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## County Executive Marc Elrich Presents Proclamation to MCMF Food Pantry Holiday Basket Distribution Team For Serving 600 Families in MD!

On December 13, 2020, MCMF held its Food Pantry Holiday Drive-Thru Distribution. Over 600 cars lined up in the early hours to receive food baskets. MCMF distributed 60 pounds of food with boxes containing rice, pasta, pasta sauces, oil, milk, peanut butter, chicken, onions, potatoes, and carrots. In total, MCMF distributed 40,000 pounds of food serving over 2000 individuals in MOCO. County Executive Marc Elrich, County Council Vice President Gabe Alborno, Council member Sydney Katz, Councilmember Evan Glass, and Mumin Barre, Member of the Democratic Central Committee attended the event and commended the work of MCMF. The County Executive issued a proclamation to MCMF for their services to the community. Councilmember Evan Glass thanked MCMF for their work and admired the "beautiful spirit in how MCMF carried the event." Ms. Aruna Miller, a former member of the MD House of Delegates, and her husband attended the event and helped volunteers load food boxes in the cars. Santa made a surprise appearance and handed out candy to kids waiting patiently in their cars. Ms. Miller praised the services of MCMF and added that the event was "festive, uplifting, and an exhilarating experience".

Special thanks to the County Executive and Council Members, Aruna Miller and her husband for joining us at the event. We want to thank Capital Area Food Bank for the food, Marla Caplon from MCPS for supplying us with the fresh produce, Mr. Nusarat Jamal for the poultry, Food Security Council, MCMF volunteers, ICM volunteers, and all MCMF board members, council, and staff who made this event possible.



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County Executive Marc Elrich, County Council Vice President Galbe Alborno, and Member of the Democratic Central Committee Mumin Barre with Tufail Ahmad and MCMF BOD members

County Executive Marc Elrich, County Council Member Sydney Katz, and Evan Glass with volunteers at the MCMF Holiday Gift basket distribution



Thank you to Council Member Evan Glass, member of the Health and Human Services, Transportation and Environment Committees for joining us, Council member with Mumin Barre, Member Democratic Central Committee, Adileh Shareef of ICM, MCMF Board member Nasreen Khan, Sultan Chowdhry, and Saba Rashid

Ms. Aruna Miller, former member of the MD House of Delegates with volunteers. Thank 



 MCMF presents Holiday Gift Baskets to the MOCO Police Department. Thank you for helping us during our drive thru and all your services to our community



volunteers picture with Santa and a little bit of body text



## MCMF + MOCO Holiday Gift Basket Program Serves 175 families

On Dec 19th, MCMF in coalition with the MOCO Holiday Gift Basket Program held its Drive-thru distribution at the MCMF office. Volunteers distributed food boxes, toys, and turkeys to 175 families. We want to thank Dennis Linders, DHSS Manager of Planning and Customer Service, and our youth volunteers who stood outside in freezing temperatures and loaded the cars. We also want to thank Naba Syed, our youth social media lead, who covered the program.



# Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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- MLK DAY OF SERVICE- log on to <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/index/24> OR try these easy activities to help those in need!
  - Make baked goods  
[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=523901](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=523901)
  - Bag beans and rice  
[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=529857](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=529857)
  - Make a casserole  
[https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need\\_id=522481](https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=522481)
- Winter Drive for the refugees from December 22nd to January 5th, please contact Bano Makhdoom at 703-725-9912 for pickups or drop-offs.
- MCMF Youth Scholarship Program deadline extended to January 31st, 2021. Please log on to [mcmfmd.org](http://mcmfmd.org) to apply and contact Nasreen Khan at 240-401-0858
- MCMF Winter internship program for high schoolers deadline to apply extended to January 30th, 2020. Please email [sabahaq.law@gmail.com](mailto:sabahaq.law@gmail.com)
- MCMF welcomes Naba Syed as MCMF Social Media Lead and Amina Rashid as MCMF Newsletter Lead
- MCMF launches The Youth Times, a monthly newsletter for the MOCO youth. Become a contributor! Heard of any interesting topics/news/articles/fun stuff etc. Please contact Amina Rashid at [amina.m.rashid2005@gmail.com](mailto:amina.m.rashid2005@gmail.com) and have your post in our upcoming newsletter.
- Resources corner has accountant/finance information. Check out the MCMF Resource page at [mcmfmd.org](http://mcmfmd.org).

# Covid-19 Resources

## Covid-19 Updates

[HTTPS://MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/COVID19/](https://montgomerycounty.md.gov/covid19/)

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/COVID19/NEWS/COVID19-NEWSLETTERS.HTML](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/news/covid19-newsletters.html)

## Senior Resources

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/COVID19/GET-HELP/SENIORS.HTML](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help/seniors.html)

## Testing Information

TO VIEW THE SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COUNTY-OPERATED TEST CLINICS, GO TO:  
[HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/COVID19/TESTING.HTML](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html)

## Mental Health Resources

[HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/COVID19/GET-HELP/MENTAL-HEALTH-WELLNESS.HTML](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help/mental-health-wellness.html)

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