



Happy September from Communities Together!

Welcome to our brand-new newsletter where we will be sharing what's happening within our communities. A lot happened this summer, so let's get caught up.



Congressman Jamie Raskin presents the Paul Sarbanes award to Communities Together

In May, Communities Together was thrilled to accept the Paul Sarbanes Award for Excellence in Community Service, presented by Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin, who noted the "extraordinary and pathbreaking work" performed by us over the years. Raskin honored our team for "the process of stabilizing, strengthening and uplifting communities in affordable housing."

The award is named in honor of US Senator Paul Sarbanes, who served the state of Maryland for more than 30 years. The award is presented by the Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County.

Our Founder, Don Tucker, took the stage backed by our team and said, "We're honored and humbled by this award. We're here to do the people's work, as Congressman Raskin has invoked. As a long-time architect and developer of affordable housing, I learned some years ago that it's not just about building projects and units, it's about building community, and Communities Together is all about that."

Tucker added, "We are dedicated to building strong communities, and we work together with residents and managers and in communities where people can lift one another up and share resources."

The award came along with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition presented by Rep. Raskin. The certificate was awarded for our "passionate dedication to strengthening the vibrant communities living in affordable housing across the DMV through innovative and accessible services."

Video of the award ceremony can be seen [here](#).



Our Coordinator, Jordon DaSilva-Martins (left), leads a crafting group at Hubbard Place in DC

In June, Communities Together successfully wrapped up a two-year, \$148,600 grant from Capital One. The grant provided free WiFi service for all residents along with Chromebook laptops and technology training for the Silver Creek Senior Living Community.

Silver Creek is special place for active seniors 62+ located in the historic and walkable neighborhood of Kensington, MD. Cars aren't needed here, as a resident shuttle and front door bus service are available .

We remain very grateful to Capital One for their early, robust, and steadfast support for this innovative project, which helps seniors stay in touch with their loved ones. We're now replicating parts of that same concept in other communities we serve.



Our Coordinator, Lucia Dey at Ashburn Chase in VA.

We are pleased to announce Communities Together Inc has won a very generous donation from United Bank two years in a row in support of our services to residents of Prince George's County in addition to a targeted donation for Ashburn Chase in Loudoun County.

Ashburn Chase is an upscale yet affordable housing community supported by tax credits. It's located in the Belmont Chase neighborhood in Ashburn, Va. We thank United Bank very much for renewing their strong support in 2024.

We look forward to building our relationship with you.

Please consider contributing to our residents' future by making a secure contribution here: <https://commtogether.org/donate/>

That link also provides a mailing address if you wish to mail a check. Communities Together Inc is a 501c3 charitable nonprofit. We can also sponsor a nonprofit development, as we did in each of the past two years. If you would like more information, please visit our website. Better yet, let us know of your interest with a note.

With warm regards,
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