

Christmas in April St. Mary's County

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1, 2013 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.

Oct. 9, 2013 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

17th Annual CMI Charity Golf Tournament at Wicomico Shores Golf Course benefitting Christmas in April St. Mary's County, Inc. For more information, call 301-884-4133.

Oct. 13, 2013 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.

Oct. - Dec. 2013 HOUSE VISITS OCCUR

House Selection Committee members visit every applicant's home and assess needed repairs.

Jan. 2014 HOUSE SELECTIONS MADE

Feb. - April 2014 HOUSE CAPTAIN VISIT ASSIGNED HOUSE

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

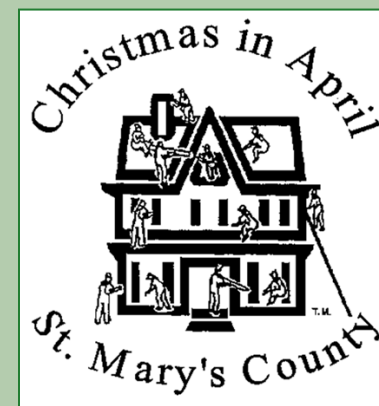
March 31, 2014 VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

April 26, 2014 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!

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Bob and his wife are elderly and on a fixed income. Their house has a leak in the roof and a broken furnace. They can't afford to get the repairs done and wonder what will happen to them.

Mary's husband has become disabled and needs some handicap renovations in their home and a ramp at the door. Mary is dealing with her own health problems and the bills that come with that. Neither of them can work.

As tragic as these situations are, they are not isolated cases. There is hope, however. Christmas in April St. Mary's County is a non-profit network of community based programs dedicated to the repair and rehabilitation of homes whose owners, due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control, cannot complete even the most routine maintenance themselves.

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, 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?

Individuals are referred to us through churches, synagogues, community service agencies, community organizations, as well as private individuals. Additionally, through local newspapers, radio stations and television we seek out applicants. 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, promotions, furnishings and food vendors.

Devote your time for one day:

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

CONTACT US

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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 2013 was our 23rd year. In that time we have repaired 542 homes and 14 nonprofit facilities. More than 36,900 volunteers have shared their talents and expertise to do over \$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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