As a hospital, serving our community is about creating a healthier environment. This work goes beyond just providing free health screenings and disease prevention education. Improving community health includes addressing the issues that affect our health, like the environment.

In 2012, MedStar Harbor Hospital formed a Green Team. The team is comprised of associates at all levels from a variety of departments throughout the hospital. The Green Team members are passionate about creating a healthier environment for everyone.

The Green Team was a driving force behind the widespread success of the hospital’s recycling program. While recycling programs are common among many organizations, thanks to MedStar Harbor Hospital’s Green Team, the hospital was able to achieve a rate of recycling that is higher than industry best practices. This achievement stems from the team’s passion for improving the environment.

In addition to traditional recycling, the Green Team began a composting program and, in the years to come, the team has plans to implement more programs that will positively impact our community.

Letter From the President

Dear friends and supporters,

At the closing of every fiscal year, we note the impact MedStar Harbor Hospital had in our community. I am pleased to report that our commitment to the community remains strong.

This year, we took pause to engage our neighbors in meaningful conversation around the programs and services they need most. We use these conversations to shape the future of our community programs and services, because it’s not enough to simply provide programming, we must provide services and programming that is meaningful for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Pullin, FACHE
President, MedStar Harbor Hospital
Senior Vice President, MedStar Health

“Working together, we do more to help improve the health and strengthen the community around us.”

-Dennis Pullin
Investing in the future is good advice for all. MedStar Harbor Hospital is investing time and effort into the future of health care in a way that may surprise you.

Through a partnership with Glen Burnie High School’s Project Lead the Way, the hospital is helping interested high school students explore healthcare career paths. Students begin Project Lead the Way classes in the 10th grade. In this first year, MedStar Harbor Hospital invites students to the hospital for a day. Students tour three areas of the hospital, and then attend a question and answer panel. The goal of this field trip is to help students learn about the myriad of healthcare careers and, through the panel, learn a little bit about the education and/or certifications needed to pursue these careers.

As students progress through the program’s coursework, they begin to think about real world health problems. One issue 12th graders face is creating innovative emergency departments (EDs). In preparation for this assignment, MedStar Harbor Hospital invites students to tour our ED to see the types of rooms, equipment and staff needed to care for emergent patients. Later, the ED staff visits the school to see the students’ presentations and provides constructive feedback.

In addition, many Project Lead the Way students participate in internship-like learning experiences during the summer after 11th grade. It’s truly a great learning experience for all involved.