MedStar Harbor is committed to serving our neighbors. While we serve our neighbors in many traditional ways—providing health education, screenings, and other programs—we also serve our neighbors in less traditional ways. MedStar Harbor takes time to get to know the people living in our communities and participates in community events. In FY16, we participated in two large-scale Cherry Hill events, the Back to School Festival and the Prayer Walk.

The Cherry Hill Back to School Festival is an annual event that distributes school supplies to all students in attendance. In the weeks leading up to the festival, MedStar Harbor associates donated hundreds of supplies to the festival. The Cherry Hill Prayer Walk, lead by the faith community, ends with a block party, fostering community unity.

At both events, MedStar Harbor associates, including members of the executive team, attended to provide traditional services, such as health information and screenings, but also offered physical activity breaks with hula hoops, jump ropes, and footballs. Getting to interact with our neighbors in this type of relaxed setting allows us the opportunity to get to know our neighbors better. We are able to make connections and more importantly, stop being the hospital down the hill and become a member of the community we serve.”

Letter From the President

Dear friends and supporters,

Every year MedStar Harbor summarizes our community benefit programs for you to see our impact. In the past, these reports showcased a lot of screening and health education programs. While we continue to offer these traditional programs; this year I want to highlight our non-traditional benefit programs. In this year’s report, you will read about our roles in community engagement and educational attainment. MedStar Harbor is more than a hospital, we are an invested community partner that is committed to our neighbors’ total well-being.

Sincerely,

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

MedStar Harbor Associates donated 1,988 school supplies to the Back to School Festival, preparing all students for a successful year.
Not only is physical health important, but so is financial health. Everyone’s financial health is impacted by his/her earning potential, which is affected by his/her highest level of education. According to the most recent American Community Survey, more than 20 percent of residents older than 25 living within our community benefit service area have less than a high school education.

MedStar Harbor has a long-standing relationship with the South Baltimore Learning Center. The center provides many educational resources to Baltimore City residents and MedStar Harbor provides classroom space for the center’s ever popular GED preparation program. The center offers two class series held on the hospital’s campus—a fall session and an extended spring session. Three-hour classes are held twice a week. Just the past fiscal year, four students graduated from the program with their GEDs.

In addition to partnering to provide GED, MedStar Harbor began renovations to our medical library to transform the space into a learning space for all—associates and community members alike.