

Montgomery County has been the leader in building, maintaining and reimagining SBHCs for many years. I feel like it would not be an exaggeration to say that Joan—AKA Joanie Glick had 99% to do with it. The county grew SBHCs during a time when there weren't additional state funds. She became the Queen of Collaborative funding— she used local, federal, state and grants dollars— she put miles on her car driving from site to site to make sure everything was top notch.

In July 2011— Maryland's Montgomery County government was the largest recipient of new federal funding for SBHCs— they received just \$16,000 shy of the maximum \$500,000.

Picture it— 1997— there are two SBHCs Broad Acres and Harmony Hills elementary— Joanie was there. She was already a pediatric nurse practitioner— but she was working as a school nurse in Montgomery County at the time. She landed the position of the 1st nurse practitioner and has been beating the drums for exemplary care in SBHCs ever since.

If you have ever been to a meeting about SBHCs and heard a really good question— that was Joanie— If you also heard phrases like “not all kids have insurance” “ we see everyone” “ we see kids who have literally no where else to go”...during the COVID shutdown— you may have heard “pediatric practices are closed! We are their medical homes!”

When I worked at the national office School Based Health Alliance— we heard— Make it autopopulate!!—I don't have time to fill out 14 different surveys from beginning to end with basic information that doesn't change year to year”

Joanie retired last December as the Senior Administrator for the School Health Services division of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. I couldn't believe it! She could— but I couldn't— Maryland is lucky to have you Joanie. We are so thankful that you are still an active part of the MASBHC Board— as Secretary and hold one of MASBHC's seats on the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers.

While you are still very much active in the field— you are very much retired and we don't hold a candle to your new grandchild. So with that I want to thank you again for the wonderful impact you have had on thousands of students and families— as well as staff.

