact-sheet resources: American Community Survey period 2016-2020 & MarylandMatters.ORG-2021*

*\*\*Health Vendors may increase or change annually*

# The Community's Feedback

We have shared a lot of information about who we are and what we strive to do in our beloved community. Now hear what the community has to say about us.



“The Town of Landover Hills and our Police Department are proud to partner with Bishop Oliver Subryan and the Ebenezer Church of God in Landover Hills, in service to our community. The Ebenezer Church of God is active in the lives of our residents. The Church and its many volunteers such as Dionne February, Lyndon Holmes, Arlene Johnson, and many others are part of grassroots events and programs such as providing food, clothing, educational skills and supplies, and medical programs, including vaccinations and health fairs. Events such as “Save A City,” the Christmas party for children who have an incarcerated parent, and Faith in Blue weekend, make a difference in people’s lives and demonstrate community support. We thank the Ebenezer Church of God and look forward to our continuing relationship to serve our community.”

*-The Town of Landover Hills, Jeffrey Schomisch, Mayor, and Chief of Police, Robert Liberati*



“I’m very thankful for the food donation. It is helpful. I thank God for all the people who make it possible. I wish it will continue for as long as possible.”

*-Food Distribution Recipient*

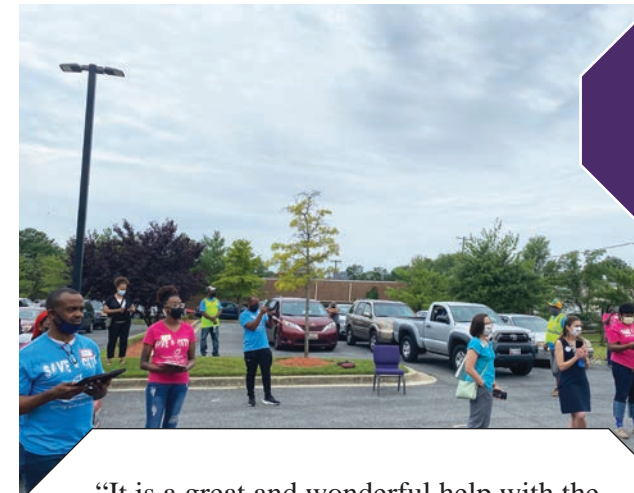


“It is always a pleasure to partner with Ebenezer Church of God to provide assistance to the community at their Save A City event. People are blessed with food, clothing, bag packs, school supplies health resources, and Covid vaccinations. It is remarkable to see the joy and happiness on people's faces as they receive these essential services and vital resources.”

*-Phelecia E. Nembhard, Mayor, New Carrollton*

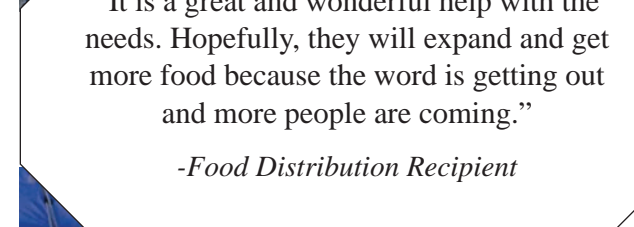
“As Maryland Governor’s Interfaith Outreach Director under the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives, I’ve had the privilege to attend many of Ebenezer Church of God’s Annual Back to School Events during our administration. I am happy to see the church evolved over the years, serving hundreds of Marylanders in the surrounding community of Prince George’s Co. with school supplies to begin the new school year. Thanks for all you do.”

*-Jennifer Gray, Governor's Interfaith Outreach Director  
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives  
Governor's Coordinating Offices*



“I heard nothing but GREAT FEEDBACK! Well organized, great job promoting, useful items for community members, great members of the church, everything was great!”

*-Gabrielle Furr, Program Coordinator  
Kaiser Permanente, Community Health*



“It is a great and wonderful help with the needs. Hopefully, they will expand and get more food because the word is getting out and more people are coming.”

*-Food Distribution Recipient*




“As the Maryland Physicians Care community engagement department prepares and plans for this year’s community engagement in Prince George’s County, we are reaching out to all community partners to determine if there are any plans for future events or community resources days that Maryland Physicians Care can attend or potentially sponsor. I personally attended the Ebenezer Church of God Save A City event last summer on behalf of MPC, and it was such a successful event. So much was given back to the community on that day. We would love to participate again this year! We hope to hear from you soon. Best regards.”

*-Zulma Chavez, Community Engagement Coordinator  
Maryland Physicians Care/MCMI*

## Special thanks to our Sponsors and Supporters



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Ebenezer Church of God believes the whole Bible to be completely and equally inspired and that it is the written Word of God. We are a fellowship of believers who share the Good News of the Kingdom of Christ with all those who will listen. Our ministry provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere of fun, fellowship, love, and grace to people from all walks of life. You will feel loved and at home at Ebenezer.

Come and see, for yourself, that the Lord is good! Join us for our Sunday services and Bible study or watch Live Stream online at [ebenezercog.org](http://ebenezercog.org), [Facebook.com/Ebenezer.cog1](https://www.facebook.com/Ebenezer.cog1), or Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCj8tyyn8VkNlr556dbib4w>, and check our website regularly for relevant announcements and upcoming events at Ebenezer.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**  
10:00AM - 12:00PM

**TUESDAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
7:30PM - 8:30PM

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
7:30PM - 9:00PM

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MEETINGS**  
FRIDAYS 7:30PM - 8:30PM

**LADIES & MEN'S MINISTRY MEETINGS**  
FRIDAYS 7:30PM - 9:00PM



SAC Planning Committee: (front l-r) Sis. Dinise Barrow, Bro. Dean Holmes (back l-r) Sis. Olive Cox, Sis. Natalie Griffiths, Sis. Jennifer Moore, Bishop Chris Benjamin, and Sis. Dionne February; (Not in photo: Bishop Oliver Subryan, Dr. Rose Subryan, and Sis. Delores McKoy)

The “Save A City” (SAC) Planning Committee has worked tirelessly to plan and execute successful community health fairs over the last five years for the residents of Landover Hill and the surrounding areas. But, we couldn’t have done it without the generous contributions and volunteer services from our faithful sponsors, donors, and supporters.

Ebenezer Church of God is committed to serving our community, but we need support

from you, our neighbors and our business leaders. Please consider donating, volunteering your time, or supporting us in any way that you can.

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“Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.”  
Romans 12:13 KJV

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