#### **Community Services Agency**

of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO



## **CSA Annual Program Highlights**

"Labor Cares - Labor Shares"



### **Meeting Emergency Needs**

- ➤ Emergency Assistance Program
  helped 350 working families avoid
  evictions, foreclosures, utility cut-offs
  and hunger
- ➤ Holiday Basket Project provided food, gifts and funds for 50 area needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Food drives collected non-perishable food distributed to 100 neighbors in need
- Referred 250 area residents to additional resources in the area for emergency and other family needs

## Helping Families Become Self-Sufficient

- ➤ Building Futures Program trained 80 unemployed area residents in a construction pre-apprenticeship training program with 80% landing jobs and apprenticeships after graduation
- Through the Maryland EARN program provided pre-apprenticeship training for low-income suburban Maryland residents at the Finishing Trades Institute (Painters) that helped boost earnings and job advancement potential for 30 individuals
- Became a partner with DC Department of Transportation to help young lowincome women learn basic job readiness and skills needed for entry into construction jobs
- Became a Preferred Training Provider for Maryland Department of Transportation ready to assist low-income area residents into entry level jobs on the Purple Line slated to begin construction in 2016

#### JOIN IN THE FUN WITH CSA's SPORTS & LABOR FAMILY EVENTS

Every year, CSA sponsors the "Bowling for Gold" Bowling Tournament, Labor Night at the Nats, and the Annual Golf Tournament, all of which raise money for the Emergency Assistance Fund. For information about these events, email kmckirchy@dclabor.org













# **Supporting the Local Labor Community**

- Promoted the Letter Carriers Food Drive in May which collects thousands of pounds of non- perishable food for area food banks
- Provided emergency assistance to over 350 members of area local unions facing hunger, evictions, foreclosures, utility cut-offs
- Worked with public sector unions to ensure injured DC government workers received cost of living increases required by law
- Assisted various local unions with volunteer activities including food and clothing drives, toy collections, and fundraising for other local charities

The mission of the Community Services Agency is to improve the lives of workers and their families by meeting their human and social services needs; by building diverse coalitions to promote and protect dignity and justice for workers; and by empowering workers and their unions to make their communities better places to live, work, raise a family and retire.

CSA is a United Way/Combined Federal/DC ONE Fund Campaign Participant and is a member of the DC Jobs Council, the Fair Budget Coalition, the Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services, and the AFL-CIO Community Services Network.

CSA provides services for residents of suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia.



CSA was selected by SMART (Sheet Metal Workers) Local 100 to be the local charity for donations at this year's national Business Agents' Conference held in DC· Every year, SMART supports local charities wherever their conference is held·

"This is a great way for the labor movement to show that it is a force for good in local communities, and its financial support helps CSA continue its work with union members and working families in the metro area"

Photo (I-r): SMART Secretary/Treasurer Richard McClees, Local 100's Milo Chaffee, SMART General President Joseph Sellers, MWC President Jos Williams, CSA Executive Director Kathleen McKirchy and Local 100 Business Manager John Shields.

### "Labor Cares- Labor Shares"

Many Hands Make a Stronger Community

Support the Community Services Agency using these Designation Numbers:

United Way and DC One Fund Campaigns: #8253 \* Combined Federal Campaign: #19579

Maryland Charity Campaign: #9320

Or donate directly to CSA on our secure on-line donation site- go to <a href="www.dclabor.org">www.dclabor.org</a>, click on "community services" then click on "Donate NOW"