Families make sweet memories at Tasty Image in Bethesda

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Children and families who have experienced the pain of homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse or other traumas may not have many happy memories to draw on and may not know how to provide them for their children, according to Victoria Karakchyeyeva, the program director for a housing program with Volunteers of America Chesapeake.

To help them create some happy memories they can keep, and to learn how to care for themselves and their children, Volunteers of America Chesapeake organized an outing for the participants of some of its programs to the chocolate store Tasty Image in Montgomery Mall in Bethesda on Friday.

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Mercedes Bendeck, of Washington, D.C., helps Dominic Ximinies, 11, of Laurel, make a chocolate treat at her family’s Tasty Image chocolate store in the Montgomery Mall in Bethesda on Friday.

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