



## HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS

The week of November 11-18 highlights hunger and homelessness awareness. It is estimated that over 500,000 American citizens are currently experiencing homelessness. This week of awareness is to magnify the challenges hunger and homelessness bring to an individual's life.

This Month's Awareness Challenge: Find a local food bank to donate non-perishable food items.

Want to Take Another Step? It's almost Thanksgiving! Consider volunteering at a local church or agency for their Thanksgiving meal.

## LEGISLATION SPOTLIGHT: PROTECTIVE ORDERS V. PEACE ORDERS

In Maryland, protective and peace orders are forms of civil protection.

Read below for the descriptions and applications of each order.

**Protection Order (PO):** A protection order applies in situations of domestic violence, child abuse, rape, sexual assault, or spousal abuse. PO's apply to those in intimate relationships, familial relationships, or other domestic relationships.

**Peace Order:** A peace order applies in situations with others persons where the petitioner is not related to the respondent by blood or participating in an intimate relationship. Peace orders address stalking, trespassing, harassment, destruction of property, and other ordeals.

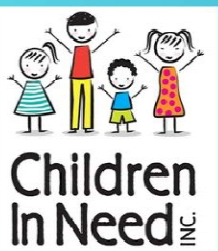


## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: CHILDREN IN NEED

**Who Are They?:** Children in Need (CIN) of Washington County serves disadvantaged children and their families.

**What Do They Do?:** Children in Need distributes basic necessities like clothing, shoes, books, toiletries, and baby items to children and families affected by homelessness, domestic violence, natural disasters, and other life challenges.

**How Can I Support Them?:** Consider donating gently used clothing items of all sizes, books, and shoes. See more at... <https://childreninneedwashingtoncounty.org/cin-news-posts/>



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CASA?



- CASA is still looking for dedicated volunteers and interns! Please contact Ashley (Director of Advocacy Services) at [ashleys@casainc.org](mailto:ashleys@casainc.org) for further information.
- Christmas is around the corner! If you are interested in adopting a family for CASA's Christmas program, please contact Lauren (Legal Victim Advocate) at [laurenw@casainc.org](mailto:laurenw@casainc.org)