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OUR MISSION: To alleviate food insecurity throughout St. Mary's County

OUR VISION: A St. Mary's County free from hunger

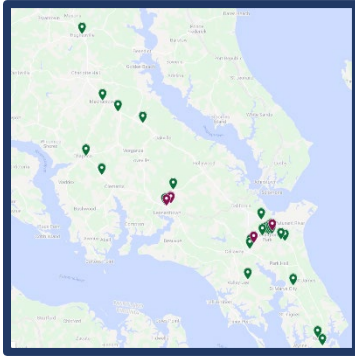


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ST. MARY'S COUNTY FOOD CONNECTION MAP

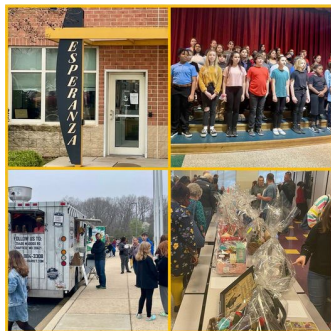


The Environmental Health Action Team of Healthy St. Mary's Partnership has developed an interactive map that can be used to identify services in St. Mary's County. Among the links is one that highlights Food Assistance in the County. You can access the information at: [St. Mary's County Food Assistance Map](#).

Thanks to everyone who is working together to not only provide food; but also, others who use their abilities to distribute the information to those in need. It takes a whole county with a lot of talents to address food insecurity.

FEED ST. MARY'S IN THE COMMUNITY:

Feed St. Mary's Food Bank is more than just a warehouse for food. We are also community partners who are willing to share information about food issues and availability in St. Mary's County. Recently, the FSM staff and Board of Directors were at the Passive Park to celebrate the St. Mary's Cherry Blossom Festival.



The Feed St. Mary's family was invited to participate with the Esperanza Middle School who raised money and gathered food to be distributed to those in need in St. Mary's County. In addition to the donations, FSM was invited to be guests at the Spring Talent Show and their presentation of "Shrek".

If you have an event, you'd like us to attend, please let us know: feedstmarys@gmail.com. Have table, will travel!

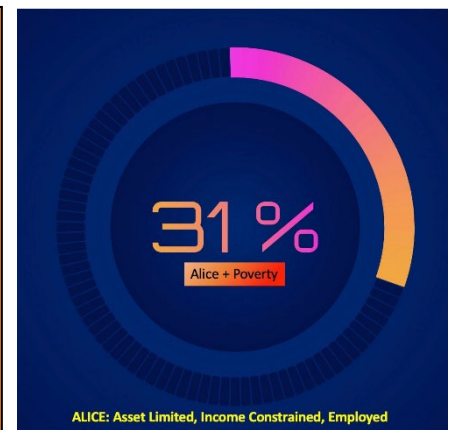
FEED ST. MARY'S WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

FSM added two new members to the Board of Directors. Leslie Taylor, who recently retired from NAVAIR and William Roberts, a professor from St. Mary's College joined the board in 2021. Welcome Leslie and Bill and thank you for all the hard work you have already invested in Feed St. Mary's.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... 31% of our friends and neighbors are struggling to make ends meet? Communities often use the acronym A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) to describe the working poor.

Please join Feed St. Mary's, our local food pantries and soup kitchens as well as other feeding organizations to help our fellow community members.



WHAT IS FEED ST. MARY'S?

Feed St. Mary's Food Bank is a community non-profit organization dedicated to helping the citizens of St. Mary's County, Maryland address the issue of hunger in our community. FSM is active in:

- Assisting local food pantries, soup kitchens and feeding organizations acquire and distribute affordable food to anyone in need
- Assisting organizations acquire and develop statistical information about how hunger is influencing people in St. Mary's County
- Partnering with public and private entities to distribute food and funds to address food insecurity in St. Mary's County
- Sharing informational resources about hunger to community members and organizations who are interested in learning more about the problem in our county and throughout our nation
- Coordinating service opportunities to community members and organizations interested in helping address hunger issues in St. Mary's County



Statistics and numbers don't always tell an organization's story, but Feed St. Mary's has partnered with local food groups to bring **OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD** into St. Mary's County!

Thank you to everyone who has partnered with us to make this happen. Your gifts and your efforts have made a difference in our community!

To learn more about Feed St. Mary's:

- Check us out on the web: <https://feedstmarys.org>
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/feedstmarys>

To be a financial partner with Feed St. Mary's, you can make a donation here:

<https://feedstmarys.org/donate/>

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