



## JULIE CENTER NEWS

### *Spring 2015*

Poking around the vast archives of the Julie Community Center I came across the adorable sketch of our building you see at the top of the page. It was drawn by a volunteer several years ago. Under the sketch is written, "On the corner of S. Washington & E. Lombard." One might think that it is just directions, but it is so much more. It is a connection to people, to place, to history, and, of course, to love and community service. The Julie Community Center has been on the corner for nearly 40 years and we have loved it!

What have we loved about being on the corner of S. Washington and E. Lombard streets?

We have loved discovering year by year the needs of the community and responding to them according to our skills and resources.

We have loved working with

you, our donors and friends, knowing deep down the awesome sense of partnership.

We have loved working at being a TEAM in our interactions with the community, working together from our diverse programs to accomplish the same goal of constantly developing a safe and strong community.

We have loved watching children grow and become leaders and resources for our community. We have loved being with our elders and relishing in their wisdom.

We have loved helping families and individuals cope with health problems and learn how to manage them successfully.

We have loved assisting young and older adults gain their high school diplomas and acquire new skills that enable them to enter the workforce with competence and confidence.

We have loved learning from some of our community "greats." Jackie Watts is one. Jackie has gone before us but her legacy of how to communicate with the community still is with us. She modeled for us key practices: tell the story honestly and accurately in its proper context; be fair and kind; be a voice for the voiceless whenever possible.

There is a woman theologian, Ilia Delio, who has some good thoughts about love. She has declared 2015 a Year of Love! She says we have had quite enough of violence and war in our world. It is time to remember that we are "deeply relational beings; that community and love bind us in ways that transcend our differences; that a shared life is possible."

Here at the Julie Community Center we are in sync with Ilia's sentiments. We know you are, too.

So at the corner of S. Washington and E. Lombard streets let's keep love as our driving force. We know it is the bottom line, the deepest source of energy, and that which moves us forward toward unity.

Thanks for YOU and for your love and support.

*Blessings on each  
of you for a  
Happy Spring!*



*"Spring is nature's way  
of saying, 'Let's Party!'"*  
Robin Williams



# Noteworthy

## Community Outreach

Ms. Phyllis Savoy continues to cultivate strong ties with the community and parents at Commodore John Rodgers School. The Food Pantry consistently surpasses its quarterly goals and is a much needed resource for families.

## Adult Education

Ms. Adriana Foster, our Notre Dame Americorps member, is a steady presence to students at the McElderry Park Resource Center. Besides coaching students in the basics of the GED program, she is getting them ready for the computerized test. An additional hurdle for each student! Adriana takes it is stride.

## Workforce Readiness

Director Laura Syron faithfully watches over the Child Care Careers program. She has cultivated new partnerships with local child care centers and the Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center. These partnerships provide new opportunities for the students to learn and gain vital work experience. She is working on a grant with a community based organization to guarantee ongoing support and resources for the Adult Education and Workforce Development programs that are currently in place at the McElderry Park Resource Center.

## Youth

Adriana Foster and Meg Brauckman, our Notre Dame Americorps member, work together on an initiative with teens from the McElderry Park community. The goal of 'Step Ahead' is to create a youth-directed safe space where the teens are heard and respected, and where they can develop social skills, such as peaceful conflict management and entrepreneurial know-how.

Meg also works with the children at Wolfe Street Academy, St. Vincent de Paul Head Start, as well as assists the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at City Springs Elementary School implement an anti-bullying curriculum. She is busy, but wouldn't have it any other way!

The Summer Camp staff has met and is gearing up for the 2015 Summer Peace Camp. Summer will be here in no time!!

## Health Promotion

Ms. Carm Dorsey is a stable resource for the elderly. She provides monthly blood pressure screening for residents of Apostolic Towers and provides needed case management.

Nurses at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing will start soon. They outreach to seniors at Apostolic Towers and families from Esperanza Center. They also work on a

health project with kids from local schools. The projects have always been very creative and fun. We look forward to their energy and creativity.

## Special THANKS!

### ✓ for generous gifts:

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- Christmas Concert participants
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- Maryvale School & Student volunteers

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- Building assistance: Mike Burdinski & Barbara Moore. They came to the rescue when the basement window was damaged during the strong winter winds.
- Volunteer: Charlene Gaddy.
- Technology: John Gos & Tracy Dill, SND

### Staff: 2014-15:

Belinda Davis Carm Dorsey,  
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