

Christmas in April St. Mary's County
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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 15 - APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are available at all the St. Mary's County Public Libraries, Office on Aging, Senior Centers, at our website or by calling 301-884-2905.

OCTOBER - see website for date ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

CMI Affiliated Companies Charity Golf Tournament at Wicomico Shores Golf Course benefitting Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. For more information, call 301-884-4133.

OCTOBER 8 - TRACTOR PARADE The Southern MD Antique Power Assn. Annual Tractor Parade around the square in Leonardtown, MD. The parade starts at 12. Proceeds benefit Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. For information, call Lee Dyson at 301-994-0926.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

HOUSE VISITS OCCUR House Selection Committee members visit every applicant's home and assess. December HOUSE SELECTIONS MADE

FEBRUARY - APRIL

HOUSE CAPTAIN VISIT ASSIGNED HOUSE House captains visit with their assigned homeowner and make a materials list for needed repairs.

March 15 - VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Last Saturday in April - CHRISTMAS IN APRIL ST. MARY'S COUNTY, Inc. Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day!

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Making a Difference in
St. Mary's County!

What is Christmas in April?

Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. is an all-volunteer program in which volunteers work together the LAST SATURDAY IN APRIL to repair the homes of low income, elderly and disabled homeowners.

Who is eligible?

Low income, especially the elderly and/or disabled residents of St. Mary's County who own their home are eligible.

What types of repairs are done?

The work varies from house to house. Repairs may include plumbing, carpentry, electrical and general repairs, as well as yard clean up and trash removal. Non-working furnaces, hot water heaters and appliances may be replaced.

How are homes selected?

Our process starts with an application that is available on our website, at the local senior centers and libraries or by calling 301-884-2905. A member of the House Selection Committee along with a representative from skilled labor make a site visit to determine the homeowner's eligibility and the feasibility of the repairs.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Contribute cash:

We accept tax deductible contributions from individuals and organizations in any amount. You may wish to sponsor a house for a set donation.

Provide your expertise:

We need skilled tradespeople, such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, roofers, landscapers and painters.

Donate materials and supplies:

Paint, paint accessories, fencing, doors, cleaning supplies, plumbing and electrical supplies, drywall, office supplies, etc. are always welcomed from dealers, manufacturers, and companies. Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. also requires the assistance of support services such as printing, and promotions.

Devote your time for one day:

No special skills are required. Anyone 14 years of age or older can volunteer.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IN APRIL MEANT TO ONE OF OUR HOMEOWNERS:

Thanks to your organization for giving us this gift! The amount of people that worked on my house the last Saturday in April was amazing, to see so many people that I didn't know and they knew nothing about me, come to my house to help our family in need. If not for this help, I would be sitting here wondering if my roof would cave in on me and my family while we slept, thank you for our safety. You helped me to fix my furnace in the fall and it was the first time in four years of having heat in the winter and not using a kerosene heater! I didn't have to set my alarm to get up in the middle of the night to check to make sure there was fuel in the heater. My family stayed warm and I was able to get a good night sleep and not having to worry. Your volunteers did many other things like painting the house, inside and out, cutting back the tree over my house, new counters in my kitchen, a vent hood over the stove and a walkway from the front door to the driveway. It took a lot of special people to make that sort of thing happen in one day. "God's hands at work, thanks for being my angels in April!"

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A Christmas in April volunteer will be glad to speak to your civic group or organization to explain how the program works.



Member of the United Way of St. Mary's County



OUR MISSION

Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. is a volunteer organization that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and disabled, so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence. We also provide help through work on community projects. Our mission is to bring volunteers and our community together to improve the homes and lives of our homeowners.

We have served the community since 1991 and 2017 was our 27th year. In that time, we have repaired 724 homes and 20 nonprofit facilities. More than 36,900 volunteers have shared their talents and expertise to do over \$7.5 million worth of free repairs!

The success of this program is dependent upon the monetary contributions, materials, equipment and labor donated by local companies, organizations, churches, and individuals. Most of us have heard family members and friends talk about the great feeling of accomplishment and community spirit when neighbors help neighbors in need...

Experience it for yourself by joining the Christmas in April 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' event which takes place the last Saturday in April!!

HOW DO I DONATE OR VOLUNTEER?

Please complete and return this form.
Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

- My organization would like to adopt or sponsor a house.
- I would like to make a tax deductible contribution made payable to **Christmas in April, St. Mary's County, Inc.**
- I would like to volunteer.

I am skilled at: _____

Please return form to:
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