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40 Year Anniversary Edition

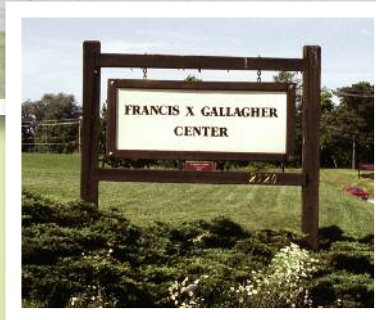
GALLAGHER SERVICES
CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN ACTION

Through the power of human relationship & pursuit of excellence, we open doors to a fuller life for people with intellectual disabilities.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS 1977-2017

Gallagher Services is celebrating 40 years of support and service to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Our doors opened at The Pot Spring Road location in 1977 when 13 children from Rosewood Center, a state institution serving people with developmental disabilities from 1888 – 2009, moved into that location. Nine of those 13 children are now adults supported by Gallagher Services 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.

1970s



By 1978 we were supporting 50 individuals residentially in the Timonium location in a dorm-like setting.

The Francis X. Gallagher Center was dedicated on July 24, 1977, in honor of the late Mr. Gallagher, founder of the law firm Gallagher, Evelius & Jones. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised as a Board Member for Catholic Charities of Baltimore.

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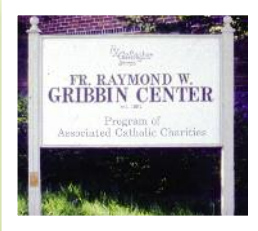
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1980s

Several Alternative Living Units (ALU's), small 3 person homes, were opened to support individuals in the community.



Acquired six homes from the Franciscan Sisters and opened two day programs.



The Gribbin Center, located in Perry Hall, was purchased in 1987 for \$1 from Baltimore County. The old school building was renovated and the Gribbin Center opened their doors providing day program services.

Assumed the Chestnut Hill Day Program to help support our individuals who were aging out of the school system.



Over a three-year period, we built and opened 13 group homes in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County, serving 54 individuals who came from home and Rosewood.



1990s

In 1991, the Anne Lindsey Otenasek Scholarship was established to recognize student volunteers and staff who exemplify her spirit and dedication to people with intellectual disabilities.



In 1993, the Timonium location was renovated into apartments and licensed as Assisted Living.



To keep up with the changing needs of the individuals we support, the Medical Day program opened in our Timonium location.

Opened independent living apartments in a large home in Baltimore City.

Opened a specialized home for individuals with Alzheimer's.



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2000s



2005 Donald Dawson sang at the Meyerhoff Gallagher Fest.



Broke ground on the Greenhouse in the fall of 2002, and it was up and running in the spring of 2003.

Expanded the residential program and purchased homes in Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County.

As the individuals we support are aging, we have added in-home hospice care.



The Timonium apartments were downsized and licensed as group homes. Many of the individuals moved from the building to community homes, and the apartments' focus was on the individuals we supported who were aging and medically complex.

Increased focus on the aging of individuals with IDD.

Started on-site clinical visits from GBMC in the Timonium Apartments for geriatrics and palliative care.

Rosewood closed in June 2009. Twenty-one individuals came in to residential services. Led to us expanding into Harford County, opening several homes in the community.



In 2010, Goucher College and Gallagher partnered to exhibit individuals' art. Individuals also had a joint semester-long class with students.



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2017



On February 3, individuals from Gallagher participated in Catholic Charities Day in Annapolis, where Gallagher Services was recognized on the Senate floor for 40 years of service to Maryland.

We currently have 47 homes in Baltimore City, Harford, Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties, serving 250 individuals.



Currently we have three day programs, supporting 207 individuals. Services include creative day, adult medical day, community learning services, and supported employment.

THEN & NOW



Thomas Billings



David Dixon



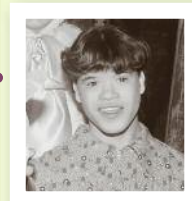
Eric Ritter



Sherman Washington



Bryant Olivis



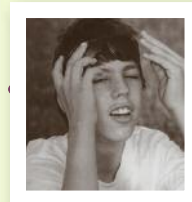
Dawnette Howard



Sean Ball



John Coles



Arthur Rutledge



The nine original individuals at Francis X. Gallagher Services (above) Thomas Billings, David Dixon, Eric Ritter, Sherman Washington, Bryant Olivis, Dawnette Howard, Sean Ball, John Coles and Arthur Rutledge.

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The one constant for Gallagher Services over the past forty years has been change.

We continue to evolve to meet the needs of the individuals we serve. Through the person-centered planning process we will support individuals as they explore their abilities and endeavor to **live the life of their choice**. Gallagher Services' 2017-2019 Strategic Plan affirms our commitment to open doors to a fuller life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

To accomplish this we will be providing self-advocacy training for individuals we support, and further tailoring our services to their varying needs and abilities. We continue to refine our program to assist seniors and people with intensive medical needs so they can remain in their homes, in the community. We are also developing new and exciting initiatives to enable individuals in the day programs to be involved in the community and find meaningful work.

Micro-businesses are in their early stages as the individuals are utilizing their unique skills and passions to satisfy unmet needs in the marketplace. Our vocational training program is strengthened through collaboration with businesses in the community. Through our corporate partnership with Culinary Services Group (CSG), we are able to offer our individuals training and assistance to find competitive employment in the culinary services industry.

The Green Initiative is a collaboration between Gallagher Services and Blue Water Baltimore, Master Gardeners and a farm in Glen Arm, Maryland. This partnership provides work readiness and community engagement for individuals in horticulture. Gallagher individuals have been awarded competitive contracts to provide services to other programs within Catholic Charities, including housekeeping and laundry services for programs such as Safe Streets and Villa Maria School.

We are at a pivotal moment in the history of Gallagher Services and in the changing field of supporting those with intellectual disabilities. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments and future opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of the Gallagher Services family!



Kathleen A. Clemente
Administrator



Resident creates flower arrangements for Maryland's First Lady

Madia Strausbaugh has a love and talent for creating floral arrangements and artwork. She enthusiastically agreed to prepare a corsage and centerpiece for Maryland's First Lady, Yumi Hogan. The flowers were presented at the May 31 tea held in her honor and sponsored by Women Embracing Abilities Now (WEAN).

Individuals at Gallagher Services have earned an outstanding reputation for their work in creating floral arrangements which are displayed at the annual Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities Awards.

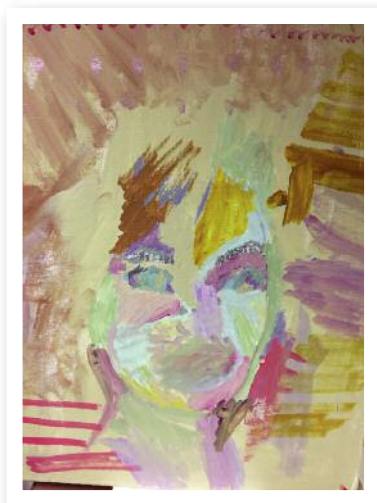
Ms. Strausbaugh has honed her creative talents at Gallagher Services and she is planning to develop a microbusiness that sells her fashion accessories, artwork and floral arrangements.

First Lady Yumi Hogan visited The League for People with Disabilities in Baltimore and learned about the Women Embracing Abilities Now (WEAN) program, which encourages and empowers young ladies and women with disabilities.



Work of Art

Christine DiGennaro is a resident at Gallagher Services, a participant of the day program, and an artist! Her work has been displayed at exhibits at Goucher College and local libraries. Ms. DiGennaro uses several mediums, often focusing on abstract themes and colors. She greatly enjoys recognition and appreciation for her pieces, and it gives her great joy to see her paintings make others happy. Her goal is to continue exhibiting her work and selling it through a microbusiness. This particular acrylic elicits responses such as, "wow, where did you get that?" and "who did that?" Many people stop and observe particular segments and uses of color, such as the eyes, mouth, use of red smears at the bottom, and dabbed circles at the top. This is a beautiful piece of artwork by Christine!



Your Legacy, Their Future

Include Catholic Charities in your will when you establish your legacy. To give to Catholic Charities or Gallagher Services, contact the office of planned giving, at **410-491-6618**, or **plannedgiving@cc-md.org**. The staff will assist you with specific language to ensure that your gift (a general, specific, residual or contingent bequest) supports the program that matches your interest.

Wish List

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| iPad | Blenders/food processors | Large flat screens for computers |
| Nintendo Wii | Crock Pots | PC computer w/Microsoft Office |
| Mulch | Cookware sets | Shrubs and flowers to landscape the homes |
| Generators | Vacuum cleaners | Hedge trimmers |
| Heavy duty paper shredders | Flashlights for emergencies | Tree trimmers |
| High efficiency front load washers and dryers | Recreation equipment (basketballs, soccer balls, Frisbees, bean bags, etc.) | Tools for home repairs |
| Outdoor patio furniture | Puzzles with large pieces | Dry/wet shop vacs |
| Bath towels (new) | Art supplies | Adult bicycle helmets (new) |
| Decorative bedroom lamps | Office desks | Bumper pool table |
| Decorative living room lamps | Office supplies | |
| Twin bed linens (new) | | |

If you would like to donate an item or make a financial contribution, please contact **Joanna Leuschner** at **jleuschner@cc-md.org**.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

27th Annual Anne Lindsey Otenasek Scholarship

On May 18th Catholic Charities celebrated the 27th Annual Anne Lindsey Otenasek Scholarship at Gallagher Services. Each year two student volunteers and two staff are awarded a \$2500 scholarship to further their education. The students and staff reflect Lindsey's spirit as an ordinary person doing extraordinary things.

This year's staff recipients were Marian Musa and Joy Enosin, who both work at the Gallagher Services Timonium location. The student recipients this year were Wiatt Hinton, a senior at Gilman School and Chloe Ober, a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory School. The evening was full of wonderful testimony to Lindsey's generous and loving spirit. Each recipient emulated her passion for working with those who have intellectual disabilities.



Wiatt Hinton



Chloe Ober



Marian Musa



Joy Enosin

Pets on Wheels

Michelle O'Connor, volunteer at Gallagher Services, started with Pets on Wheels with her Cocker Spaniel many years ago. Pets on Wheels is a non-profit that brings therapy animals to facilities across Maryland for friendly visits. When her dog passed away, Michelle was devastated, but was very grateful to hear how much she impacted the lives of others. Six years ago, Michelle rescued Layla, a Weimaraner. Layla had been abused and abandoned on the street in South Carolina and was taken to a shelter. It was there that Michelle fell in love with Layla and gave her a "forever" home and trained her to be a therapy dog. Both have been volunteering with Catholic Charities at St. Vincent's Villa, and now they have been graciously welcomed at Gallagher Services! The individuals and staff have had a wonderful time getting to know Layla, and are looking forward to the next visit!



Chris Ellis and her English Golden Retriever, Rocky, are members of Pets on Wheels. They visit weekly and spend time in both day programs at the main center.



Michelle O'Connor with her therapy dog, Layla, visiting Gallagher Services.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

September 15, 2017 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Enjoy an outdoor picnic in our pavilion at
Gallagher Services, 2520 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, Maryland 21093

RSVP to jleuschner@cc-md.org by September 1.