

# 2023



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**ANNUAL REPORT** 

# Celebrating

# 10 & 25 YEARS

2023 marked a significant milestone in the history of The EPICENTER - our 10-year anniversary! A decade of unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to our community's well-being has shaped The EPICENTER into what it is today - a beacon of hope and positive change.

Over the past ten years, we have witnessed the power of collective action, as our supporters, volunteers, and partners joined hands to make a meaningful impact in Edgewood, Aberdeen and throughout Harford County.

If that wasn't exciting enough, we also celebrated our thrift store on mission, Tabitha's House, 25 years of service! A quarter-century of dedication has allowed us to continually provide quality, affordable goods, food and other resources to our community. Tabitha's House has become more than just a thrift store; it's a symbol of sustainable living, community engagement, and the spirit of giving back. As we commemorate this significant milestone, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a part in making Tabitha's House a thriving force for good over the past 25 years.

None of the achievements would have been possible without the support of our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and committed community partners. We are profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in us.

With Hope,

Darrell McDavid

#### **THANK YOU!**



# **Celebrating our 2023 Impact**

#### **EMPOWERING PEOPLE**

- 13,187 neighbors welcomed in our buildings
- 400+ individuals in poverty equipped through Project Connect
- 700+ attended Second Chance Job Fair
- 12,000 lbs of food given away
- 271 volunteers serving 15,388 hours
- Choice Style Edgewood Food Pantry opened



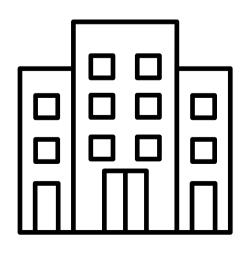


#### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

- 90 kids in ZONE
- 150 unique kids in Camp EPIC
- \$28,954 given in scholarships
- Enrichment Days and 1 Day Camp introduced, extending opportunities for kids and parents
- Finding Nemo Production welcoming 250 community members
- 2 Macy's Day Events for families to shop

#### **BUILDING COMMUNITY**

- 1,200 attendees at EPIC Field Day and hundreds joined in Edgewood's Fall Fest
- · Christmas in July celebrated at both store locations
- Community Movie nights and Putt Putt nights
- Urban Line Dancing provided a healthy and fun community for more than 30 people weekly
- Choose Hope, Extreme Family Outreach and Tabitha's House all opened in Edgewood
- · Announced our new Parkville location!



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### WHAT'S TO COME

That's a wrap for 2023! As we celebrate the successes of the past, we also look towards the future with enthusiasm and determination. The next chapter for The EPICENTER holds exciting possibilities and new opportunities to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve. Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce a significant step we are taking – the establishment of our next EPICENTER in Parkville, Maryland, marking our first center across county lines. This new mission outpost in Baltimore County represents a beacon of hope and positive change for even more individuals and families in desperate need.

