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Manna Food Center, Hearts and Homes for Youth, Imagination Stage, BB&T Partner to provide food, refurbish shelter, and expose children to the Arts

Bethesda, MD [August 13, 2010] BB&T announced partnerships with three, non-profit organizations in Montgomery county: providing food for 375 kids through Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg, working with Hearts and Homes for Youth to refurbish their shelter in Rockville, and partnering with Imagination Stage in Bethesda to introduce 350 kids to the Arts. The partnerships are part of BB&T's company-wide community service initiative called the "BB&T Lighthouse Project". The philanthropic effort is the largest in BB&T's 138-year history.

Founded in 1983, Manna Food Center provides food for over 5% of Montgomery County residents facing hardship. Manna has a Smart Sacks program that feeds over 1300 kids each weekend so they have food when there are no school meals to sustain them. BB&T volunteers will gather on August 20, 2010 to purchase food and stock the shelves prior to distribution.

Hearts & Homes for Youth helps troubled youth who are abused or neglected to become independent and productive adults and has the only shelter in Montgomery County specifically for children and youth. On August 28, 2010 BB&T volunteers will purchase supplies to provide an update to the shelter.

Imagination Stage was founded in 1979 in response to the urgent need for arts education for young people regardless of their physical, cognitive or financial status. Imagination Stage is the largest multi-disciplinary theatre arts organization in the Mid-Atlantic region with programs for kids ranging from 1 to 18. BB&T will provide a private showing of the new play "Bunnacula" to 350 kids. BB&T will work with local Maryland children's charities to identify the children. BB&T volunteers will work the theatre for this event and host a special reception for the kids after the show.

"I am excited about this opportunity for our employees to give back to the community. We have 17 banks and over 100 employees throughout Montgomery County and each one will be working on one of these projects," said Thomas Ransom, BB&T's Montgomery County Executive. "We are committed to BB&T's mission of making our community a better place to live."

About Organization

About BB&T

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