

DEAR FRIENDS,

YOUR SUPPORT AND ACCOMPANIMENT make it possible for us, along with so many others, to dream, plan, innovate and implement solutions that are both desired and transformative.

As members of the communities we serve, we continually strive to accompany people on their journey in ways that move all of us to a brighter future.

One such story comes from a recent graduate of our St. Edward's Workforce Development Center. After a series of part-time, dead-

end jobs, Clinton is now employed full-time with benefits and enjoys his work every day. He says, "There is a better outlook on the community in West Baltimore for those who care to look. Programs at St. Edward's are making a real difference. It has made a positive impact upon my life and that of my six classmates.

St. Edward's automotive technician training program – and all of you who support Catholic Charities' work – have given me a jetpack on my back and moved my life forward. For this, I thank you!"

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FALL 2017

BLESSINGS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CHERISHING THE DIVINE WITHIN ALL

Inspired by the Gospel mandates to LOVE, SERVE and TEACH, Catholic Charities provides care and services to IMPROVE the LIVES of Marylanders in need.

Catholic Charities' Powered by Volunteers, Staff and Board Members

EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

The innovative and compassionate work of Catholic Charities is made possible thanks to the support and invaluable work of colleagues, volunteers and donors, said Executive Director Bill McCarthy, who addressed hundreds of enthusiasts at the Hippodrome Theater on October 11th for the Annual Celebration of Catholic Charities.

During the celebration, Mr. McCarthy presented the much-anticipated Mission in Action and Distinguished Service Awards.

The Mission in Action recipients were nominated by their colleagues for their ability to incorporate the commitments of dignity, compassion, humility, collaboration, excellence and integrity into their work.

The 2017 Mission in Action award winners include:

- **TRISHA EY:** Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator, St. Vincent's Villa, Family Services
- **BOB HOOVER:** Junior Accountant, Finance, Central Services
- **LEE MARTIN:** Director, Weinberg Housing and Resource Center, Community Services
- **CHERIE MELTON:** Director, St. Ann Adult Day Services, Senior Services
- **JERRY SCHREIBER:** Volunteer, Esperanza Center, Community Services

Following the presentation of the state-of-the-agency address and remarks by President of the Board of Trustees Mary Ann Scully, President of Howard Bank, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Scully and Archbishop Lori presented three awards to extraordinary individuals who personify our Mission and Values to love, serve, teach and work for justice.

The distinguished career in education of **SR. KATHLEEN FEELEY, S.S.N.D.** has touched the lives of thousands across the globe. She has worked as a teacher, President of Notre Dame of Maryland University for 20 years, spiritual

leader with novices and lay leaders in Africa, and as an Administrator for Special Education in Baltimore City.

Despite her many responsibilities, you will still see Sister Kathleen every week offering dinner to clients at the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center or teaching English to high school girls through the Adelante Latina program at the Esperanza Center.

Sr. Kathleen received the Monsignor Arthur F. Valenzano Joyful Servant Award, in recognition of her work which embodies the joyful life and spirit of Monsignor Valenzano, Rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a member of Catholic Charities Board of Trustees until his passing in September of 2015. The Monsignor had a profound ability to touch people's lives with his gentle spirit.

LISA AND BILL STROMBERG received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of their compassionate care and service; their personal commitment to the work of Catholic Charities; and their ability to cherish the Divine within those we serve.

The Strombergs are generous supporters of Catholic Charities and countless causes that renew and energize Baltimore. Lisa served on the Inaugural Leadership Committee for My Sister's Place Women's Center and presently serves as a Board Member for Notre Dame Preparatory

To view the event videos, visit cc-md.org/annual-celebration



Bill McCarthy, Executive Director of Catholic Charities (far left) and Archbishop of Baltimore William E. Lori (far right) stand with the 2017 Mission in Action Award winners Jerry Schreiber, Cherie Melton, Lee Martin, Trisha Ey and Bob Hoover (left to right).

School, Mother Seton Academy and Goucher College. Bill is President and Chief Executive Officer of T. Rowe Price and member of the Board for Johns Hopkins University.

The Anne Lindsey Otenasek Youth Service Award was presented to **JOHN GETHING**, a high school senior at Archbishop Spalding and an Eagle Scout. To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, John needed to plan, develop and complete a project benefiting a recipient. After John visited Sarah's House and learned about its mission to help families experiencing homelessness, he decided to create the Sarah's House Room Sponsorship Program which has raised \$10,000.

This award is presented to high school students in recognition of their outstanding volunteer service with Catholic Charities. It's given in memory of Anne Lindsey Otenasek, a passenger on 1988 Pan American Flight 103, to honor and perpetuate her spirit – which was the hallmark of her volunteer work at Gallagher Services. ■



Archbishop Lori, Sr. Kathleen Feeley and Bill McCarthy



Lisa and Bill Stromberg



Peggy Otenasek, John Gething and Frank Otenasek

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

GALLAGHER SERVICES: A Pathway to Meaningful Work

40th Anniversary Celebration September 15, 2017

GALLAGHER SERVICES OPENED ITS DOORS at the Pot Spring Road location in 1977 when 13 children from Rosewood Center, a state institution serving people with developmental disabilities from 1888 to 2009, moved there. Nine of those 13 children are now adults that remain living, working and participating in our community.

Our mission then and now is to open doors to a fuller life for people with intellectual disabilities.

All of our offerings focus on helping every person explore their personal vision of a fulfilling life—and on creating a pathway and support system tailored to help each individual achieve his or her vision of where to live and how to have a meaningful day.

Each person's path is unique, and may include volunteer work, involvement in the program's gardens, assisting the Culinary Support Group in the Gallagher Services' kitchen, making artwork or participating in a wide range of entrepreneurial ventures—designing and creating clothing, custom floor mats or sachets and soaps.

In September, hundreds of celebrants gathered at Gallagher Services to mark the 40 years of innovation and caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. ■

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/gallagher



Gallagher residents wow guests with high-energy singing and dancing.



(L-R) Baltimore's Archbishop William Lori, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Baltimore Bill McCarthy and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger attentively listen to Gallagher individuals perform.



SARAH'S HOUSE SUPPORTS FAMILIES ON THEIR JOURNEY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

A tearful Kianna Harris recounted her impressive journey from being a young, pregnant woman without support or shelter to earning two degrees in criminal justice and working for St. Mary's County.

"I'm living proof of what you've done here [at Sarah's House], and I am thankful," said Kianna as she spoke before a crowd of volunteers, staff, residents and elected officials who gathered to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the program.

Ms. Harris, now 27, recounted how she and her younger brother first came to Sarah's House when she was 17 with their mother after their family was evicted from their home.

Kianna later returned to Sarah's House when she was pregnant with her first child.

Sarah's House provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for up to 125 guests every day. Guests receive case management, employment counseling, licensed child care and after-school programs, transportation to and from essential appointments, parenting

classes, computer and financial literacy training, GED classes and more.

Kianna embraced all that Sarah's House had to offer and she excelled.

"I never felt talked down to by my case



Kianna Harris and her son in 2007 while residing at Sarah's House.

worker. All I felt was love," said Kianna. "That support gave me confidence to do better."

Through the guidance of Sarah's House, she became a homeowner through Habitat

for Humanity. Kianna is now the mother of three and works as a community detention officer at the Department of Juvenile Services in St. Mary's County.

Sarah's House works in conjunction with the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services. Since 1987, it has provided shelter and supportive services to more than 16,000 guests, served more than 1.7 million meals and helped 3,000 families find permanent housing.

With the support of nearly 27,000 volunteers and many donors over the past 30 years, Sarah's House staff has been able to improve the lives of people in need.

In 2016, Sarah's House served 132 families (448 individuals) and helped 120 people secure jobs. Sixty-three percent (63%) of these guests saw their incomes increase while at Sarah's House and 119 adults and their children were able to transition into permanent housing. ■

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/sarahs-house

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Honoring Our Legacy Donors

In September, Catholic Charities hosted **The Good Samaritan** luncheon to celebrate donors who have designated a gift to Catholic Charities in their will and to remember those who have passed away in the past year.

Through their legacy, Catholic Charities is able to ensure a brighter future for thousands of individuals at St. Vincent's Villa, Our Daily Bread Employment Center, Gallagher Services, Sarah's House, Christopher Place Employment Academy, Senior Communities, My Sister's Place Women's Center, Anna's House and so many other programs.

Pope Francis tells us that "Accompanying on its own is not enough. It is not enough to offer someone a sandwich unless it is accompanied by the possibility of learning how to stand on one's own two feet. Charity that leaves the poor person as he is, is not sufficient. True mercy, asks us to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup-kitchen, of makeshift lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person." We take the Pope's words to heart in the work we do throughout Catholic Charities. ■

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/plannedgiving

Christopher Place Employment Academy 2017 GRADUATES



Christopher Place Employment Academy (CPEA) is an intensive residential program that provides the first step to a new life for men willing to make a long-term commitment to change.

On October 15, CPEA hosted its biennial graduation for 28 graduates – men who have successfully completed the course work, stayed engaged with the program and have held a job for a year or more.

Many program participants learn about Christopher Place when they arrive at Our Daily Bread for a meal. Christopher Place supports formerly homeless men in transition from a lifestyle of homelessness and substance abuse or dependency to a positive routine and a brighter future.

Surrounding WBAL TV News Reporter, Barry Simms, who delivered the graduation remarks, are 11 members of the 2017 Christopher Place graduating class. There were 28 graduates in this year's class including: Kenneth Alston, David Baker, Daniel Blanks, William Boyce, Roy Browne, Francis Browning, Jr., Ronald Bush, Antoine Carter, Pablo Clark, Anthony Copper, Kevin Edwards, Clarence Fossett, Jeffrey Green, Elton Hollins, Gregory Innella, Gary Jackson, Thomas Johnson, Bryant Jones, Sherman Jones, Linnord Jones, Jr., Eugene Kimpson, III, Christopher Mathias, Marc Morgan, Priscilano Perougeleayer, Leonard Purefoy, Ronald Reed, Sherman Walker and James Wright. ■

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/cpea

Catholic Charities works to enhance inmates' parenting skills and build familial strength

PARENTING INSIDE OUT

THERE IS PROOF that improved parenting skills reduces recidivism rates and criminal behavior. Hence, the Governor's Office for Children created Parenting Inside Out (PIO), a five-week, 20-hour parent management skills program offered to small groups of inmates at the Baltimore County Detention Center that enhances positive parenting practices.

Participating in the State program are two Catholic Charities Family Navigators, Marci Kogan and Julie Scott who are instructors for the inaugural class at the Baltimore County Detention Center. To become instructors for PIO, both Kogan and Scott completed a ten-hour training program with Pathfinders of Oregon.

This parenting program serves incarcerated mothers and fathers who are parenting from prison. There's also a community version designed for parents on parole or probation.

"When the women speak about their children, you can sense their desire to become better parents," said Catholic Charities' Marci Kogan. "And with the right support and guidance, their relationships will be improved now and into the future," added Kogan.

"As the students discuss how they intend to implement their lessons, it's clear that they are invested in applying new skills and behaviors," according to Julie Scott. When one of the participants playfully goes off on a tangent, the Catholic Charities Navigators skillfully re-direct the discussion back to topic at hand – healthy adult relationships.

In one activity, the group jointly makes a list of strategies to de-escalate arguments with their partner. The three students feed off each other's enthusiasm as they share and critique techniques to address this critical piece of an intimate relationships.



Family Navigators Marci Kogan and Julie Scott

An inmate affirmed that the program has been a blessing. "I have seen a difference in my behavior. This class has helped me with my children and has helped me to realize my behavior [problems]."

Initially, six inmates were selected for the inaugural class; however, during the five week course, two participants were released earlier than expected and one was placed on lockdown. A second course begins in August, with additional initial registrants being identified to compensate for early withdrawals.

During the PIO course, the facilitators engage in ten interactive topics, including communication skills, child development, emotion regulation, family dynamics and use of positive reinforcement. Pre- and post-surveys measure the learning that takes place during the five weeks.

As part of their Family Navigator work, Marci and Julie will stay in contact with the three women after their release and continue to provide support and assistance they and their children will need.

The Catholic Charities instructors acknowledge that there will likely be some low points ahead, but the graduates of the first PIO class are now much better prepared to overcome the challenges they will face when they return to the community.

The program is supported with a grant from the Governor's Office for Children and the Baltimore County Local Management Board. ■

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/FamilyNavigator

BILL'S LETTER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Clinton's positive experience affirms the essential and life-changing work that is accomplished through your support. Together, we make our community healthier, stronger and more equitable.

Our movement to improve lives would not be possible without our many partners. At the Annual Celebration in October, I was honored to recognize those individuals who are shining examples of our mission, vision and values.

This celebration also gives us the opportunity to reflect on the ways that we need to grow to meet the evolving needs of our communities and neighborhoods. We are currently working on several new initiatives outlined in our three-year strategic plan. These initiatives include expanding our services for people suffering from substance abuse, growing our workforce development programs, and developing a more holistic approach to community engagement.

Throughout our community work, we strive to emphasize a community's strengths and assets rather than its challenges. This shift in our outlook is coupled with our internal effort to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion.

This new path is only possible through actively listening and collaborating with clients, colleagues, community partners and volunteers.

We are excited for what lies ahead, and we are grateful for your support as we move forward.

Peace,

Bill

Journey to a brighter future with us.

The journey to a better life begins with empowerment. Through thousands of encounters every day, Catholic Charities provides the tools to allow everyone to live a purposeful, enriched and happy life.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES #GIVING TUESDAY
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NOVEMBER 28, 2017
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
 AT THE *Basilica*
A concert benefiting the programs of our Senior Communities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.
 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FEATURING
Concert Artists of Baltimore
 Edward Polochick, Artistic Director

Ta'u Pupu'a
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TICKETS
 \$125 per ticket / \$50 per ticket for guests 35 and under (sponsor underwritten, 100 available)
Ticket includes: Parking and a Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception following the Concert

TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION:
 Visit cc-md.org/ChristmasFestival or call 667-600-2028

Learn more about how Catholic Charities plans and develops its services and programs!



www.cc-md.org/strategicplan2018

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Catholic Charities is the largest multi-service charitable organization in Maryland. Serving all, we provide innovative programming to accompany people on life's journey including assistance to those living in poverty, individuals with developmental disabilities, immigrants, older adults and families and children in crisis.

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- SAVE THE DATES:**
- November 10: Irish Singer, Declan O'Rourke, Concert, Notre Dame Maryland University
 - November 28: Giving Tuesday
 - December 14: Christmas Festival at the Baltimore Basilica
 - March 10, 2018: A Taste of Maryland - ODBEC Annual Dinner and Auction at the B&O Railroad Museum



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