



PARTNERSHIPS

**2024-2025
ANNUAL SNAPSHOT**





MESSAGE

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

William J. Barnes

We are deeply grateful to the more than 1,000 community partners whose dedication to education has made a lasting and meaningful impact on our students—one that will shape their futures for years to come.

As Superintendent of the Howard County Public School System, I am committed to building a great school system for every member of our learning community. Community partners are essential to this mission.

Together, we can bridge gaps for our students and families, create a future where every student has the tools to succeed beyond graduation, and provide educators with the resources and supports they deserve.

Thank you to each and every partner for walking alongside us as we develop innovative and valuable collaborations to propel our students to achieve their dreams.





Student safety is a
Howard County Police
priority

54
new
lighted
stop
signs



External
cameras
on all
614
buses

300+

5th grade students gain
early exposure to

**Howard Community
College**

through campus tour and
basketball game



Bright Minds Foundation Teacher Grants



Funding for screen-free audio players
to spark kindergartners' imaginations



Community Partners

display **5,200**
pieces of student artwork

Association of Community Services
Columbia Art Center
Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center
Howard County Arts Council
Howard County Council
Howard County Department of Administration
The Mall in Columbia
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston

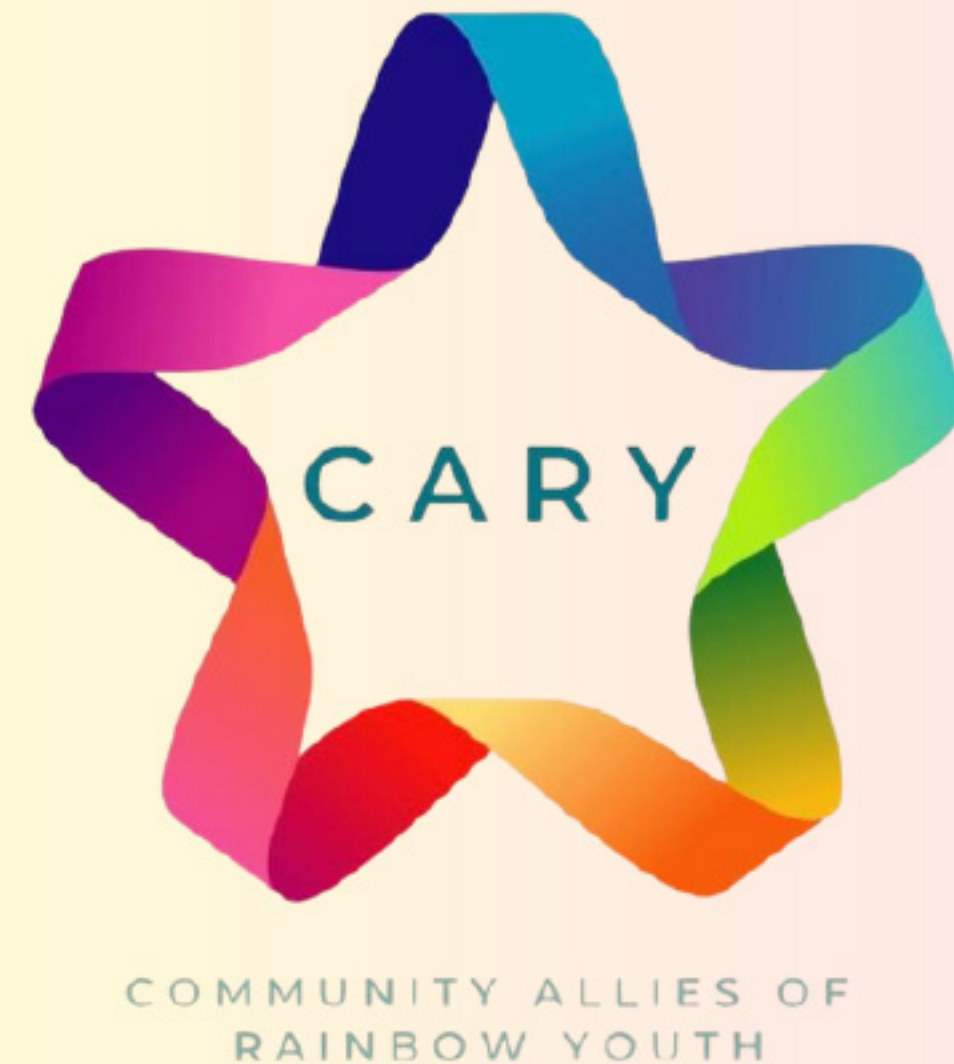
Junior Achievement
of Central Maryland
helps prepare

1,503
students

for
economic success



Pitch Competition
2025 winner:
Deja Brew, Oakland Mills High



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Rainbow Ribbon Schools

since 2021 recognized with
CARY-designation
for providing safe,
affirming environments
for LGBTQIA+ students

Free repairs ensure

10 homes

are safe, warm and dry

for **26** students



Rebuilding Together.

Howard County

Parent Academy Kickoff

288
families

learn about
educational
initiatives

45
community groups &
partners share
resources &
information



Sponsored by

Educational Systems
Federal Credit Union

The Council of Elders of the Black
Community of Howard County

Howard County Education
Federal Credit Union

Autism Society of Maryland

Ad Astra

60+ community partners



conduct mock interviews with

200

Career Research & Development
students



University of Maryland Shock Trauma

Stop the Bleed
training for

 **5,000**

high school
students & teachers



Field trips
open new
pathways
for students

Veterans Elementary School

celebrates

15 year VFW partnership
and annual support from
30⁺ veterans



Partners

enhance BRIDGES
afterschool programs at

12 elementary schools
2 middle schools

and help shape future leaders



Students
with disabilities build
work readiness skills at

**Columbia
Grocery
Outlet**

and



87

other sites



**Teen
Live!**

After-school meet-up
for

693 students

at all

6 Howard County
Library branches





HoCoPoLitSo

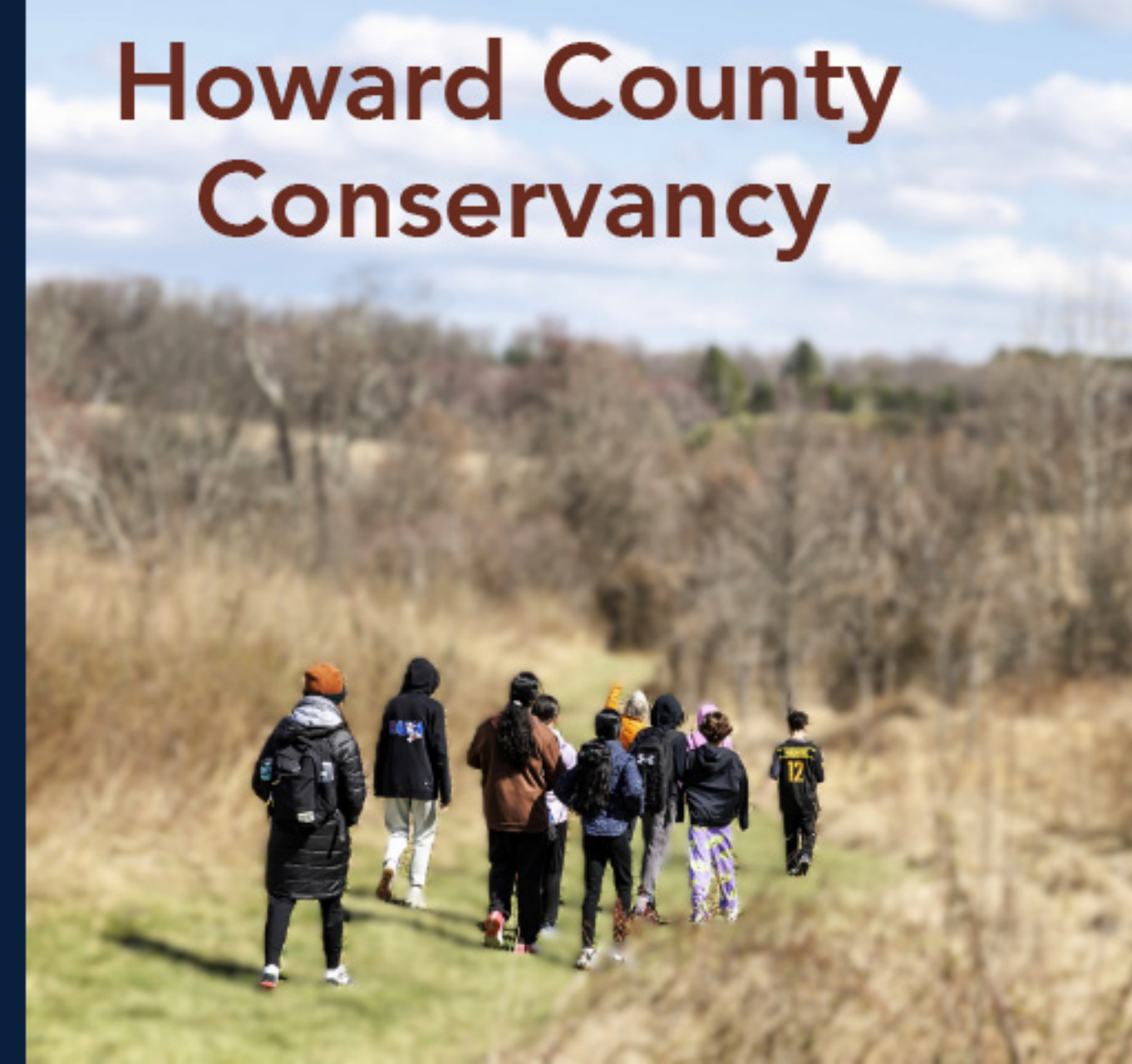
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Writer-in-Residence
conducts writing workshops at

13

high schools and Homewood



Howard County
Conservancy

120 volunteers

welcome

5,000 students

for
nature walks &
investigations



HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

hosts Breakfast with
the Superintendent

200+
attendees

hear school system vision



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Lambda Gamma Zeta Chapter

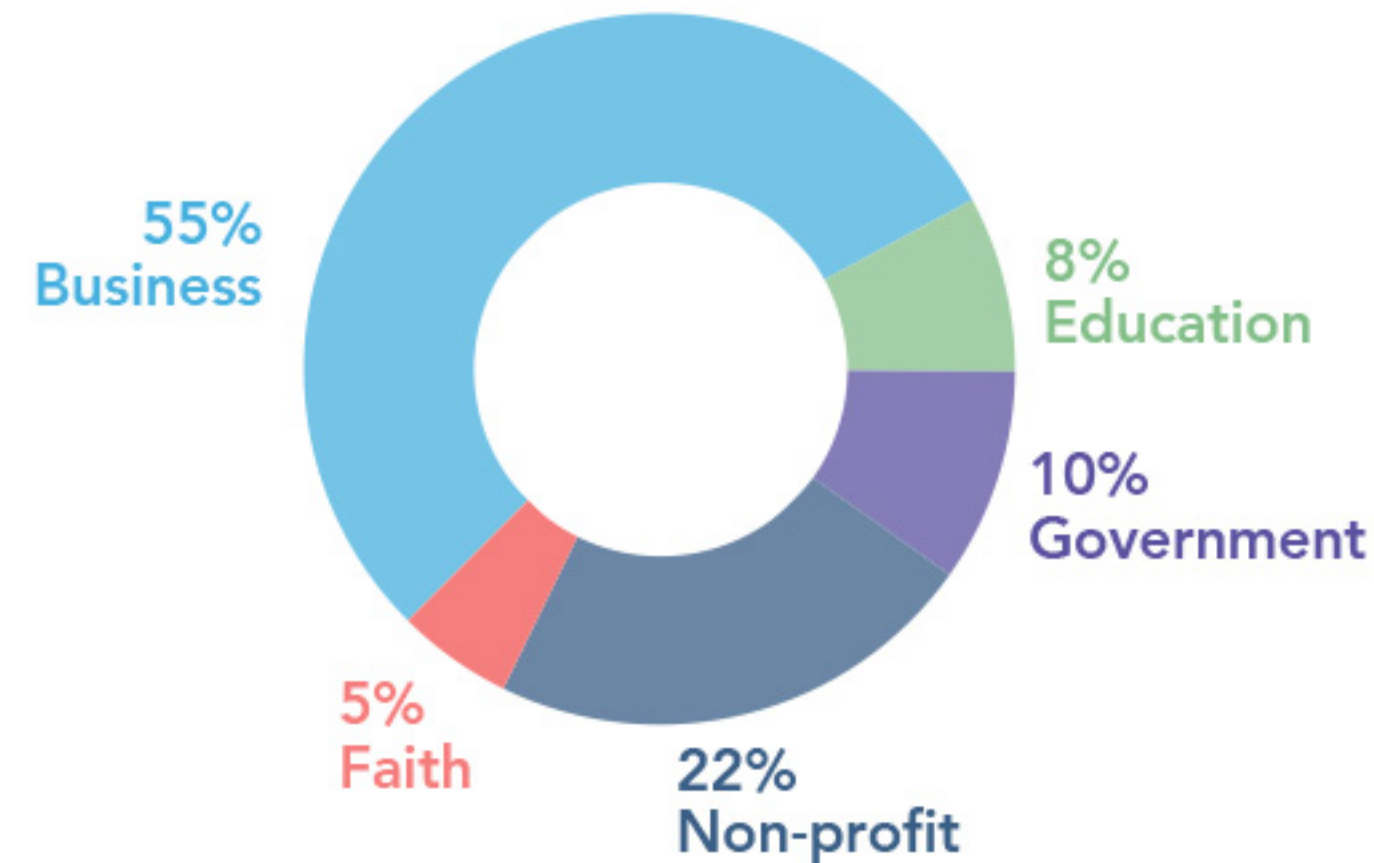


provides
55 coats
and

450+
essential
supplies

to Wilde Lake Middle School

Partner Support



\$6,019,937
Estimated annual value

1,311
Partners

Number of Partners Supporting



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Community members are welcome to participate in a variety of HCPSS Advisory Committees, which include parents, community members, students and staff who collaborate to improve education in Howard County.

For more information about
Advisory Committees, visit
<https://hcpssne.ws/advisory>.

thank you

View the complete list of our
generous partners by visiting

<https://hcpssne.ws/partners>

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