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## **ValorExcel Announces Closure after 17 Years of Service To Washington County**

**Washington County, MD — [January 5, 2026]** — After 17 years of dedicated service, ValorExcel announces that it will be closing its doors effective January 31, 2026. Over the past 17 years we have had the great honor of partnering with agencies, supporting businesses, and empowering individuals in Washington County to strive for more.

Since its founding in 2008 as Women of Valor Ministries, Inc., it has been the organization's mission to promote resilience by providing coaching and training to individuals and start-up businesses, to help them to invest in their own success so they are better connected, better equipped, and better prepared for life and work. Through collaboration with community partners, local agencies, and countless volunteers, the organization has been able to make a meaningful impact across the county.

"We are deeply proud of the work we've accomplished together," said CEO Mark Appenzellar. "This organization's success has always been rooted in the compassion and generosity of our community. We are so grateful for the support we have received through donations, grant funding, and volunteer assistance, and we have appreciated the opportunity to serve our county."

As ValorExcel winds down its operations, current initiatives will be transitioned where possible to partner organizations to ensure continuity of service. The nonprofit encourages community members to continue supporting local organizations that share its mission and values.

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