The Nonprofit Institute at the College of Southern Maryland
Quarterly Report to St. Mary’s County
April through June 2015

One major change that occurred during this quarter was the hiring of a new St Mary’s NPI Coordinator. Harriet Yaffe began working at CSM in May, after having retired from her long time role as the Executive Director of The Arc of Southern MD. She has initially focused on getting to know the resources of the NPI and CSM, as well as meeting with representatives from the non-profit community. She is also reaching out to the business community to learn about potential opportunities for collaboration.

**Training:**

Courses that were offered included:

* Overview of Grant Writing (4/9/2015)
* Volunteer Management (5/14/2015)
* Outcome Based Evaluations (5/28/2015)

We are embarked on reviewing our courses and exploring the potential of utilizing the resources of the Corporate Center.

**Annual Conference:**

The Conference, held on May 1st, was a great success, with 130 people in attendance. The feedback received was positive, particularly with respect to the keynote speaker and presentation of Southern MD Gives. We are already planning for next year’s conference. A video of the keynote speaker is now available on the NPI website.

The following organizations were represented at the conference:

* Kids Into Discovering Science
* Harvest Blessings
* National Organization of Charmorro
* Veterans in America
* The Center for Life Enrichment
* SMTCCAC,Inc.
* Forever Free Books
* Lifestyles of Maryland
* Southern Maryland Center for Independence
* Advocacy for Humanity
* A Community that Shares
* St Mary’s College of Maryland
* Greenwell Foundation
* Warrior Princess Initiative
* Autism Spectrum Support Group of Southern Maryland
* Tri-county Youth Services Bureau
* Woodburn Hill Farm
* Ballet Caliente Classical School of Dance
* New Generation Outreach Ministry
* Historic Sotterley, Inc.
* Southern Maryland Community Resources
* The Center for Life Enrichment
* Lions Camp Merrick
* St Mary’s Adult Medical Day Care
* Women’s Evolution Center, Inc.
* United Way of St Mary’s
* Round Table Haven
* Southern Maryland Association of Realtors
* Greater Baden Medical Services, Inc.
* Red Cross of Southern MD
* Center for Children
* St Mary’s Caring
* Rotary International
* SpringDell Center
* Minority Outreach Coalition
* Southern Maryland SportPlex and Learning Center
* Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy

**Meetings:**

Our new coordinator has met with the NPI Advisory Committee in order to get to know the members and plan for the future.

**Executive Learning Circles:**

The Executive Directors in St. Mary’s County continued to meet on a monthly basis. The following people attended:

Veronica Alson, Ruth’s Miracle Group Home

Nancy Easterling, Historic Sotterley, Inc.

Bonnie Elward, Southern Maryland Community Resources

Randy Ferguson, the Center for Life Enrichment

Bonnie Green, The Patuxent Partnership

John Hartline, Tri-County council

Ann Kovalcik, Camp Maria Retreat Center

Kristine Millen, St Mary’s Caring Soup Kitchen

Elaine Phillips, Community Mediation Center of St Mary’s County

Al Stewart, Southern Maryland Resource, Conservation, and Development

Helen Wernecke, Leadership Southern Maryland

Katie Werner, St Mary’s Animal Welfare League

Susan Brookbank, St Mary’s Literacy Council

Jolanda Campbell, Greenwell Foundation

Lanny Lancaster, Three Oaks Center

Kathy O’Brien, Walden Sierra

Derrick Bey, Redefine Your Mind

**Online Giving:**

Southern MD Gives went live on May 1st and we are continuing to gain momentum. Nine organizations have posted projects on the site. On June 8, Dr. Gottfried held a media press conference, resulting in several articles about the initiative and Featured Fundraisers:

SoMDNews.com: <http://bit.ly/1eINsZW>

The BayNet: <http://www.thebaynet.com/articles/0615/southernmarylandgivesliveheregivehere.html>

Calvert Beacon: <http://www.calvertbeacon.com/southern-maryland-gives/>

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A webinar is scheduled for July 7th with Razoo so that local organizations become more familiar with the site.

**Volunteer Initiatives:**

The NPI is focused on creating a seamless mechanism for connecting potential volunteers to non-profits in the region. This will be accomplished, in part, through the re-deployment of the Volunteer Southern MD software.

**Strategic Plan:**

The NPI staff are reviewing and revising our strategic plan. This document will be shared with the respective advisory committees for feedback and further revisions.