

MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES

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MOLC PLANNING TO LAUNCH NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Given the possibility of moving to a newly renovated building with more space, Mission of Love Charities is exploring the possibilities of creating new Workforce Development Programs.

Most, if not all of the people served by MOLC are experiencing severe and even desperate economic insecurity, which results in individuals, families and children going homeless and hungry. In order to mitigate and provide intervention that can remedy these situations, MOLC is focusing on a new initiative to create Workforce Development Programs that will train and enable people to get back on their feet economically and support themselves and their families.

Some of the possibilities for the training may include basic employability skills, computer skills, certification as a water treatment technician, and certification as a nursing assistant.

The launching of these programs is in the preliminary stages at this time, and the goal is to have them up and running by Jan. 1 of next year.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

Families with children ages 5-14 are welcome to stop by and pick up school supplies—items such as backpacks, notebooks, pencils and other school items while supplies last.

While Mission of Love Charities held a Back-To-School event in late August in which it provided various school supplies to school children in need, MOLC continues to have these supplies available for pickup.

It is advised that people call ahead before coming to pick up the supplies in order to make sure they are available. Call (301) 333-4440 for more information.

MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES TO RENOVATE AND THEN MOVE TO THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET



This is the old school building across the street from Mission of Love Charities, which MOLC will be renovating and moving to in the future.

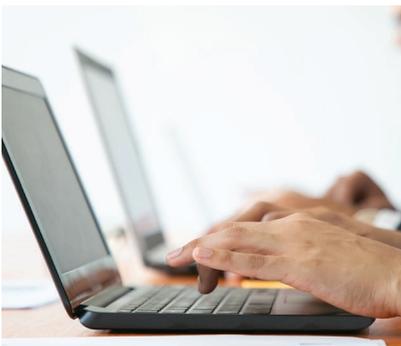
The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County recently offered Mission of Love Charities the opportunity to rent the property and building across the street from its facility for an annual rent of \$1.

The address of the building is 6181 Old Central Ave., and it is an old public school building that has been abandoned for years. It was formerly Lyndon Hill Elementary School.

Depending on what the architects and engineers recommend, some or all of the building may be salvaged, renovated or demolished. While plans for the use of the building are undetermined at this time, preliminary discussions of possibilities include use of the building for workforce training, pre-school day care, primary health care, and counseling of people in economic, health or mental distress. The cost of paying for the renovation and any demolition work will be the responsibility of Mission of Love Charities, which is already in talks with possible donors who would help pay for the work.

Depending on a lot of factors that are simply unknown at this time, access to the renovated building may be possible in about 6 months - 1 year.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS DONATED TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE TRAINING



Mission of Love Charities recently received a donation of five laptop computers, which will be used in Workforce Development training classes.

TriVir donated the laptops, and Mission of Love Charities is very grateful for their support.

HOLIDAY EVENTS PLANNED FOR FALL FESTIVAL, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

Mission of Love Charities will hold a first ever Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 1-6 p.m. Children and family members are encouraged to attend, perhaps costumed or dressed in attire appropriate for the Halloween holiday. Children will be presented with treats to complement their Halloween celebrations.

Later this fall, Mission of Love Charities will hold its annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway event on Monday, Nov. 23 from 1-6 p.m. Families and children will be able to pick up Thanksgiving Food Baskets loaded with turkey and other food for the holiday.

And then on Dec. 21 from 1-6 p.m., Mission of Love Charities will hold its annual Holiday Toy Shop Giveaway. Children and family members will be able to pick up toys for their children ages 1-15, and turkeys were also distributed.

All qualified low-income families and children are welcome to attend these events and enjoy the free hand-outs Mission of Love Charities will be offering.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!



With Election Day just weeks away, it is not too soon to start figuring out how or when you are going to vote. In Maryland, you probably have received a notice in the mail telling you about your options.

One option is that you can vote at a voting center on Election Day. The advantage of this option is that all you have to do is show up and vote. The disadvantage is that there will be fewer voting centers than usual, which may mean the lines to vote will be very long.

Another option is to fill out the application that was mailed to you, which you can use to request a ballot that can either be mailed or dropped off at a ballot box. But if you choose this option, you need to file your application as soon as possible to ensure that you get your ballot. If you mail your ballot too late, it may not be counted.

In any case, make sure you vote! Every vote counts. Too many people risked their lives and suffered to safeguard the right to vote for you not to do your civic duty and vote.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE

By now you should have received a questionnaire from the Census Bureau in the mail. You can respond to this questionnaire by mail, by phone or by going online and filling it out and submitting it. If you want to do the questionnaire online, go to this website: <https://my2020census.gov/> and click on "Start Questionnaire."

The questionnaire is relatively short and only takes at the most 10 minutes to fill out.

Note that the information you provide on the questionnaire is safe, secure and confidential. Your information and privacy will be protected.

Making sure everyone is counted is very important for funding for various public services in your area, because funding is often allocated based on the census count of population in your area.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC MOLC ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

Due to the restrictions mandated by health and safety protocols in the context of the ongoing pandemic, Mission of Love Charities has announced that its hours of operation will change.

Accordingly, the Mission of Love Charities facility will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Qualified low-income and homeless individuals, families and children will be welcome to come by to get food and other guidance and assistance.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the MOLC facility will be closed to the public, qualified low-income and homeless individuals and families can call the MOLC office at (301) 333-4440 to get assistance in applying for Food Stamps (SNAP) as well as seek financial assistance to pay the rent.

Complete information is available on the MOLC website - www.molcinc.org.