

Ways to help

1

Return a gift in the enclosed envelope, or donate online at fuelfundmaryland.org. Recurring donation options are available.

2

Make a donation when you pay your BGE bill online.

3

Designate to the Fuel Fund at work with the following codes:
United Way, CFC: 99844
CBACCC, NCACCC: 99844
MCC, CCC: 7695

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Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and share with your friends!
[Facebook.com/FuelFundofMaryland](https://www.facebook.com/FuelFundofMaryland)
[Twitter.com/FuelFund](https://twitter.com/FuelFund)

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Donate your time! Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks.
Contact Danielle Phelps at dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org or 410-844-3835.

Save a tree!

**Help us cut down on costs!
Follow the impact of your gift!**

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Fuel Fund Named Beneficiary of the Waterfront Spring Festival

Saturday, April 22nd from Noon-6pm at Rash Field in Baltimore



We are excited to announce that the Fuel Fund of Maryland has officially been named the beneficiary of the 4th Annual Waterfront Spring Festival on Saturday, April 22nd from noon - 6pm at Rash Field in downtown Baltimore. This is a free, family-friendly event featuring Ravens players, live music, food, kids' zone, beach games, raffles, power hour, money machine, and more!

How can you get involved? Attend with your friends, coworkers, or family! Or, consider a sponsorship for the event. Sponsorships range from \$500 - \$20k and are fully tax-deductible. Your company's sponsorship helps us give the gift of power to our neighbors in need, prevent evictions and homelessness, keep children in school, and assist the elderly and disabled. Interested in a sponsorship? Contact Debbie Brown at dbrown@fuelfundmaryland.org or 410.804.2629.

Individual and group volunteer opportunities are available for the event. Contact Danielle Phelps at dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org or 410.844.3835.

To learn more about the Waterfront Spring Festival, visit bmorespringfest.com.

We look forward to seeing you on April 22nd at Rash Field for a day of food, fun, and more importantly, fundraising for our neighbors who are struggling with their home energy bills.



Letter from Executive Director



On behalf of the thousands of families we will assist this year, let me express our sincere appreciation to you for your confidence

in the Fuel Fund of Maryland and your compassion for your neighbors. Without your generous support, thousands of Maryland families would go without power every year. You are truly making our communities a better place.

Living without power is an unthinkable challenge, even during warmer winters. When tough times occur, the Fuel Fund is there to help power our neighbors' lives when it's needed most. For many Maryland families, a sudden illness, unexpected expense, or loss of wages can quickly turn into a crisis. Pay utilities or buy food? Rent or heat? Lights or medicine? These are challenges clients served by the Fuel Fund face every day.

Families who receive help from the Fuel Fund have an average monthly income of just \$1,001. As you know, home energy is a lifeline to a safe and stable home. Without it, for many families, the next step is homelessness. This is an unacceptable outcome, and we are making meaningful investments to provide our clients with comprehensive support to make energy affordable not just today, but in a sustainable way for the long term.

With your help, the Fuel Fund can give your neighbors a new beginning, one that keeps them safe and connected. Let's work together to ensure no family has to make decisions that puts their family's lives at risk. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Jon Rosa
Executive Director



"You did not judge me when I was desperate for help, and for that I will always be grateful."

It Could Happen to You

Ms. Alexander of Owings Mills was living the American dream: family, job, and home ownership. But after a divorce, she was forced to sell her home to focus on taking care of her ill son, even as she faced the loss of her job. The bills began to mount and she received a turn-off notice for her utilities. She couldn't lose power. Her son has a chronic illness and needs special medical equipment to breathe.

"Having to choose between paying rent or mortgage on time versus other bills, and knowing things are going to snowball, is scary. Just because you live in a certain zip code doesn't mean it can't happen to you," she said.

"I think the Fuel Fund of Maryland is tremendously different from the other support agencies," said Ms. Alexander. "To get a [return] phone call that same day in such a short time period was simply amazing." The Fuel Fund team was able to apply the necessary funds and keep Ms. Alexander and her son from losing power. **"I will be forever grateful to the wonderful people at the Fuel Fund,"** said Ms. Alexander, **"and more importantly, to the generous donors who give donations out of the goodness of their hearts.** You did not judge me when I was desperate for help, and for that I will always be grateful," she said.

Ninety cents of every dollar donated goes directly to households like Ms. Alexander's. Give the gift of power. Donate today.

Your Donation Matters!

This past year we kept these Marylanders connected:



10,830
households



28,631
individuals



13,187
children

Thank you for your support!

3rd Annual Fuel Fund 5K Trail Run

“Fall Back” with us on Daylight Savings Day

November 5, 2017 | 9am race start

Lace up your favorite sneakers and get ready to hit the trails on Sunday, November 5, 2017 as the Fuel Fund of Maryland hosts the 3rd Annual 5K Trail Run and 1-mile fun run at Schooley Mill Park in Howard County. Costs to register range from \$30-\$45 and both individuals and teams are welcome.

This is an excellent opportunity for first-time runners, beginner trail runners, or experienced racers to participate in a family-friendly 5K event which takes participants through picturesque meadows and fields in Highland, Maryland.

For more information, visit fuelfundmaryland.org or call 410.235.9080x1002.



Fuel Fund to Participate in Business Volunteers MD GIVE Program

Volunteers will help Fuel Fund start an Energy Savings Education program in local schools

The Fuel Fund has been chosen as one of eight nonprofits to participate in the GIVE Program through Business Volunteers Maryland.

The GIVE program is a nine-month civic leadership program designed to raise awareness among the next generation of civic leaders about the growing need for volunteerism in our community. The network includes over 250 professionals who are developing their skills and positively impacting their communities. The Fuel Fund was one of eight local nonprofits selected for the program, which runs from February - December 2017.

The Fuel Fund GIVE group will consist of 4-5 young professionals working together to create a statewide school program focusing on energy savings.



We have moved!

New Foundation Support - Thank You!

Abell Foundation and Dresher Foundation

Give the gift of power

The Fuel Fund is pleased to announce that the Abell Foundation has awarded a grant totaling more than \$300,000. The grant will fund the Solar Energy Equity Program, which aims to close the affordability gap in the cost of home energy for low-income Baltimore City residents.

An included loan-loss reserve will allow greater low-income participation in a new community solar project led by the Fuel Fund. The project will provide significantly lower cost energy to help close the affordability gap for Maryland families that need it the most.

We are also grateful to the Dresher Foundation for a \$25,000 grant to provide financial assistance to 100 low-income Harford County households.

The Fuel Fund of Maryland has moved to the Montgomery Park Business Center in South Baltimore.

“This new location, with its revitalized infrastructure and environmentally-friendly features, such as a green roof and a gray water system, will give our staff a more cost-effective, centralized workspace,” said Jon Rosa, Executive Director.

Our new address is:

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