



Helping people, Changing lives

# HRDC

Human Resources Development Commission

## 2019

## Year In Review...

### *Creating Connections*

On behalf of the Board of Directors for Allegany County HRDC, I want to welcome you to our Annual Meeting. As I look back on the past year, HRDC has built many connections with agencies in our area to offer needed services to the residents of Allegany County. Many of these collaborative programs have provided support that is not only life-changing, but also life-saving. Issues of food insecurity, developing a healthier hometown and coping with chronic illnesses allowed us to partner with the Western Maryland Health System, as well as numerous other agencies. In the wake of the Verso Corporation's closing of the Luke Paper Mill after 131 years, HRDC, along with partnering agencies, provided assistance to those individuals and families who are struggling to find employment and support. A more comprehensive list of HRDC's accomplishments and connections can be found on the back of this document. HRDC would not thrive without you, our partners, and the connections we have made – both old and new. I thank you for your support of HRDC and we, as an agency, look forward to continuing these connections far into the future.

Gil Frankenberry, Chair, HRDC Board of Directors

### *A Sincere Thanks*

As we mark today's Annual Meeting, it also marks a change in leadership with the HRDC Board of Directors. Gil Frankenberry is stepping down as Chair and transitioning into the role of Vice Chair. Our current Vice Chair, Nicholas Hadley, will assume the Chair position. We look forward to working with Nicholas in this capacity. Gil joined the HRDC board in 2008 as Treasurer and moved into the leadership role in 2011. Gil prefers to be behind the scenes, lending his constant support and calming presence to every situation. I have appreciated Gil's ability to always look at the bigger picture and face challenges fearlessly, yet realistically. We have relied on his keen attention to detail for an agency offering a number of services from our 32 programs and the unique challenges that can bring. Gil has been a tremendous advocate for our agency. Today, we focus the spotlight on Gil and applaud and thank him for all he has done for HRDC and our community.

Wendolyn McKenzie, Executive Director, HRDC

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# Making a Difference in 2019

**Getting a Head Start:** 298 children and 287 families received quality Head Start services to prepare children for entering Kindergarten. 298 children also received immunizations and medical/dental care. 74 children and 63 families were served in the Early Head Start Program. In addition to educational and family services, 74 children received immunizations and medical/dental care.

**Giving Shelter:** 16 homeless families benefitted from transitional shelter. 3 families were moved into unsubsidized, affordable housing. 36 homeless families were provided Rapid Re-Housing Assistance so they could become housed. 77 families were able to remain in their homes with Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Assistance. 2,320 beds were provided to homeless families seeking temporary transitional shelter.

**Keeping Their Homes:** Assisted 994 families with emergency payments to avoid eviction or utility termination. 35 individuals were able to maintain quality housing through Affordable Housing and Scattered Site Projects. 7 homeowners were assisted with saving their homes through services provided by Foreclosure Counseling and 88 individuals received Pre-Purchase Counseling to better prepare them for buying a home. 617 households received City & County Housing Vouchers through Section 8, Family Unification, Mod/Rehab and Non-Elderly Disabled Rental Assistance programs totaling \$3.9 million, making housing affordable.

**A Warm Community:** 4,188 families received assistance with heating their homes and maintaining electric service by supplying \$5.55 million in direct energy assistance. 41 families were helped with improvements to their homes to reduce heating/electric costs through the Weatherization Program.

**Financial Security:** 1,145 families received tax preparation assistance, which resulted in \$2.55 million in Federal and State refunds returned to our local area. 47 individuals completed Financial Education Classes receiving strategies to save more and spend less.

**Living Independent:** 134 individuals were provided social and medical services through Adult Medical Care Services to avoid premature institutional placement, allowing them to remain in their homes and communities. 1,201 older individuals maintained their independent living status through the Senior Programs.

**Senior Success:** Assisted 302 seniors with Medicare and other insurance agencies enrollment. 2,157 weekly nutritious meals were provided to senior citizens at our area Senior Centers and through home delivery. 62,530 meals were provided either directly or subsidized to Allegany County seniors. RSVP Program placed nearly 254 seniors in volunteer service opportunities throughout our local area.

**Feeding Families:** 30,610 meals were provided to children through the after-school and summer programs. 57 families received emergency food and an average of 95 persons per month received supplemental food through the Brown Bag Program.

**Keeping Mobile:** 13,951 transports were provided to and from medical and human services appointments through the Mobility Management Program.

