



# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# MISSION & VALUES

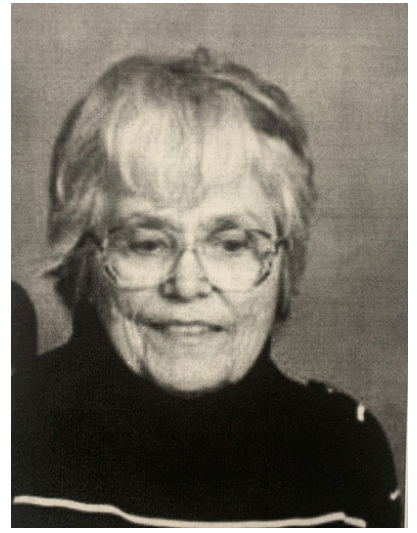
## WUMCO's Mission

WUMCO Help seeks to improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable residents of Western Upper Montgomery County by providing them with direct assistance to meet their basic needs, connecting them to other resources, and advocating on their behalf with the goal of helping them achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

## Our Values

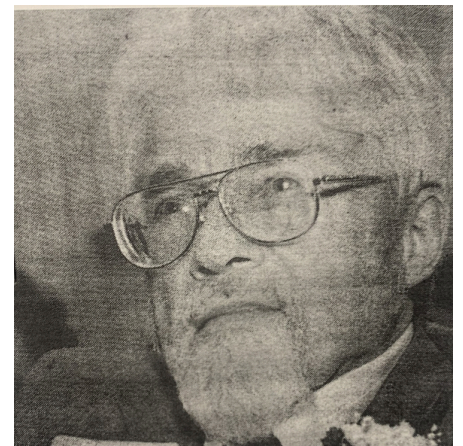
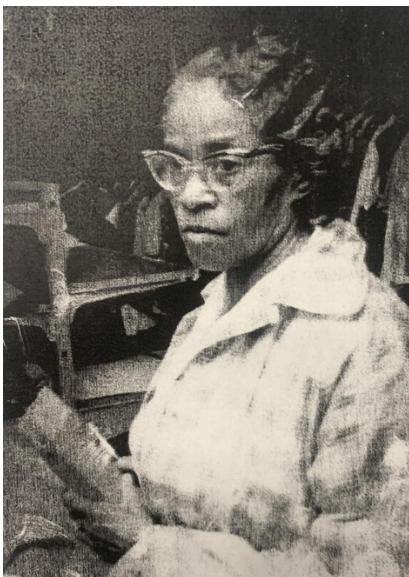
WUMCO's guiding values include welcoming everyone in our community with dignity and kindness, being an effective and trusted resource, and working together with our neighbors to strengthen our community.

# WUMCO'S HISTORY



## Over 55 Years of Service

- **1968** Beulah Harper and Jane and Fred Stearns join forces to provide food and rides to those in need in Western Upper Montgomery County. Poolesville Help, later changed to WUMCO (Western Upper Montgomery County) Help, is born.
- **1986** WUMCO Help, Inc is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS.
- **1993** WUMCO begins providing holiday assistance.
- **1995** WUMCO is a founding member of the Emergency Assistance Coalition, a group of Montgomery County organizations working together to improve services to those in need.
- **2000** A grant is received enabling WUMCO to hire a part time administrative assistant.
- **2015** WUMCO moves from its quarters in Beallsville to a new location in Poolesville.
- **2018** WUMCO celebrates 50 years of service to the community.
- **2022** WUMCO moves to new, larger headquarters in Poolesville.
- **2022** WUMCO receives a grant to address health disparities in our area, hiring a Community Health Manager and holding medical and dental clinics.
- **2023** WUMCO receives a contract with Montgomery County to increase our work to address health disparities. As part of that contract WUMCO hires a bilingual Community Resource Coordinator.
- **2024** ESOL classes are offered as part of WUMCO's services.





# 2025 BOARD

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# SERVING OUR CLIENTS



## WHAT DOES WUMCO DO IN OUR COMMUNITY?



**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

## How WUMCO Clients Were Served in 2025

Program	Total Individual Services	Compared to 2024
Housing	47	+7%
Utilities	194	+48%
Emergency Food	526 food orders	+21%
Auto Maintenance or Preservation	162	+27%
Primary Health Care Encounters	137	+29%
Dental Health Care Encounters	200	-2%
Mental Health Care Encounters	92	+1%
Wellness Events	99	
English as a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Language Students	24 students	-40% 2026 numbers are increasing again
Financial Assistance For Medical Needs	311	+58%
Rides Given	17 individuals	90 rides 2247 miles driven
Thanksgiving and/or December Holiday Help (includes 479 children)	205 families 1046 individuals	+12%

# EMERGENCY FOOD

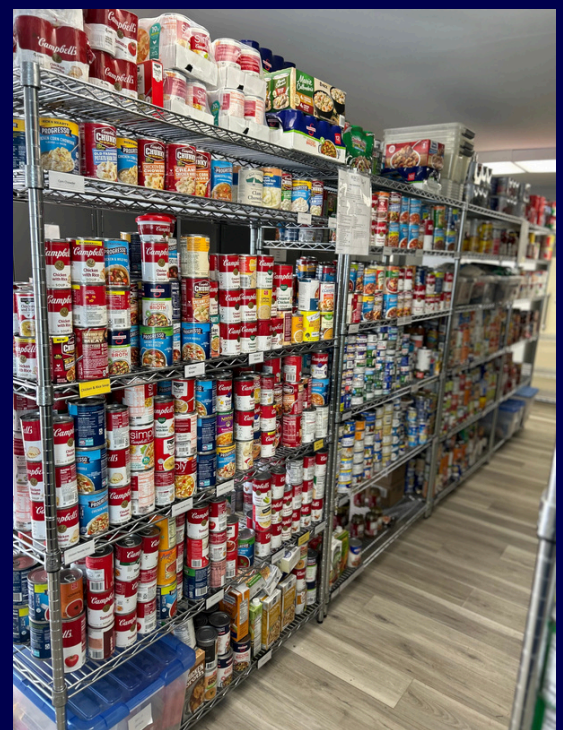


WUMCO maintains a food pantry, providing non-perishable, fresh and frozen foods to needy people. The vast majority of our food is donated directly from the community! Some support is also given to purchase food to fill gaps through grants. Special thanks to Drs. Pike and Valega, who have a 24/7 WUMCO food drop box in their parking lot.

## 2025 Pantry facts:

- Pounds donated: 62,647
- Pounds distributed to WUMCO clients: 65,059
- Pounds donated to other area food providers: 4,236
- Pounds wasted\*: 674

\*Mainly due to expiration dates at time of donation or rescued produce with short shelf life



## Produce Distribution

- WUMCO distributed over 8700 pounds of fresh produce during the growing season, helping to provide fresh, healthy and mostly locally grown foods to our clients
- Local growers and farmers donated food to make this effort possible

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



WUMCO assists in financial emergencies involving rent or mortgage, utilities, medical needs, child daycare, car repairs, and other critical expenses. Our procedures for responding to requests for financial help are designed to evaluate and offer the best response. We owe our donors nothing less. To assure that the money goes for its intended purpose, bills are verified with the utility company, property owner, or other payee and payments are made directly to the vendor or service provider.



## Limits on Assistance

None of WUMCO's services should be viewed as entitlement programs. The decision to provide assistance, first and foremost, is based on need, without consideration to a client's race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental condition, or political preferences.

Limits are designed to make the best use of our resources to help the greatest number of clients in need. WUMCO staff works to connect clients to other sources of assistance as well as advocates for greater access to services for residents of our area.

The Board of Directors sets limits on expenditures from general funds:

- Household expenses, \$1000 over any 12-month period.
- Medical expenses, not to exceed \$1000 for an individual over any 12-month period.
- One fuel oil/propane delivery per year.

We recognize that these limits must be treated with care and may be exceeded, but only with sufficient justification.

WUMCO staff work to connect clients with other resources as needed.

# HOLIDAY GIVING



WUMCO is responsible to coordinate support for families in our service area through Montgomery County's Holiday Giving Project.

This is done in cooperation with the local firehouse, churches, schools, service clubs, and businesses.

**In 2025 WUMCO partnered with over 25 organizations and individuals to make sure that 205 households (1040 individuals, including 479 children), had food and gifts for the holidays.**

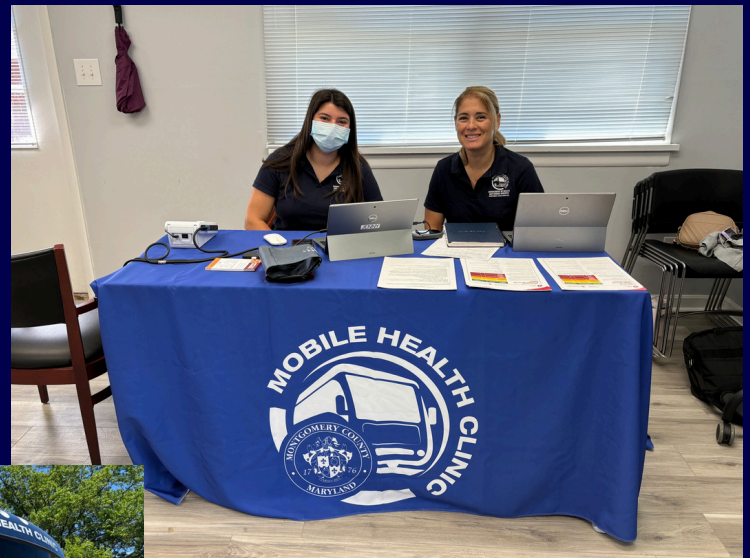
All toys given to children were donated by our community!



# HEALTH ACCESS



In 2025 WUMCO continued to expand and deepen our commitment to providing local access to healthcare within our service area amidst significant partner transition. Our funding remains strong with a grant award through Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF), contract funding through the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and dental funding through both HIF and a designated dental donation fund. WUMCO partnerships shifted in July. **Care for Your Health**, a nonprofit pop-up health clinic provider and **The Mobile Dentist**, a mobile dental clinic, both ended services at the end of June. Nearly simultaneously, the **DHHS Mobile Health Clinic** initiated services for medical, dental and mental / behavioral health care. We also added partnerships with **Poolesville Family Practice** and **University of MD School of Dentistry at USG** dental clinic to round out our care access options. In all, our provider partners reported **397 patient encounters**. WUMCO also co-hosted **wellness** events such as vaccine clinics and health fair events for **99** residents. In all, our healthcare access program provided **496 opportunities** to improve health and wellness in our community.



# ESOL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)



In 2024, WUMCO launched an ESOL program to support local residents who want to improve their English language skills. By 2025, we have served a total of **56 individual students** and provided three semesters of classes. The majority of our students are Hispanic, and we have also welcomed learners from Brazil, Turkey, and China. Already, the program is helping residents on their path to success. One student was able to communicate confidently with her landlord in English, and another secured a job at a local restaurant. Both demonstrated measurable improvement in their English-speaking skills and felt empowered to use their abilities to advocate for themselves. In addition, we started working with dedicated volunteer English tutors who help students continue practicing their language skills outside of class through weekly one-hour sessions at the local library.

# TRANSPORTATION

WUMCO provides transportation for medical needs, social services, and local errands. Volunteers, driving their own cars, provide this service. Our Transportation Coordinator manages ride requests from clients. In 2025, **21 volunteer drivers drove 17 clients 90 times, for 2247 miles and 170 hours driven.** Huge thanks go to our transportation volunteers who provide this much needed service!



# FUNDRAISING MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



WUMCO is well supported by our generous community. The 2025-26 Membership campaign has brought us 392 new and renewing members and approximately \$212,000 in funding. In addition to helping their neighbors in need, members receive membership cards that make them eligible for discounts or benefits from local businesses through our Business Partnership Program. Member benefits can be found on our website - [www.wumcohelp.org/membership](http://www.wumcohelp.org/membership).



# VOLUNTEERS

It is impossible to quantify the number of people who volunteer their time and talent to WUMCO (surely in the 100's) or to estimate the number of hours they donate (surely in the 1000's) but it is not hard to characterize what it means to the organization. It can be said in a single word...indispensable!

The two areas where we can track volunteer hours are in the pantry and with our drivers. Volunteers weigh, date, and put away food donations and fill clients' food orders. Volunteers also delivered food to clients' doorsteps and brought food from our 24/7 donation box. Pantry volunteers donated over 600 hours of time to WUMCO. Drivers donated over 173 hours of their time. Over 50 volunteers participated in the Holiday Giving Program. Special thanks to Jeff Sypeck, WUMCO Food Coordinator, who arranges food orders and Heather Witt, WUMCO Transportation Coordinator, who arranges volunteer rides for WUMCO clients.

# 2025 FINANCES (UNAUDITED)

## 2025 Finances (Unaudited) WUMCO Help, Inc

### Revenue

Individual Contributions	\$298,816.36
Business/Community Organizations	23,349.74
Church and Church Organizations	9,429.49
United Way Support	8,653.96
Interfaith Works	\$9,548.51
Local/State/Federal Governments	280,960.45
Foundations	\$134,082.13
Nonprofit donations	6,791.23
Corporate/business grants	7,750.00
<b>Total Contributed support</b>	<b>\$783,226.87</b>
Earned revenues	\$23,995.69
Special events	\$3,235.19
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$50,465.33
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$861,024.98</b>

### Expenses

Salaries & related expenses (5 part-time employees)	\$233,248.16
Administrative	\$66,527.62
Accounting fees (Audit)	9,500.00
Fundraising	\$5,355.06
Marketing & Advertising	\$6,739.96
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$79,098.64</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Community Health	\$132,112.81
<b>Emergency Financial Assistance</b>	
Housing	\$27,777.79
Utilities	\$71,338.19
Medical Needs	\$39,745.82
Maintenance of Clients' Cars	\$41,582.93
Purchased food for pantry	\$14,124.77
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$328,731.51</b>
<b>Total for Expenses</b>	<b>\$643,618.64</b>

# THANK YOU



All gifts to WUMCO Help are fully tax deductible, pursuant to Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the donor receives no goods or services in exchange.

A copy of our current financial statement is available upon request. Financial statements, including the latest IRS Form 990, are available for inspection at the WUMCO office during normal office hours; we suggest that you make an appointment.

Documents and information submitted by WUMCO under the Charitable Solicitation Act are available, for the cost of copying and postage, from the Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401 (800-825- 4510). Registration with the Secretary of State does not imply endorsement.

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