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FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO.

Dear Kingdom Kare Family,

Welcome to the 2026 edition of Empower Magazine—our annual reflection on the impact, progress, and purpose that continue to drive Kingdom Kare forward. This year has been one of both challenge and deep affirmation. A temporary pause in federal funding created uncertainty across our sector, including for the programs so many of our children and families rely on. But what never wavered was our mission—or your support.

Inside this magazine, you'll read stories that prove the power of collective care: children thriving in early learning environments, teen mothers stepping boldly into their futures, and families finding stability through connection and support. These stories are the heart of Kingdom Kare—and the reason we remain committed, no matter what challenges arise.

Even as the funding landscape shifts, our vision remains steady: to build a flourishing community where everyone has opportunities to grow and thrive! The impact you'll see in these pages is only possible because of our amazing staff, dedicated partners and people like you, who continue to believe in what we do. Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are building a stronger, more empowered future.

Dr. Barbara Palmer

President & CEO



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MISSION:

To provide each individual we serve the care and support they need to pursue their dreams.



VISION:

A flourishing community where everyone has opportunities to grow and thrive!

CORE VALUES

1. Creating loving and nurturing environments
2. Treating everyone with dignity, respect, & compassion
3. Embracing differences and sharing power
4. Equitable access to our programs and services
5. Partnerships to increase impact
6. Bringing joy and gratitude to everything we do

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

01 KINGDOM KARE CHILDCARE CENTER

Overview: The Kingdom Kare Child Care Center is a nationally-accredited early learning center licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education. The child care center serves up to 75 children from the stages of infancy through pre-school. The childcare center's mission is to ensure every family thrives. With funding from the Maryland Blueprint Pre-K Expansion Grant, the childcare center prioritizes families with low income, IEPs, or dual-language households.



KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Maryland Excels Level 5
- Staff Development & Workforce Pathways
- Basic Needs Support



02 FAMILY SUPPORT

Overview: The Kingdom Kare Family Support Center offers holistic, two-generational support and casemanagement to teen parents completing their high school diploma. The center's programming is centered around education, childcare, and deep wraparound services that strengthen families and connect them with long-term support.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Teen Parent Education Program
- Parent & Child Together Time
- Community Engagement & Enrichment

03 COMMUNITY HEALTH AMBASSADOR

Overview: The Community Health Ambassadors program works closely with the county Department of Health to minimize negative impacts on social determinants of health for underserved residents in Anne Arundel County. Through direct outreach, case management and navigation, and community partnerships, ambassadors build trust with residents, help them access needed resources, and advocate for systemic improvements in areas like health care, safety, and wellness.



KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Public Education & Resource Distribution
- Data Collection
- Case Navigation & Service Coordination



04 PLUG MENTORING

Overview: The PLUG program is a community-based mentoring initiative for elementary, middle, and high school students, with a primary focus on middle school youth. Mentoring occurs in the evening hours when youth are most vulnerable and avoids duplication with school-based programming by emphasizing movement, exposure, and real-time engagement.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- High Quality Mentorship

05 MAN UP & CVG WEST COUNTY

Overview: Man Up is Kingdom Kare's Violence Interruption and Prevention program designed to prevent violence from happening before it starts in West County. Started in 2023, the program provides mentorship to local youth, resources to families, and partnerships across the county to connect neighborhoods with their needs. In FY2026, Man Up will be implementing the Cure Violence Global (CVG) model to further their impact in local communities.



KEY ACTIVITIES:

- In-School Mentorship & High-Risk Support
- Youth, Workforce & Community Programming
- Crisis Response & Strategic Partnerships



06 CVG ANNAPOLIS

Overview: CVG (Cure Violence Global) Annapolis is a public health approach to reducing gun violence in Eastport (Harbor House and Eastport Terrace). It uses the internationally recognized Cure Violence model to intervene, redirect, and prevent violence. The program follows a globally recognized model using a three-pronged approach which includes identifying and interrupting violence, changing mindsets of high-risk individuals, and changing community norms.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Community Outreach & Violence Interruption
- Public Education & Community Engagement
- Case Management & Service Linkage

07 FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Overview: Kingdom Kare has been the center of food distribution for West County for five years, stewarding donations from individual donors, county agencies, restaurants, stores, and other businesses. Its goal is to provide consistent access to culturally responsive food for community members experiencing food insecurity, regardless of their income or background. The program emerged as one of Kingdom Kare's earliest responses to community needs and grew significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also addresses food insecurity as a dignity-centered issue.



KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Food Distribution Partnerships
- Flexible Pantry Models



08 TOBACCO AWARENESS

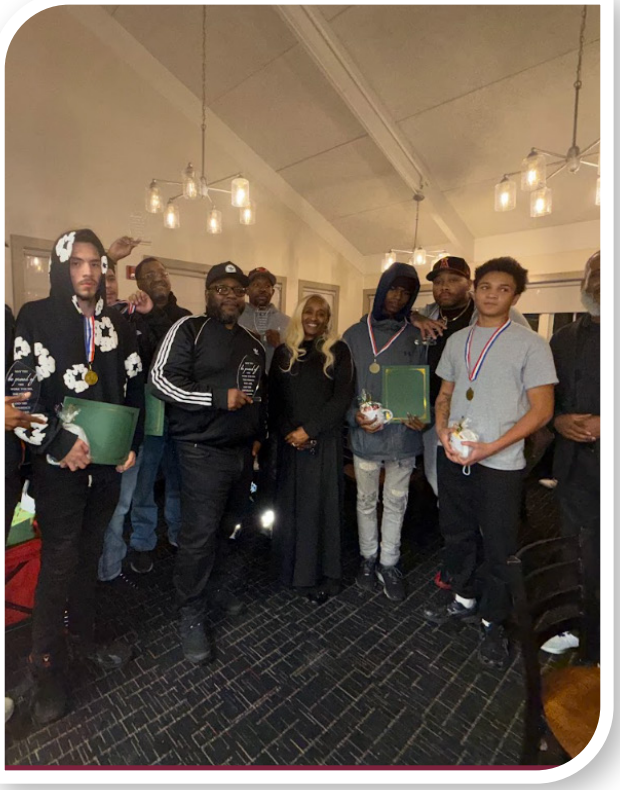
Overview: Kingdom Kare's Tobacco Awareness Program educates youth and adults about the dangers of tobacco use, especially menthol and vaping. Using presentations, printed materials, and interactive discussion, it integrates seamlessly into other programs such as those hosted by the Family Support Center, mentoring programs, and Kingdom Celebration Center.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Community Engagement
- Health Education Presentations

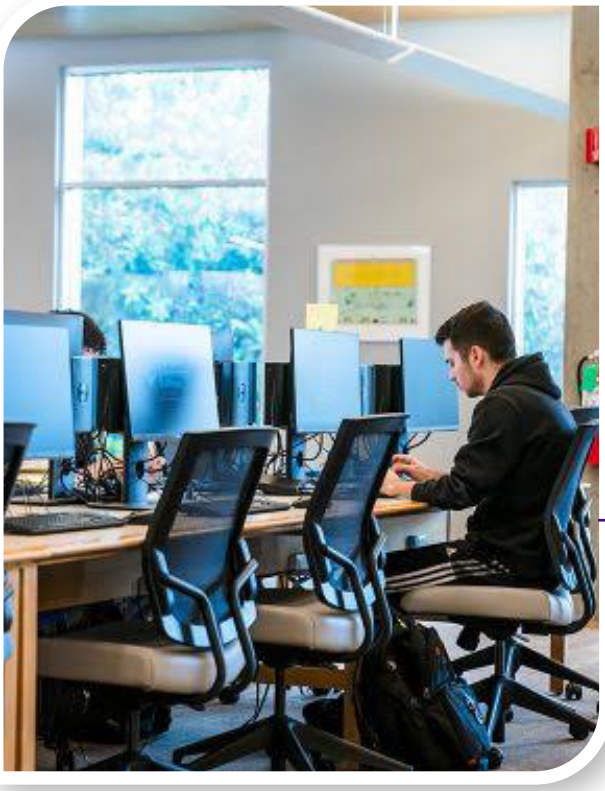
09 DJS THRIVE ACADEMY

Overview: As one of Kingdom Kare's newest programs, Thrive Academy is a volunteer-based mentorship and redirection program designed for court-involved youth (ages 13–19) referred by the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). It aims to reduce recidivism and help young people develop life goals, shift their mindset, and access meaningful opportunities.



KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Life Planning & Mentorship
- Education, Employment & Wellness Support
- Exposure, Engagement & Progress Tracking



10 COMPUTER LAB

Overview: Starting in Fall 2025, the Kingdom Kare Computer Lab aims to increase digital literacy in the local community by providing basic computer training and improving access to employment and educational opportunities.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Adult Digital Literacy & Workforce Readiness
- Youth Skills & Career Exposure
- Cross-Program Partnerships

OUR IMPACT

Every number represents a life impacted, a family supported, and a community moving forward.

Thank you for being part of our mission.



10,235

INDIVIDUALS SERVED WITH FOOD RESOURCES
FOOD DISTRIBUTION

142

CHILDREN BIRTH TO SCHOOL AGE SERVED
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

25

TEEN MOTHERS EDUCATED
FAMILY SUPPORT

190

DAYS WITHOUT SHOOTINGS
VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION

593

INDIVIDUALS SERVED WITH HEALTH RESOURCES
HEALTH AMBASSADORS

220

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH CRISIS
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

18

YOUTH MENTORED
JUVINILE JUSTICE

Impact Spotlight

At just 15, Vanessa Valle's world shifted overnight. An unexpected pregnancy left her facing uncertainty, job loss, and fears of not finishing school. But with the steady support of her family and a school counselor who refused to let her give up, Vanessa found her way to Kingdom Kare.

There, she discovered not just resources—but a community. Balancing classes, work, and motherhood wasn't easy, but Vanessa's determination never wavered. Her love for her son, Ethan, and her belief in a brighter future kept her focused. She became an honor roll student with perfect attendance, always lifting up her peers and sharing Kingdom Kare's life-changing impact.

Her leadership and resilience earned her statewide recognition: Vanessa was selected as one of just three parents across Maryland to share her story through the Maryland Family Networks annual Parent Essay Submission Contest. Speaking before the MFN Board, she proudly represented Kingdom Kare and young parents everywhere.

Now a Teen Parent Education Program graduate, Vanessa works fulltime and dreams of becoming a nurse, planning to attend night school soon. Kingdom Kare remains by her side, cheering on both Vanessa and her son as they continue building their future—together.



Vanessa valle

Impact Spotlight

Hello,

my name is Vanessa, and I am 18 years old. My story begins at work. I was 15 years old and I realized I was pregnant. That day I thought my life was over. My brother and sister in law didn't know, and I thought about giving my child up for adoption or even aborting it. In spite of this, I thank God my family supported me from the start.

Throughout my pregnancy, I lost my job, and I had no money for rent. I was expecting a baby and realized that I would be a single mother at this time in my life. In my sophomore year of high school, I thought I wouldn't be able to work and study. Then God opened a door. I found a job at a bank, but I was still worried about my education. I thought I would not be able to study anymore. I was ashamed to ask for help until I told my counselor, Miss. Baum, and she comforted me and informed me that there were tools for me to finish my education. However, at that time, there was no vacancy at Kingdom Kare High School, and I had to wait.

My baby was born in October, and I thought I was leaving school forever. I remember I was in Spanish class, worried about my future. My baby was already 15 days old, and I had already returned to my regular school, and my counselor called me and gave me the news that there was room at Kingdom Kare and that the same day I could go see my new school. I was happy, confused, and scared of everything at the same time.

Then, a woman named Miss Ashley at Kingdom Kare welcomed me with a smile on her face. That is when I realized that I could start a new beginning. I just needed to believe in myself again. Every morning, I would wake up and look in the mirror and tell myself, "I am a good mother, I believe in myself and in God, that everything will be better."

The first few days at my new school were very difficult. My baby was crying and I could hear it. I wanted to run and grab him, but he reminded me that I was trying to improve my life. It wasn't always easy getting up every day at the same time because I had to study and work, but I would look at my son's face and keep going. I think one of the best things about Kingdom Kare is that my baby is well taken care of. I do not have to worry about anything. The Kingdom Kare family displayed helpfulness and guidance as they helped you develop through a new stage in your life. Now that I am about to graduate, I see what was mine two years ago, and I feel proud that even though I thought it was impossible, I achieved it.



To finish, I will say that without the help of Kingdom Kare, I would not have finished school. Right now, my life is in order. It was a long road to travel, and now I feel happy for this new stage. I thank God, my family, and the Kingdom Kare family for all the beautiful things I have experienced. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything, and to the Palmer family who started it all, thank you so much

Theme 01

KKI IS IN THE BUSINESS OF REMOVING BARRIERS

Kingdom Kare helps community members access services, understand resources and navigate otherwise complex systems.

From food access to educational advancement, transportation, mentorship, and mental health support, staff spent significant time helping families and youth navigate systems-not just as a side task, but as a core component of every program.

Food access: Kingdom Kare's Food Distribution Program is a direct partnership with the Anne Arundel County Food Bank that increases families' access to food in and around one of Anne Arundel County's major hunger hotspots.

Educational advancement: Kingdom Kare's Family Support Center creates pathways for teenage parents to attain their high school diploma in a small, intimate, personable, and intentional environment designed to set them up for success in parenthood. Similarly, Child Development Assistants are offered enrichment opportunities to research and explore topics of interest in-depth at conferences, trainings, and internal presentations.

Mentorship: Organizationally, Kingdom Kare offers a case management approach to many of its programs. Its four mentorship programs are no different, serving as support systems that help youth with everything from getting to school on time to monitoring grades and safely processing stress and emotions.



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Mental health support: Kingdom Kare facilitated Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid Trainings not only to its own staff but to teachers from Anne Arundel County Public Schools' other Teen Parent Education Programs (TPEP). Additionally, Kingdom Kare's Family Support Center offered continued mental health support to students, even beyond their participation in the TPEP program.

Transportation: Kingdom Kare removes transportation barriers for many of its program participants through the purchase of a 15 passenger van, hiring qualified van drivers, and subsidizing ride-share services.





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