

Our passion

is to help families when they need it most



family matters™
of GREATER WASHINGTON

History matters

1881: Originally established as The Associated Charities of the District of Columbia by Washingtonians with the goal of combating pauperism.

1883: D.C. saw a 50% reduction in panhandling according to the first Annual Report.

1896: Started the first Christmas Club Savings program to encourage the poor to save (this program was adopted by the Post Office in 1911 and later by the banks).

1901: Formed the first Boy's Club in D.C.

1907: Opened the first camp for African-American mothers and children called Camp Pleasant.

1934: The organization's name was changed to the Family Service Association.

1937: Worked to get the Social Security program adopted.

1941: Established a Department for the Blind-casework service.

1943: Started the first daycare program for children of working parents during WWII.

1951: The Family Service Association merged with the Children's Protective Association, the Foster Day Care and Counseling Association to become Family and Child Services of Washington D.C.

1964: Started the first foster care homes for emotionally disturbed children.

1966: Opened Camp Moss Hollow in Virginia for at-risk youth.

1969: Opened Model Cities, D.C.'s first multi-service senior center.

1976: Assumed responsibility for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P) in which volunteers, age 55+, are recruited to work in the community.

1986: Developed the Weekend Respite Program for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

1997: Established the FAST Program at Shaed Elementary School & the "Bright Horizons" program for teen mothers and their babies.

1998: Implemented a literacy program, "D.C. Reads," in 16 elementary schools.

2003: Opened D.C.'s first Adoption Resource Center.

2007: Certified as a Core Service Agency by the D.C. Department of Mental Health.

2009: Changed organization's name to Family Matters of Greater Washington, D.C., Inc.

2010: Started Ways to Work—financial rehabilitation via low interest car loans.

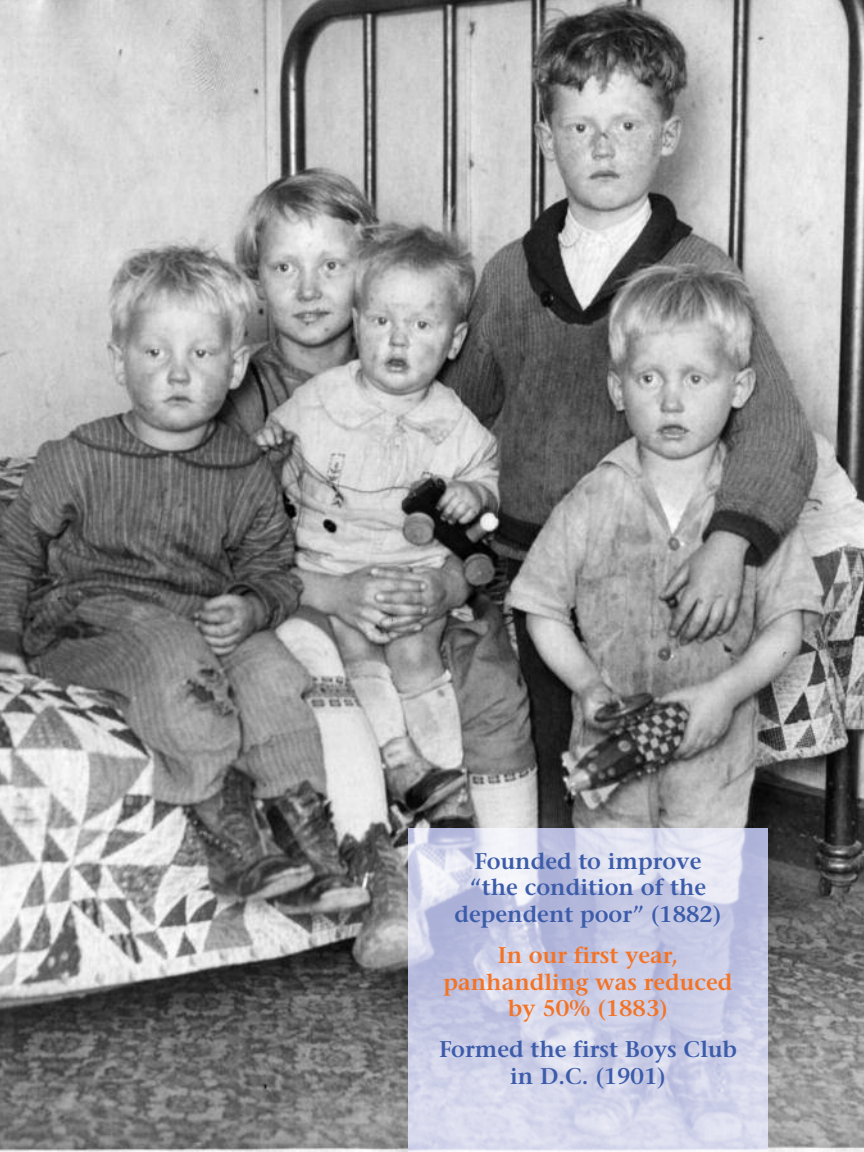
Family Matters of Greater Washington is the oldest as well as the preeminent social service provider in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. We are in the *compassionate solutions business*—the business of acknowledging human suffering and then doing something about it.

We do the most.

We have been doing it the longest.

AND, we want you to join our family.





Founded to improve
“the condition of the
dependent poor” (1882)

In our first year,
panhandling was reduced
by 50% (1883)

Formed the first Boys Club
in D.C. (1901)

Every Year

Children matter

We are dedicated to serving children and families in crisis. **Our Child Welfare Unit** offers traditional and therapeutic foster care to bring stability and safety to abused and neglected children. We provide comprehensive case management services to children in need and assist prospective foster parents through the foster care process. We provide all of the training to meet Washington, D.C.'s and Maryland's licensing regulations.



The first assembled family
foster homes went into
operation (1963)

**Started the city's first foster
care homes for emotionally
disturbed children (1964)**

Opened the city's first
Adoption Resource Center
(2003)

Every month

Parents matter

Our Mental Health Department provides individual and family counseling, school-based counseling, medication management, domestic violence and anger management services, crisis management, and E.A.P. services for all ages.

Our Bright Futures Program is dedicated to giving young mothers who are wards of the District of Columbia the guidance and support they need to be independent, capable adults and parents. Participants graduate from the onsite living and mentoring program at the age of 21 with the knowledge and skills to make good choices for them and their children's futures.



Opened first multi-service senior center in D.C. (1969)

Developed a caregivers respite program for persons with Alzheimer's Disease (1986)

Initiated Medical Bills Project with the city's Legal Counsel for the Elderly (1987)

Every Week

Seniors matter

We work to protect and empower the elderly so that they can remain active and independent. For nearly four decades, we have helped elderly residents of the District of Columbia be safe and comfortable in their later years through a broad range of services and programs including:

**Adult Abuse
Prevention**

Aging in Place

**Alzheimer's Respite
Program**

**Home and Community-
Based Waiver for the
Elderly**

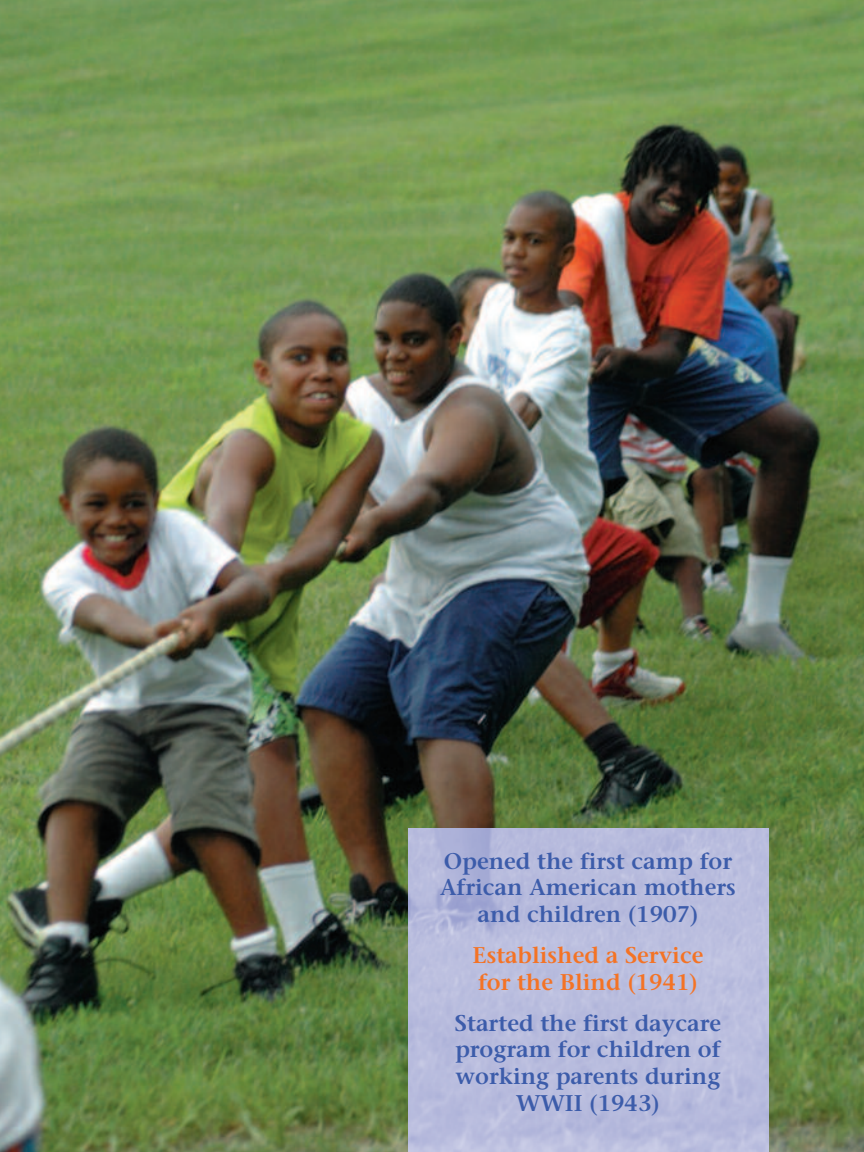
**Long Term Care
Comprehensive
Geriatric Assessment &
Case Management**

Ms. Senior D.C.

**R.S.V.P. (Retired & Senior
Volunteer Program)**

Senior Works

Senior Core



Opened the first camp for African American mothers and children (1907)

Established a Service for the Blind (1941)

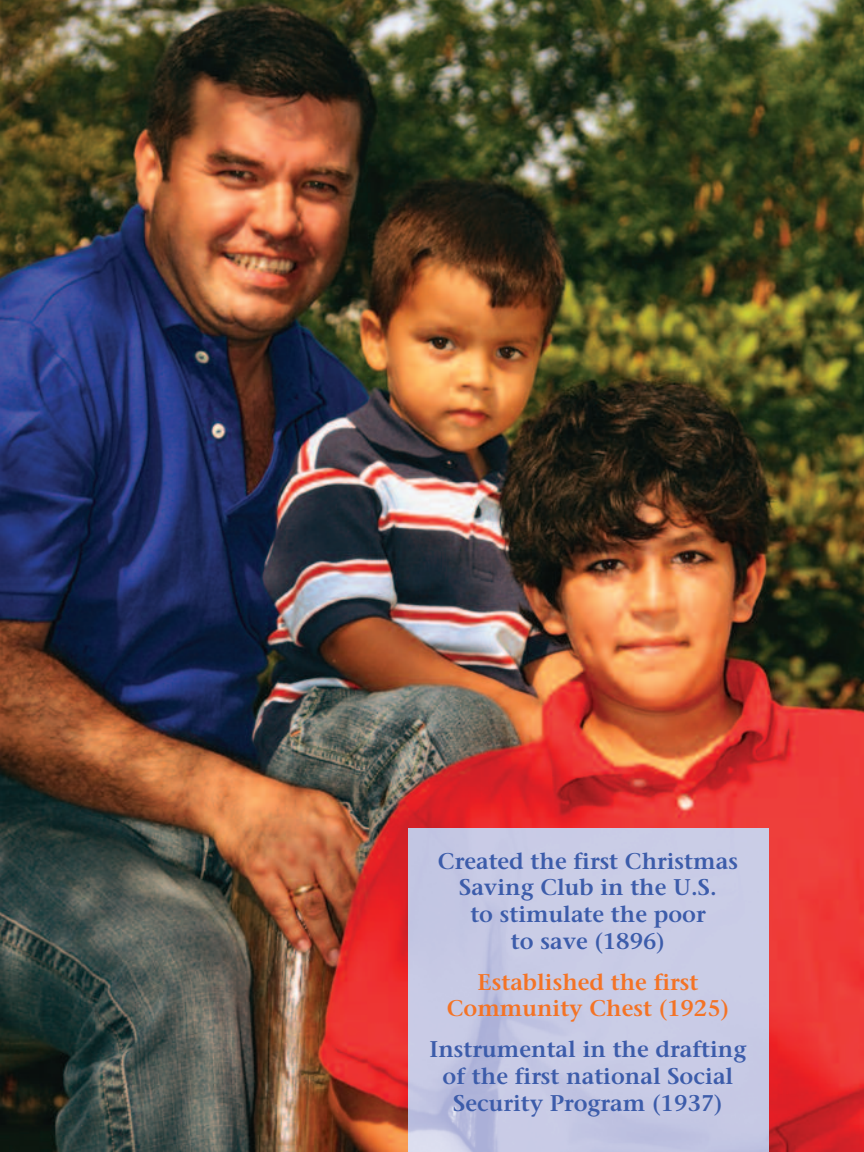
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Every Day

Families matter

Families are under more pressure than ever, so we offer high-quality, low-cost mental health services to families and individuals in need. We give support to abused and neglected children, seniors suffering from loneliness and despair, and victims of spousal abuse and their families. We also offer group and individual counseling to adults suffering from anxiety, depression, and other mental illness.

Nearly a half-century old, **Camp Moss Hollow** has offered families and their at-risk children a positive outdoor environment away from the city. The camp teaches basic socialization skills through both recreation and academics.



Created the first Christmas
Saving Club in the U.S.
to stimulate the poor
to save (1896)

Established the first
Community Chest (1925)

Instrumental in the drafting
of the first national Social
Security Program (1937)

Every Hour

Communities matter

Our extensive volunteer programs strengthen our community and ensure that wisdom and experience are not lost. Our thousands of volunteers are some of the keys to our success.

Our Ways to Work program transforms lives by offering low-interest car loans and professional volunteer training to families with distressed credit but good character. We know that successful working families create thriving communities.

Family Matters gets people one step closer to their dreams by assisting with their basic needs today—but we can't and don't do it alone, that's why ... *we need you.*



Lobbied for state licensure
of social workers (1985)

Established the first
FAST Program (against
substance abuse) in a D.C.
public school (1997)

Named Outstanding Agency
of the Year by the Consortium
for Child Welfare (2005)

Every Minute **YOU matter**

Every day people like **YOU** can join in our passion for helping Washington, D.C.-area families and help us reach more families and individuals.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS enable us to bring assistance, healing, comfort, and hope to thousands.

YOU can play a vital role that ensures a better today and a promising tomorrow to more children, adolescents, senior citizens, and families in Washington, D.C.

Call us at **202.289.1510** or visit our website **www.familymattersdc.org** to find out how you can help us help others.



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