ACS supports Howard County nonprofits in the achievement of their missions because strong nonprofits improve the quality of life for all.
We deliver upon this promise through:

- **Connections**: convening community leaders to engage and collaborate, share best practices and form partnerships to serve the community

- **Advocacy**: increasing the strength, impact and collective voice of member organizations

- **Organizational Development**: empowering non-profits to more effectively deliver services through mentoring, education and training experiences
Year 2: Connections and Community
We welcomed new neighbors to the Howard County Community Resources Campus... ... and made connections to better serve the community.
We developed and continued partnerships -

HCAM had a bi-lingual navigator at the NPC weekly for six months to help clients sign up for insurance.

Our Navigator uses the Health Department’s CAREAPP to connect clients to the services to meet their critical needs.

ACS partnered with the school system to display student artwork at the NPC each year.
ACS and our 14 NPC neighbors hosted almost 5500 hours of events and meetings that included direct service to clients, staff and peer training, networking, information and education sessions, free tax preparation, conflict resolution sessions and so much more.

Our part-time Navigator greets clients, assesses needs and uses the CAREAPP and other resources to find services for them – within the NPC, on the campus and throughout the county.
Local nonprofit and government organizations became part of the NPC by:

- Holding meetings in our training spaces to make information and services available to more County residents
- Using our shared “hot desk” office on a regular or ad hoc basis
- Renting a mailbox at the NPC with a physical address rather than just a box number

Want to learn more? Visit npchoco.org
New This Year

Introducing Howard County’s Nonprofit Sector and Its Advocacy Issues

- Information session for 2018 Howard Co General Election Candidates
- Overview of issues: Nonprofit Infrastructure; Health; Housing; Education; and Employability as it is impacted by childcare, transportation, and workforce development.
- Roundtable sessions
- ACS “Conversation with the Candidates"
Conversations ...

Increase the strength, impact and collective voice of our member organizations when advocating for issues important to nonprofits and the people we serve.

- 2018 Howard Co General Election Candidates
- HCPSS Superintendent
- Howard County State Delegation
- Howard County Council
- Howard County Executive
Self-Sufficiency Indicators for 2018 Expanded and Updated
ACS honored to be one of five organizations participating in The Horizon Foundation’s Racial Equity Collaborative
What will the ACS team be doing?

- Assembling data disaggregated by race for Howard County
- Back-mapping to discover the policies and practices that led to inequitable outcomes
- Exploring how to address these policies and practices
Coordinating and hosting the

**Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition**

49 organizations and community advocates committed to achieving community understanding, policymaking and regulatory decisions that will lead to an increase in and equitable access to Howard County housing affordability.
2019 ACS Humanitarian Awards

Roger Thibaudeau
Volunteer of the Year

Neighbor Ride’s Volunteer Ride Coordinator Team
Community Impact Award

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center’s Day Resource Center
Community Impact Award
Membership Meetings:
Create opportunities to connect, collaborate & share best practices; and facilitate partnerships.

- **Speed Networking:** *Can I Get a Connection*
- **Creating Economic Opportunity in Howard County**
- **Taproot Foundation:** *Pro Bono Resources for Nonprofits*
- **Challenges & Opportunities - Human Service Needs of Asian Americans in Howard County**
New This Year

Education Partnership

- Advocacy 101
- Evaluation and Outcomes Measurement: Understanding and Capturing the Difference Your Organization is Making
- Board Excellence
- Strengthening Your Organization through the Standards for Excellence
Other Professional Development Programs

- **Lunch and Learns**
  - Integrated Digital Marketing: *How to Create Website, Social Media and Email Content That Work Together*
  - Overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act
  - Lunchtime Playbreak with Playworks Maryland

- **Jailbreak Brewing Company ACS Happy Hour and Brewery Tour**

- **Exec to Exec Forums**

- **Mentoring Program**
Congratulations to the Graduates and Thanks to the Mentors

2019 ACS Mentoring Program: Taking Flight III

Proteges

- Jeff Callahan, Athelas Institute*
- Liz Crammond, Bright Minds Foundation*
- SaraBeth Dukes, Points of Hope
- Kwajera Jackson, Building Families for Children
- Lori Lilly, Howard EcoWorks*
- Claire Noll, Winter Growth
- Joe Pacifico, Christian Counseling Associates
- Tara Sullivan, Community Action Council

Mentors

- Brad Closs, Community Advocate*
- Steve Gray, NAMI Howard Co.
- Christie Lassen, Howard Co. Library
- Stan Levi, Community Advocate
- Bob Martin, RM3 Enterprises
- Lois Mikkila, LKM Consulting*
- Jim Sanders, Community Advocate*

* In attendance today