
Connections



Bringing people and services together: Changing lives for the better!

An Ice Cream Social with a Message: Protect yourself from Medicare Fraud and Scams



One of the fun social events that St. Mary's Outreach Center holds each year is the Ice Cream Social—held on August 18 this year. This event was sponsored by Roland Park Place who graciously donated the ice cream and toppings; members of their staff and Board of Directors served the 40 plus seniors who attended. They served the seniors with the ice cream and the many delicious toppings—hot fudge, cherries, strawberries, wet nuts, whipped cream, etc. What a

wonderful treat in the middle of summer!

At St. Mary's, we really care about our seniors and want to keep them well informed. To that end, we invited two speakers to attend the Ice Cream Social—Rebecca Bradley, from, the Office of Aging & CARE Services, and Hannah Long, from the Better Business Bureau. The seniors learned about Medicare Fraud and simple ways that they can help prevent it—just by making sure that what Medicare is being billed for is



actually a service they received. They also learned about scams and which scams are most common right now—such as home improvement scams and scams regarding Medical Alert systems. It was very informative. There was also a Q & A session so the seniors could ask for clarification if needed. The take-away message from the Better Business Bureau was “if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!”



Our speakers joined us for ice cream sundaes following the information session. It was really an enjoyable time for all!



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Fall 2014

- Medicare Fraud ,
Scams and Benefits
- Fall Harvest Luncheon
- Annual Friendraiser

Kickoff the Holiday Season with SMOC

As the weather cools, we here at St. Mary's Outreach Center prepare for a busy fall season. During our quarterly Food Stamps Application session with Zanika Ghee, film crews from Feeding America visited SMOC to highlight this vital service that we offer to older adults in the 21211 zip code. The month of September also featured several Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) application sessions, held at SMOC and the St. Mary's Roland View Towers. This program helps Maryland residents with their gas, electric and fuel bills. In 2013, SMOC helped 225 people file MEAP applications for an annual benefit to them totaling \$135,000. In October, we will again be partnering with the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy students to provide our clients with Medicare Part D. Also in October, we will be hosting our Annual Fall Harvest Luncheon—delicious food, great fellowship with friends and neighbors, and information on all aspects of Medicare. We love to keep our seniors informed on all topics pertaining to them!

Save the Date!
SMOC's 5th Annual
Friendraiser
December 2, 2014
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Formal Invitation to
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We will once again kick-off the 2014 holiday season with our Fifth Annual Friendraiser on December 2nd at 5:30 at the historic Clover Hill Mansion. The event will feature exciting raffle prizes, live music and delicious hors d'oeuvres. This popular annual happening is a great opportunity for old friends and new supporters alike to come together to celebrate the holiday season and to learn about the important work of SMOC year-round. We hope that you can join us!

See you December 2nd!

Sandy Simmons, Executive Director