



DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

THE GIFT OF MOBILITY

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MEET JANICE JOYNER

"BEFORE I HAD THIS SCOOTER, I COULD ONLY HOP FIVE STEPS TO MY BATHROOM AND BACK. HAVING THIS SCOOTER MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET OUT OF BED AND LIVE MY LIFE."



MOBILITY DEFICIT AND FALLS

1/3 - 1/2 of adults 65 years and older report difficulties related to walking and climbing stairs

27.5% of adults 65 years and older report at least one fall in the past year

In 2018, falls among older adults led to 3 million ER visits, 950,000 hospitalizations, and 32,000 deaths

Defining the Need

Falls and fall-related injuries are highly prevalent but are preventable

Burden of equipment cost, lack of insurance coverage, delays in receiving equipment

DME can improve mobility, reduce falls, and increase independence

Unneeded durable medical equipment is often thrown away



OFFERING THE SOLUTION

Improve mobility and quality of life for Maryland residents



**OUR
PURPOSE**



Divert equipment from landfills, resulting in a positive impact on the environment



————— WHAT IS DME? —————

Serves A Medical Purpose

Appropriate for Use in Home or Community

Durable and Can Withstand Repeated Use

BASIC DME



**Canes &
Crutches**



Walkers



Manual Wheelchairs



**Rollators &
Knee Scooters**



**Shower Chairs &
Bedside
Commodes**

COMPLEX DME



**Powered
Wheelchairs**



Hospital Beds



Hoyer Lift



Sit to Stand

DME DONATION PROCESS



SANITIZE



DISTRIBUTE



COLLECT



**INSPECT and
REPAIR**

DONATION COLLECTION SITES

- Anne Arundel County - Severn, MD Landfill
- Baltimore City - Quarantine Road & NW Transfer Station Landfills and Waxter Senior Center
- Charles County - La Plata, MD Landfill
- Dorchester County - Cambridge Delmarva CS
- Harford County - Street, MD Landfill & Arc of Northern Chesapeake
- Montgomery County - Silver Spring Easter Seals & Rockville Senior Center
- Prince George's County - DME Warehouse
- Talbot County - Easton, MD Landfill
- Washington County - Hagerstown Goodwill
- Limited Pick-Up Upon Request ○ ○ ○ ○



DME HEADQUARTERS



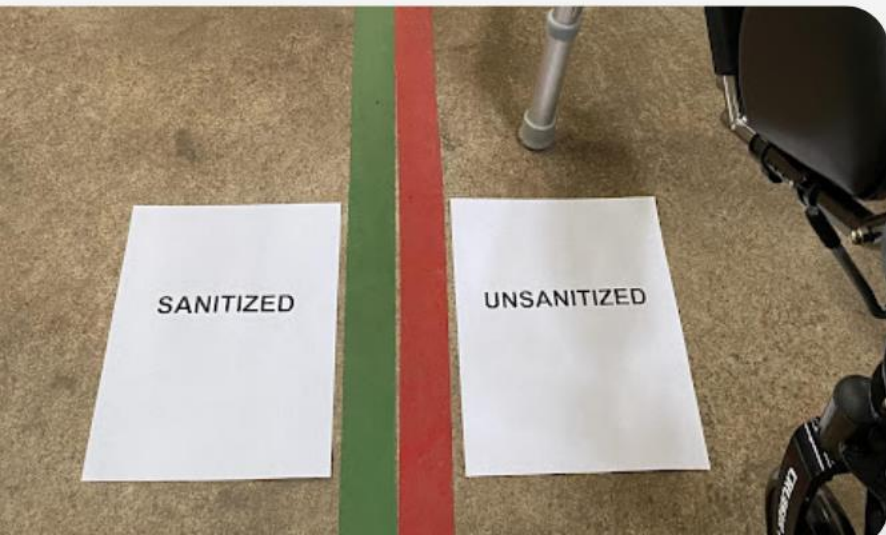
- **51,000 Square Foot Warehouse**
- **Located in Cheltenham, Prince George's County**
- **Donations collected, repaired, sanitized, stored, and redistributed from this site**





SANITIZE

- **Separate Equipment Upon Arrival**
- **Run All Equipment Through a 3-Step Sanitation Process**



INSPECT

All DME Inspected
for Safety and
Function



REPAIR

Certified
technicians make
necessary repairs

NO WASTE

If device is not
functional, equipment
is broken down and
used for parts



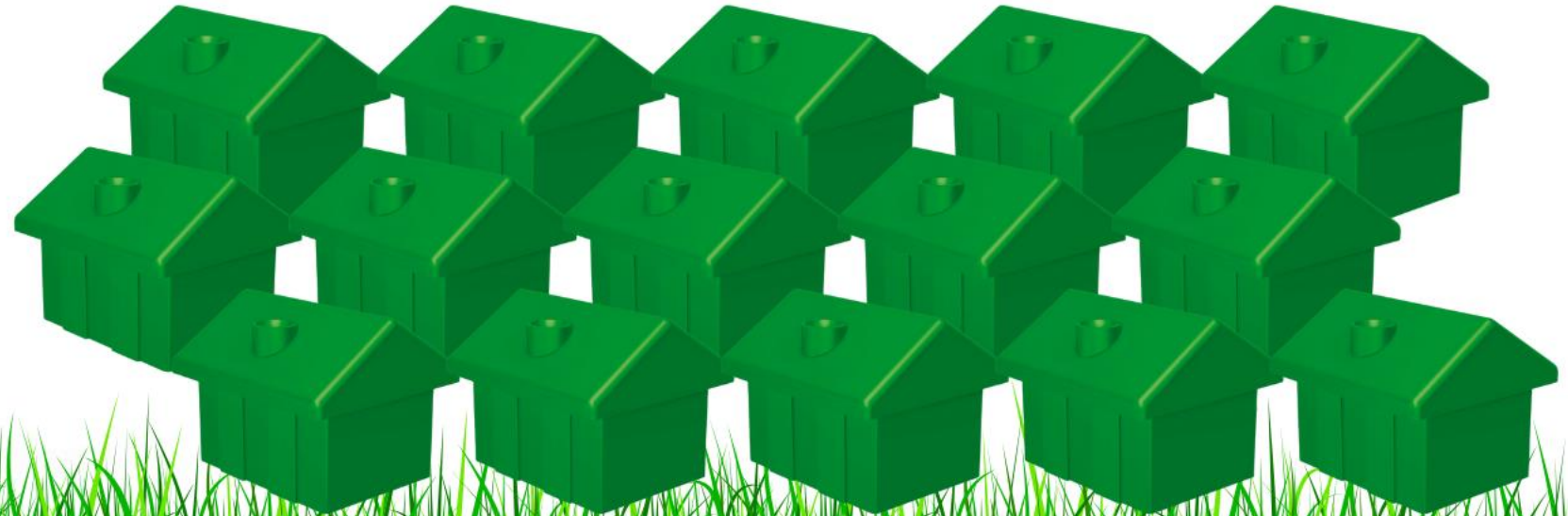
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

13,353 Items Collected

Amount of DME Diverted from Landfills:

- 418,008 lbs.
- 230,514 cubic feet
- The equivalent of filling 15 two-story houses

(AS OF AUGUST 2022)





EQUIPMENT SAFETY INSTRUCTION



Mock Bedroom and Bathroom

- Train on device in a safe environment before taking it home
- Make sure equipment is the right fit

Instructional Materials

- Hard copies of instructions provided
- Videos on how to use equipment are made available
- Direction on how to maintain and make minor adjustments if needed



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DME



- Maryland Residents
- No Age Limit
- Those Awaiting Medical Insurance Approval
- Those who are Unable to Obtain the Most Appropriate Equipment from Medical Insurance

HOW TO REQUEST DME

Complete a request form via:

Website

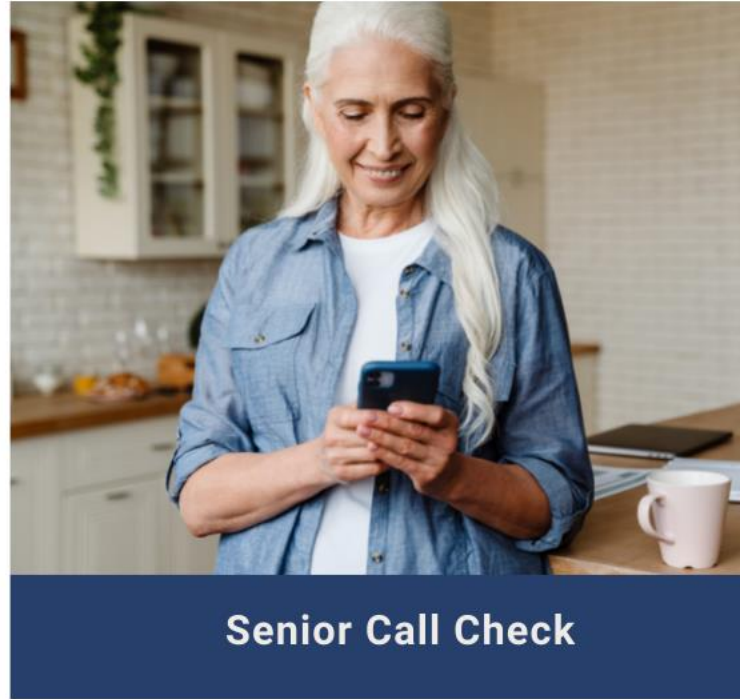
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Email

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Call

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Innovation Programs

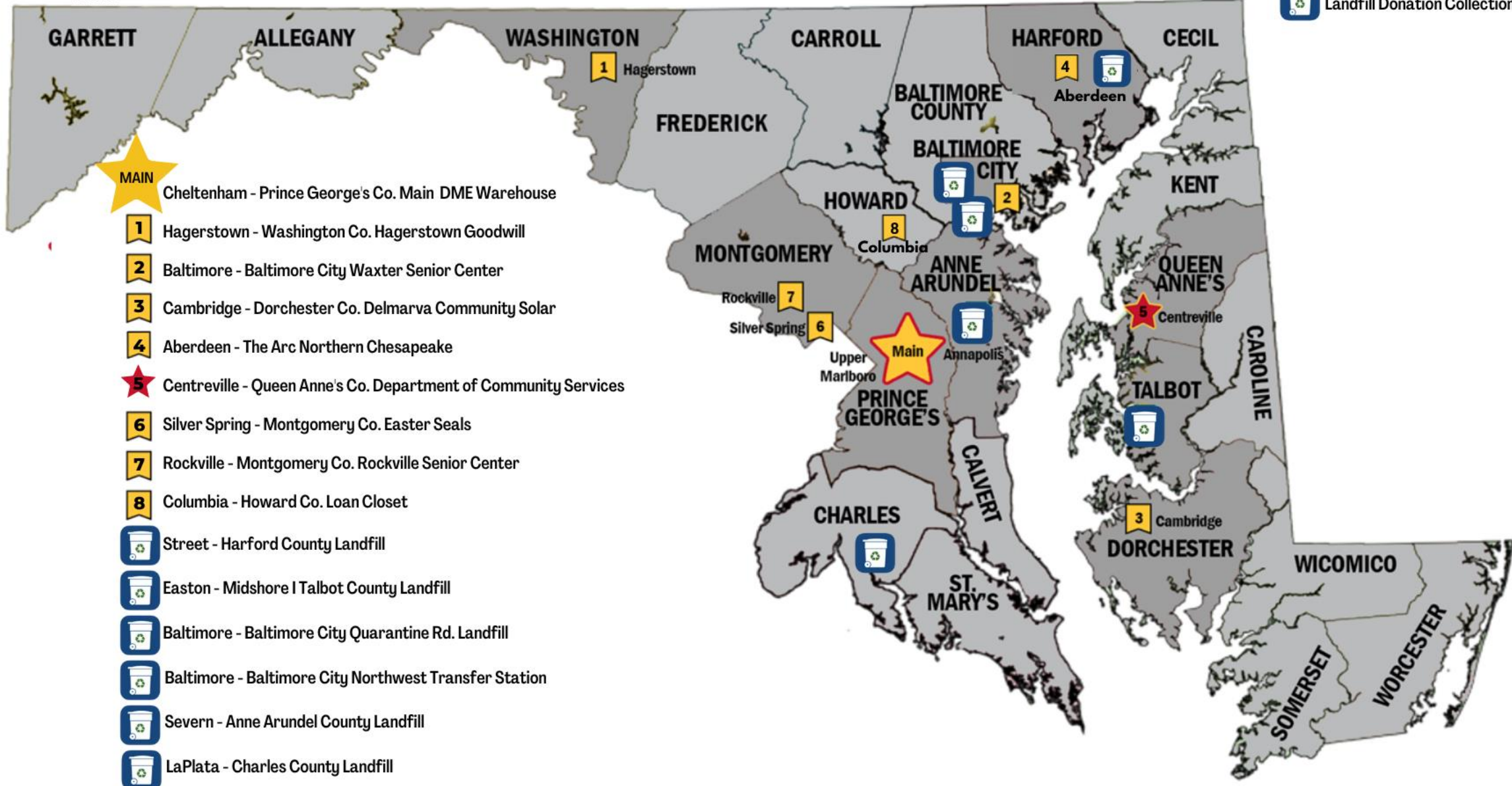
Programs designed to help Maryland residents age at home and maintain a sense of independence and dignity.









Maryland Durable Medical Equipment Re-Use Distribution and Collection Site Locations

DME MAP KEY

-  Dual Distribution and Collection Site
-  Distribution Site Only
-  Landfill Donation Collection Center



- MAIN** Cheltenham - Prince George's Co. Main DME Warehouse
- 1** Hagerstown - Washington Co. Hagerstown Goodwill
- 2** Baltimore - Baltimore City Waxter Senior Center
- 3** Cambridge - Dorchester Co. Delmarva Community Solar
- 4** Aberdeen - The Arc Northern Chesapeake
- 5** Centreville - Queen Anne's Co. Department of Community Services
- 6** Silver Spring - Montgomery Co. Easter Seals
- 7** Rockville - Montgomery Co. Rockville Senior Center
- 8** Columbia - Howard Co. Loan Closet
-  Street - Harford County Landfill
-  Easton - Midshore I Talbot County Landfill
-  Baltimore - Baltimore City Quarantine Rd. Landfill
-  Baltimore - Baltimore City Northwest Transfer Station
-  Severn - Anne Arundel County Landfill
-  LaPlata - Charles County Landfill



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