

# Connecting Advocates Newsletter

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*Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.*



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**Wishing You a Wonderful Holiday Season**

**Thank you for your continued support of Cultivating Community Connections**

### **Donations That Make a Difference in Our Community**

A contribution of time or money will help support an organization that provides vital services to our community. If you know someone who would appreciate a gift given in their name, below are some ideas.

1. **Capital Area Food Bank**, <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org>, Each year they source and distribute food for over 30 million meals across the DMV.
2. **Food For Friends**, <https://foodandfriends.org> Food & Friends provides meals, groceries and nutrition counseling to people living with life-challenging illnesses.
3. **Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services**, <https://www.laureladvocacy.org>  
LARS offers a number of emergency services to Laurel residents three days a week including: short-term financial assistance to prevent evictions and utility stoppage; assistance with security deposits and first month's rent; vouchers for eyeglasses, clothing and furniture; shelter information; and a food pantry which can be utilized by clients every 30 days.
4. **Community Crisis Services, Inc.** <http://www.communitycrisis.org>, A one-stop center for information and compassionate assistance for those in crisis.
5. **2-1-1** <https://211md.org> Connecting Marylanders to the health and human services they need to achieve a more stable life for themselves and their families.



HAPPY  
**Holidays!**

"THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
IS A PERFECT TIME  
TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS  
AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO  
MAKE LIFE BETTER  
FOR THOSE AROUND US."  
-TERRI MARSHALL



SENDING  
WARM  
WISHES TO  
ALL OF YOU  
AND YOUR  
FAMILY THIS  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON.

*Homemade*  
GIFTS MADE EASY



## What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing. Email us at: [CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com](mailto:CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com)

## Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Melissa Daston- *Movers and Shakers* co-founder "Thank you, Melissa for all you did. Rest in Peace."

Carol Relitz- web administrator

Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.

**Community Leaders  
Deserve a Round of  
Applause!**

**Thank you for all you do  
for communities!**

"WE MAKE A  
LIVING BY  
WHAT WE GET.  
WE MAKE A  
LIFE BY WHAT  
WE GIVE."  
-- WINSTON  
CHURCHILL

HUFFPOST WOMEN