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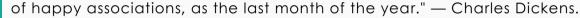
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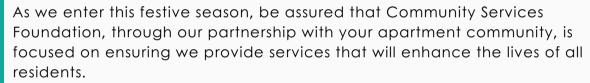
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### **Letter from the Program Director**

Written by John Mensah

"Of all the months of the year there is not a month...so welcome to the young, or so full





We have made a firm commitment to helping our youth and teen learners academically and socially through our wonderful and exciting After-School Program. Be sure your child participates in our Native American and Indigenous People presentation that is scheduled for December 6th at 4:15pm. Thanks to a generous donor, every child enrolled will receive a gift this month! With limited spaces available, now is the time to enroll your child to avoid the waiting list.

We will also work to ensure our Adults and Seniors receive enriching online and in-person programs designed to promote personal growth and wellbeing. From career and job readiness workshops to financial literacy and health and wellness classes, these programs are designed with you in mind. Whether you're joining us at the community center or participating from the comfort of your home, our team is ready to assist you with resources, guidance, and information.

Thanks to our partnership with your apartment community, all of our programs are free of charge. We aim to make the community center your go-to resource for enhancing your quality of life. Your ideas are welcome —reach out to us through your community center site coordinator or call our main office at 301-925-4251. You can also email us at programs@csfnd.org with your questions and inquiries.



Center Closed: December 25 & January 1

**Open Rec from 11 AM - 6 PM:** December 20, 23, 26-27, & 30; January 2-3

Open Rec from 11 AM - 2 PM: December 24

**Open Rec from 11 AM - 3 PM:** December 31

**Parent Meeting:** December 18 at 6:15 PM

Native American and Indigenous People Presentation: December 6 at 4:15 PM

### **Community Manager Message**

Dear Residents,

Thank you for your continued residency and cooperation as we close out 2024. It is our hope that you and your family will have the happiest of holiday seasons.

We ask that you report any needed repairs as quickly as possible. Promptly notifying the rental office of repairs will allow us to quickly address the concern and ensure that you are able to enjoy the remainder of the holiday season.

We also ask that you dispose of your trash as quickly as you can. December is a month when we often have more garbage than usual and this will help with our trash collection efforts.

Finally, as we approach the conclusion of 2024, we look forward to ushering in a new month and year with zeal and excitement! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you in 2024 and look forward to serving you in 2025.



### **Adult & Senior Education Updates**

Written by Tiffani Grier

Our adult education classes remain a vital resource, empowering community members with new skills and knowledge through flexible daytime and evening sessions. Please join us for extra guidance during this holiday season.

Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, stay fit, or simply connect with others, we have something for everyone. These classes are a great way to meet fellow residents, learn something new, and have fun from the comfort of your home! Feel free to invite friends and family members to join us in these exciting opportunities.



Monday - Thursday Zoom

Meeting ID:

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### CSF'S ADULT & SENIOR EDUCATION SCHEDULE

	10 - 11 A.M	11 A.M 12 P.M.	7-8 P.M.
MONDAY	Financial Literacy	Health & Wellness	ESOL
TUESDAY			Health & Wellness
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### **Youth & Teen Education Updates**

Written by Tiffani Grier

As we enter December, Community Services Foundation's (CSF) Learning Lab continues to thrive, providing impactful academic enrichment and project-based learning opportunities Monday through Thursday.

This fall, we've expanded our reach by including middle school students, whose participation and enthusiasm for S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) projects have grown each week. These hands-on activities have fostered creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking skills across all grade levels, while our Targeted Instruction and Curriculum Team supports individual growth through tailored IXL assignments, certified teacher-led homework help, and innovative weekly themes like Artistic Creations, Environmental Science, and Space Discovery.

November brought inspiring milestones, including our Vibrant Voices Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, where students shared cultural insights through presentations and crafts, and the continuation of Native American Heritage Month studies, which will culminate in a celebration honoring Native contributions during the first week of December.





Learning Lab Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 217 270 189 626

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Learning Lab focused on Showing Gratitude and Native American History Month in November

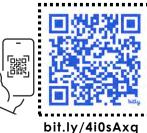


### **Parent Meeting**

Come hear about updates to our programming, activities, and nutritional health tips that every family can enjoy. It's virtual and only lasts 30 minutes.

You can also win a prize for attending!

Our next meeting is Wednesday December 18 at 6:15 PM.



**Parent** Meeting **Microsoft Teams** Meeting ID: 213 292 635 294 Passcode: Rt7HJ6P4

### **Health & Wellness**

Written by Janel Patrice, BS, MA

The Month of December is identified as the most difficult time of the year for mental health challenges. December is also designated as "Seasonal Affective Disorder" Awareness Month. Reduced daylight and cold weather impacts moods and well-being.

This month is inclusive of the holidays, and the loss of family members and friends, can be overwhelming emotionally. For many people,



the holidays lead to a massive disruption in day-to-day routines. But maintaining healthy habits like talking with friends, family, and even being open to therapy, getting proper sleep, and exercising, are critical to keeping your mental health on track. The following are things you can do:

- Accept Your
   Feelings
- 2. Maintain

  Healthy Habits
- 3. Set Boundaries
- 4. Make Time to Connect

Enjoy the Holidays! Connect with a friend! Stay in prayer and in peace!

Happy Holidays from the Mental Health Support Staff at Community Services Foundation



### DECEMBER 2 0 2







### Youth & Teen Calendar

### MONDAY

Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM



### TUESDAY

Afterschool Club 2-6 PM **Learning Lab** 4-5 PM



### WEDNESDAY

Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM

### THURSDAY

Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM

### FRIDAY

Afterschool Club 2-6 PM American and Indigenous People Presentation 4.15 PM Fun Friday



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16 Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM

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18 Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM

**PARENTS MEETING** 6:15 PM

19 Afterschool Club 2-6 PM Learning Lab 4-5 PM

20 **OPEN REC** 1-3 PM

Holiday celebration

23 **OPEN REC** 1-3 PM

24 **OPEN** REC 1-2 PM

CLOSING AT 2 PM

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26 **OPEN** REC 1-3 PM



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### Adult & Senior Calendar

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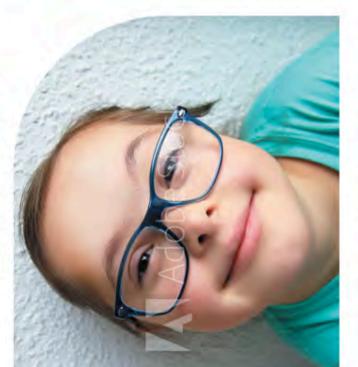


## HOW TO APPLY

Please Call Lisa Jenkins at (301)265-8462

Or Write:

Foster Grandparent Program
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# WHO ARE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS?

Caring men and women from all walks of life who meet the following program requirements:

- 55 Years of Age or Over
- Income Eligible
- Good Health
- Concerned about Children
- Time and Love to Give
- Resident of Prince George's County

### What do Foster Grandparents Do?



Serve children with special or exceptional needs, 15 hours per week.



Give loving care, guidance, understanding, and assistance on a oneto-one basis.



Listen, teach simple tasks and selfcare skills, play games, help with therapy and engage children in a variety of developmental activities.

### What Benefits do Foster Grandparents Receive?

- Tax-Exempt Hourly Stipend
- Transportation Allowance
- Yearly Physical Examination
- Training
- Paid Leave
- Free Accident Insurance

# Where and Whom do Foster Grandparents Serve?

In schools (public and private), residential institutions, day care centers, and hospitals. They help children who are:

Mentally/Physically Challenged

Victims of Abuse and Neglect

Academically At-Risk

Troubled Teens/Young Mothers

With Special or Exceptional Needs











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