

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What kind of information will you be collecting?**

Before you start the survey, you will be asked to read and sign a consent form, which includes information about how our team will protect your information. The survey includes questions about your neighborhood (e.g., greenspace, danger), your own resources (e.g., social support, financial stability), and your physical and mental health. If there is a teen (aged 10 – 17 years) living in the household, there will also be questions about their health and wellbeing. With your consent, the teen will be given the option of completing a similar version of this survey for an additional \$20.

### **How much time will the survey take?**

The survey will take approximately **20-30 minutes**. This includes time to review and sign the consent form and to complete your answers. The survey must be completed by 12/31/2022.

### **What will I receive for participating in the survey?**

After you complete the survey, you will be given the option of being **emailed a \$20 gift card** from 300+ options (e.g., gas stations, grocery stores; see <https://www.tangocard.com/reward-catalog/>) **or mailed a \$20 debit card**. There are no fees to use the gift card or the debit card.

At the end of the survey, you will also be asked if you would like to refer up to 5 community members who live in your neighborhood to participate in the survey. If you are interested, you will be mailed 5 coupons to hand out, and you will receive an **additional \$5 on the payment you selected above for each neighbor who responds (up to \$25)**. They will receive the same survey that you completed and will also receive \$20 for participating.

### **How will you protect my information?**

Our team takes confidentiality very seriously. **Any information that could identify you will be removed from the survey responses.** Instead, your responses will be given a unique ID number. We will only store your contact information if you consent to receiving the results of the survey or being re-contacted for another part of the CARE Project. You can request that your data be destroyed at any time by calling 301-405-5881 or emailing us at [gardlab@umd.edu](mailto:gardlab@umd.edu).

Potential loss of confidentiality will be minimized by storing all data on password protected computers and using secure cloud-based storage services only accessible to research staff. All research staff complete industry-standard confidentiality training. Data will be kept for 5 years or until reports and publications have been released to the community, after which point it will be deleted. To ensure that the data collected in this project has the best chance of being used to bring resources to your community, you will also be given the option to include your anonymous data in a public data release to Open Data DC (<https://opendata.dc.gov/>).

### **Has anyone from my community reviewed the survey? How do I know if you have my household's best interest at heart?**

Since Fall 2021, our team at the University of Maryland has been interviewing community members in Wards 4 and 5 to design this survey. We asked your neighbors what they wanted to see from research and included those topics in the survey. In addition, we are partnering with several organizations, including the DC Public Library and City Blossoms, by including several questions in the survey about access to library resources and greenspace.