

Montgomery County, Maryland City of Gaithersburg

The 2025 Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day

**Online Self-Paced Training** 

# **Homeless Resource Day**

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Location: The Activity Center at Bohrer Park** 

**506 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877** 



## What will you learn in this training. . .

- 1. What programs serve the unhoused in Montgomery County?
- 2. How many are experiencing homelessness in our community?
- 3. What is the Point-in-Time Count and what was the 2025 count for Montgomery County?
- 4. Who was Nadim A. Khan and how did Homeless Resource Day start?
- 5. What is Trauma-Informed Care?
- 6. How will the Activity Center be organized?
- 7. Volunteer roles, responsibilities and safety information
- 8. Liability, Confidentiality and Photos
- 9. Where should I park?
- 10. How should I dress?
- 11. Additional Training Opportunities and Resources



# Homeless Programs and Statistics



# Programs That Address Homelessness



#### **Homeless Prevention | Housing Stabilization**

- Emergency assistance to stabilize and preserve housing
- Assistance with paying utilities

#### **Crisis Response Services**

- Housing-focused Outreach to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Emergency Shelter that provides short-term temporary lodging
- Transitional Shelter that provides longer-term temporary lodging

#### **Permanent Housing**

- Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing rental subsidy and intensive support services
- Rapid Re-housing provides a short-term rental subsidy and case management to help households increase income and housing stability
- Shallow rental subsidies and connection to affordable housing are provided to households with minimal service needs

# **Programs and Statistics**



#### **Permanent Housing:**

• In **Fiscal Year (FY) 2025** (July 2024-June 2025), **547** persons exited homelessness for permanent housing.

Program Type	Number of persons exited homelessness
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	186
<b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b>	74
Other Permanent Housing	287

 Short-term Housing and Resolution Program (SHaRP) – a rental subsidy program for up to a year. Since its started in December 2024, 475 households have been housed.

# Programs and Statistics (continued)

#### Prevention Programs "Safety nets to support housing stability":

- Rental Assistance Program (RAP): Is a Shallow Rental Subsidy Program only by referral. County RAP served 936 households during FY25
- **Prevention & Diversion**: **2,547** households received emergency grants to prevent eviction/homelessness during FY25

#### **Shelter Services:**

- Year-Round Emergency Shelters: There are 498 emergency shelter year-round beds for individuals and families which are fully utilized
- Overflow Emergency Shelters: There are 587 emergency shelter year-round beds and 257 seasonal beds for individuals and families which are fully utilized

# Point-in-Time Count in Montgomery County

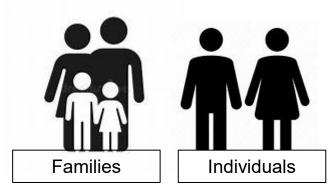


- The Point-in-Time (PIT) is a one-day annual count required by the Housing Urban Development (HUD) of those experiencing homelessness by community.
- Volunteers go out the last week of January after 12 a.m. to count, engage, and survey those experiencing homelessness living on the streets.
- Single individuals and families living in shelters are also counted.
- The January 2025 PIT, showed a 32% increase from 2024 in total persons experiencing homelessness.

## **Montgomery County, Maryland** 2025 PIT Homelessness Count

During the night of Wednesday, January 29, 2025, there were:

Total Literally Homeless: 1,510 a 32% increase since 2024



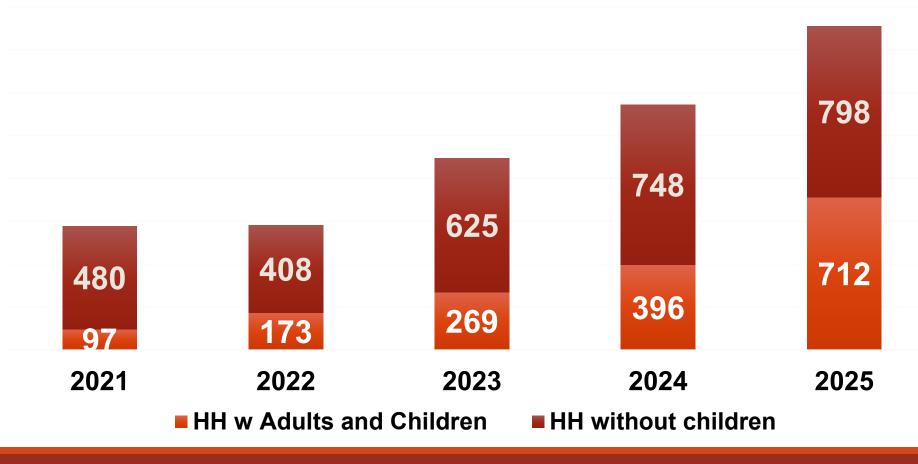


417 Children living in shelters

**79** Youth (Age 18-24) **Experiencing Homelessness** 



#### Point in time Counts from 2021-2025



People Experiencing Literal Homelessness in Montgomery County 2021 - 2025

# Facts About Homelessness in Montgomery County



#### **Throughout FY25:**

 3,324 individuals experienced homelessness, with every 1 in 4 of them being a child

#### On any given day during FY25:

- There were between 900-1500 persons in shelter or places not meant for habitation
- Between 200-400 children were in shelter



# The Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day

Nadim Khan giving County Executive Isiah Leggett a tour at the first Homeless Resource Day 2011.



# Who was Nadim A. Khan?

Nadim was the Chief of Special Needs Housing (now known as Services to End and Prevent Homelessness) from 2007-2016.

- Prior to working with Montgomery County, Nadim was the Chief Operating Officer
  of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. Nadim dedicated his career to
  helping those in need.
- Since 2011, Nadim was instrumental in spearheading Homeless Resource Day.
   Taking the event from an idea to the successful collaboration of community, service providers, and government that HRD is today.
- Nadim's advocacy and leadership continues through the efforts of all who volunteer.
- Chief, director, husband, father, musician, photographer, and friend--Nadim was a "True Renaissance Man" who is dearly missed.



# What is Homeless Resource Day (HRD)?

HRD is a "one-day, one-stop" event where individuals and families experiencing homelessness can access services, resources and information.

The goal of the day is to provide individuals and families experiencing homelessness the opportunity to:

- access supportive services,
- learn about homelessness prevention and housing options, and
- connect with community providers.

HRD brings people together, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose within the community. A day of service and networking.

## What is Trauma-Informed Care?

**Definition**: Care that recognizes that the people we serve have experienced difficult or painful events that affect how they think, feel, and act.



Example of Trauma-Informed Care—
Instead of asking: "What's wrong with you?"
We explore with the household
the experiences that led to a housing crisis.

## Goal of Trauma-Informed Care

To create safe, respectful, and supportive environments.

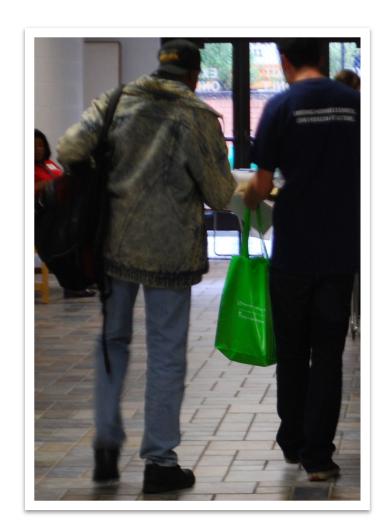
#### **Key Principles**

- Trust
- Choice
- Collaboration
- Cultural Sensitivity

By practicing Trauma-Informed care, we reduce the chance of re-traumatizing someone and help build trust, healing, and resilience.

## Core Principles of Trauma-Informed Care

- Safety: Ensure participants feel safe
- Trustworthiness: Be consistent and honest
- Choice: Offer options where possible
- Collaboration: Work with participants
- Empowerment: Focus on strengths



# Understanding Trauma in Homelessness

# Common experiences

- Violence, displacement, loss
- Impact: Mistrust, Withdrawals, Advocacy for personal needs
- Behaviors are often survival responses, not personal attacks

# **Managing Triggers and De-escalation**

Recognize Triggers: Noise, Crowds, Authority, Touch

De-escalate: Stay Calm, Give Space

Lower Your Voice, Monotone

Offer Choices

Ask for help if you need it! Who is available to help?

- Captains and/or Staff (Captains wear red t-shirts)
- Police Officers (Plain-clothed Police officers will be present.)

# The Activity Center at Bohrer Park

Two Gyms will be divided into Quads. Service Providers staff tables, and the Quads are designated as follows:

**Quad 1** – Health Services

**Quad 2** – Income Assistance and Supports

**Quad 3** – Financial | Legal Services

Quad 4 – Personal Care | Giveaways

**Rear Lobby** – Lunch Area for Guests and Adult Coloring Section

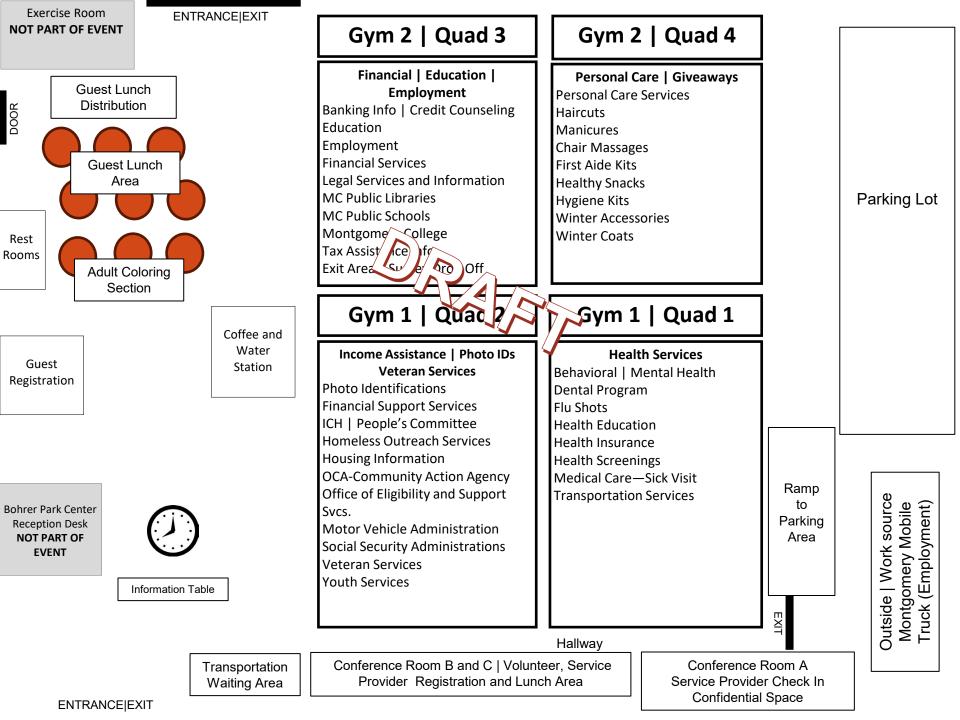
**Room A** – Service Provider Check-in and Confidential Consultation Area

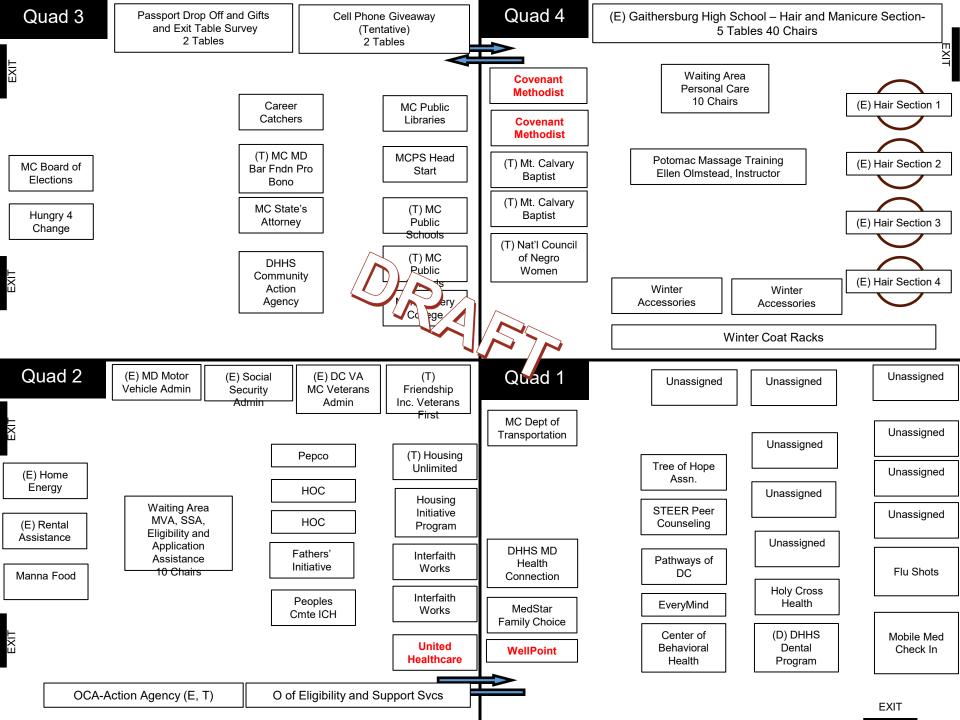
**Room B and C** – Volunteer Room

- Check-in
- Coffee and Lunch
- Rest Area for Volunteers

The following maps are DRAFTS to give you a visual of the floor plan that guests and volunteers will be navigating.

FINAL maps of the floor plan will be provided on November 6.





# **Volunteers Roles and Responsibilities**



#### **General Information**

- Do NOT promise any services.
   Programs require eligibility determination.
- Treat guests with dignity and respect their privacy.



- Do NOT give your cell phone number or contact information to any guest.
- Important: Please do not leave guest in the middle of your guiding them. Stay with the guest until the Exit Table or the Guest Lunch Area
- If you have any questions or concerns, request help from a Team Captain who will be wearing red t-shirts or a Police officer. (Plain-clothed Police officers will be present.)



## **Self-care for Volunteers**

Take a break, when needed
Visit the Volunteer Rest Area
Use buddy system
Seek Support if overwhelmed
Celebrate small connections



# Guides

## **Guides**

Many volunteers at the HRD will serve as Guides. Guides assist guests in navigating the provided services and resources.

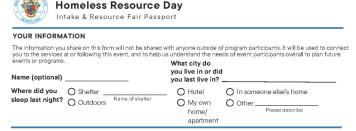
If time permits, Guides will be given a tour of the facility and a Service Provider Directory that list vendors and service providers.

#### Tips for guides:

- Introduce yourself and welcome guests.
- Fill out the Guest Intake Form with input from the guest.
- Note the questions on the top of the form for data gathering and are optional. The guest does not need to answer all questions.
- Guide guest from one service to another. Fill out the Passport to ensure
   Guest make the most of the providers who are present.
- IMPORTANT: Stay with your assigned guest until all services are received.
- If needed, assist Guest in completing Exit Survey.

#### **Guest Intake Form and Statistics**

#### Document below is current draft.



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#### WHAT SERVICES OR RESOURCES ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Check all that apply; a volunteer will help you find their locations.







- ☐ Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC)
- ☐ Housing Unlimited Office of Home Energy
- Program Rental Assistance Program





☐ Barber/Hair Cut ☐ Chair massage Manicure



■ Social Security Administration

□ MVA Office of Eligibility and Support Services Office of Home Energy Program



☐ Bar Foundation of Montgomery County Pro Bono Program MC State's Attorney's Office



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- Office of Eligibility & Support Services Rental Assistance
- Program Office of Home Energy



☐ ServingTogether



FAMILY SUPPORT

☐ Fatherhood

☐ ICH People's Committee Tree of Hope Association



■ Board of Elections ☐ Hungry 4 Change



Career Catchers

Montgomery Mobile

Truck (Parking Lot

☐ WorkSource

Outside)



■ Department of Transportation



MC Public Schools

Care Coordination MC Public Libraries for Health Choice ■ Maryland Physicians

□ Priority Partners United Healthcare

□ DHHS Administrative



☐ -Mt. Calvary Baptist Church ☐ National Council of Negro Women

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- Fill out Guest Intake Form prior to navigating the Quads.
- The form captures the guest's needs and interests. This will save time and help navigate the resources and services.
- The Intake Form also captures important statistics, such as:
  - Number of Street Homeless
  - Number of Guests from Shelters/Motels
  - What city does/did the guests reside?
- Please help guests complete the form as thoroughly as possible. If the guest does not want to give information, that's okay. Capture the services they want to receive.
- Use the HRD Directory to identify which vendors are present and in which quad.



# The Passport (back of intake form)

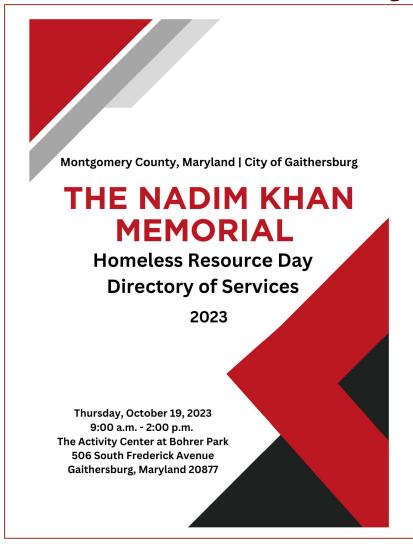
- The purpose of the Passport is to encourage guests to visit service providers' tables
- Each provider will have Gold Star Stickers to add to the Passport
- Guest who receive 6 or more stars will receive a gift at the Exit Table.

#### RESOURCE DAY PASSPORT

VISIT TABLES IN THE SERVICE AREAS BELOW AND GET A GOLD STAR STICKER AT EACH ONE. GET 6 OR MORE AREAS STAMPED AND TURN YOUR PASSPORT IN TO STAFF ON YOUR WAY OUT TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!

YOUR NAME:	
HOUSING HEALTHC	CARE PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES SERVICES
FINANCIAL FAMILY SUF	PPORT EMPLOYMENT HEALTH SCHOOLS & SUPPORT INSURANCE EDUCATION
VETERALS COURSE	RELING ELECTION TRANSPORTATION GIVEAWAY AREA
WOULD YOU LIKE FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES OR RESOURCES YOU SAW TODAY?	<ul><li>Yes, please! (please provide your contact info and needs below)</li><li>No, thank you.</li></ul>
YOUR NAME:	
YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL:	
WHAT RESOURCES OR SERVICES WOULD YOU LIKE FOLLOW UP ON?	
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# **HRD Directory**



- The HRD Directory lists service providers, exhibitors and donors.
- The Directory will assist guides and guests in determining:
  - What agencies are present
  - What services and resources are being provided
  - Where are the services (Quad and Tables)

# **Guest Exit Survey**

- The Guest Exit Survey is another statistic-gathering tool and helps us learn what were our guests' impressions of the day
- The form is filled out by the Guests at the end of their visit with the help of their Guide
- Both the Confidential Guest
   Intake Form and the Guest Exit
   Survey are collected at the Exit
   Table located in Quad 4

	Montgomery County, Maryland   City of Gaithersburg Homeless Resource Day
	GUEST EXIT SURVEY
	PLEASE TURN IN AT EXIT
1.	Did you receive the services and resources that you wanted?
2.	What did you like best about the day?
	Services Food People/Volunteers
	☐ Information ☐ Giveaway Items ☐ Transportation ☐ Other ☐
3.	What did you like least?
	Services People/Volunteers
	☐ Information ☐ Giveaway Items ☐ Transportation
	Other
4.	How useful was the information provided?
	Extremely useful Very useful Moderately useful Not at all useful
5.	What other services would you like to receive?
6.	If you could change something about today, what would it be?
7.	Comments:
7.	Comments:  Please check the box that describes the type of follow up appointment you have.
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# Registration Tables



# **Registration Tables**

#### **Information Desk**

#### Guests

- Greet guests
- Match guests and guides
- Provide Intake Form, lunch tickets, and Guest Survey

#### **Volunteers**

- Volunteer check-in, T-shirts, and name tags
- Inform volunteers of assignments
- Tour volunteers to orient them to the facility

#### **Service Providers**

- Service provider check-in
- Assist providers with their materials
- Direct providers to their assigned quads and tables

#### **Passport and Exit**

- Collect Intake Form and Passport
- Distribute gifts to guests who received 6 passport stickers
- Assists guests with Exit Survey
- Provide follow up information and materials



# **Greeters | Runners | Quad Assistants**

#### **Greeters**

**Greeters** will be stationed at various locations around the building, especially at key entry points.

#### What is the role of a greeter?

- Assigned to help Service Providers unload materials
- Assigned to assist guests connect with transportation
- Other duties as needed

# Quad Assistants, Meal Monitors, and Runners

Quad Assistants help with line control for hair cuts and screening areas.

Meal Monitors help with breakfast and lunch distributors.

Some volunteers may be assigned to be runners to help retrieve information, lunches for service providers and other duties.





## Captains

## **Captains**

#### Who are they?

- Members of the DHHS staff
- Members of the Planning Committee
- Homeless Services provider Staff
- Those who have volunteered in the past and have HRD experience

#### What is the role of the Captains?

- Answer questions
- Organize the quad or section
- Lead the volunteers in the quad or section
- To help and provide guidance
- If you see or experience a safety issue, contact a Captain wearing a Red T-Shirt

NOTE: Plain-clothed Police Officers will be on site at all times.









## **Service Providers**

### What services will be provided? Not a complete list









- Benefits Information (Social Security Admin., Food Stamps, Cash and Medical Assistance)
- Medical Care (Flu shots)
- Behavioral Health information
- Housing Information (Renter's Alliance)
- Homeless Preventions (Rental Assistance, Office of Home Energy)
- Veteran services
- Legal Information
- Non-driver's identification (MVA)
- Personal care (Haircuts and manicures)
- Giveaways (Winter Coats and accessories)



# Safety Tips

### **Volunteers Do's and Don'ts**

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	Dos	Don'ts
•	Greet guests with a smile and enthusiasm	<ul><li>Argue or lecture</li><li>Raise your voice</li></ul>
	Use calm, steady voice tone	<ul> <li>Ask invasive questions</li> </ul>
	Ask permission and respect privacy	<ul> <li>Assume needs</li> </ul>
•	Keep plenty of "personal space" between you and others	<ul> <li>Promise any services. Remember- eligibility requirements for services</li> </ul>
•	Be aware of body language – yours and others.	must be met
•	Ask for help if you need it! Who is available to help?	<ul> <li>Give your cell phone number or contact information to any guest</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Captains (red t-shirts)</li> <li>Police Officers (Plain-clothed Police officers will be present.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Agree to assist anyone after the event</li> </ul>

## Liability-Confidentiality-Photos

To volunteer at the Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day, volunteers are required to read and sign a Volunteer Liability Confidentiality Agreement.

Department of Health and Human Resources Employees are exempt from signing the agreement.

Pictures and videos will be taken at Homeless Resource Day and may be used in future event advertisements, trainings, website, etc.

If you prefer not to be videotaped and or photographed, please note on the Volunteer Liability Agreement.



## Where should I Park? PARKING INSTRUCTIONS

Park at the Gaithersburg Parking Garage at 112 Old Towne Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877

- Shuttle vans will be provided (beginning at 8:30a) to transport you to the Activity Center at Bohrer Park at 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg.
- One of the shuttle van drivers is NEED DRIVER NAME. If your wait seems too long, please contact NEED Contact Person and number for assistance.
- Shuttle will run on average every 30 minutes to return you to the parking garage at the end of your shift.

#### What should I wear?



Wear comfortable clothing and comfortable shoes.





- Arrange for placement of all valuables including purses, totes, backpacks off site.
- We do not have a secure place to keep valuables.
- We encourage you to use fanny or waist bags to carry essential items.





## **Food Options**

Guest, Volunteers and Service Providers will receive a Subway Lunch Ticket

- Coffee and pastries will be available from Corner Bakery
- Bagged lunches will be provided by Subway
  - Veggie Delight Sandwich is the vegetarian option for lunch

## **Additional Training Opportunities**





The following will be an opportunities to ask questions and to talk to Volunteer Leaders (Captains) that are available to assist you.

One Virtual Trainings (via Zoom) are scheduled **Tuesday, October 28** | 6:00-7:30p.

Meeting ID: 825 5541 0537

Passcode: 045922

One In-person Training is scheduled **Wednesday, October 29** | 6:00-7:30p

MCDHHS-Administrative Office, 401 Hungerford
Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Rooms, Rockville
20850

On Thursday, November 6, Volunteers will receive a tour of the facility prior to starting their assignments.

Captains in **Red T-Shirts** are available to assist.

## The week of November 3 you will receive an email with the following information:

- Your volunteer assignment and report time
- Final updates and information.

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!













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## Learn more about homelessness and other volunteer opportunities

This HRD Training PowerPoint provides general information about homelessness and services provided in Montgomery County. To learn more about the issue of homelessness, we recommend the following websites:

 Montgomery County, MD, Services to End and Prevent Homelessness

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/homelessness

- National Alliance to End Homelessness <u>http://www.naeh.org</u>
- National Coalition for the Homeless <a href="http://www.nationalhomeless.org/">http://www.nationalhomeless.org/</a>
- Other volunteer opportunities
   <a href="http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/">http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/</a>



By completing the survey below, you verify you have taken the HRD training.

The Liability/Confidentiality/Photo agreement will be forwarded to you after you submit your survey.

Click Link or use QR Code for the 2025 Homeless Resource Day Survey

