

Greetings from the President's Corner,

As President of the Board, I share with you a few reflections about the Julie Center's Board and its amazing work. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the President for several years. In fact, I began volunteering with the Center more than two decades ago, and never stopped. It's an exciting time for the Julie Center as we usher in a new era and continue to uphold the vision and mission in a transforming neighborhood and a challenged and yet vibrant city. When Sister Bobby retired, the Board engaged in a new strategic planning process, thanks to the expertise of Cynder Hypki. Over the past 2 years, the board has risen to the challenge, formed new structures and roles and strategized great ideas. Behind the scenes, we have strengthened our overall board process and together with the Director and staff have contributed to the continued legacy and success of the Center. While we are strong and dynamic with 6 members, we would like to be at full capacity of twelve members by October. We are actively recruiting for new Board members. If you are interested in serving and assisting the Julie Center in this way, please contact us.

It was great to see so many people at our fundraising events in December and March; so successful because we were surrounded by people who love the Julie Center. We are grateful to each and every one of you, our partners, sponsors, donors, friends, and all who support the Center, the director, the staff, the families and individuals across the lifespan. Thank you for being with us along this journey.

When I reflect on the importance of a small community based organization, I am in awe of the Julie Center as a beacon of hope and love in Baltimore. The impact that it has on a daily basis is a story worth telling. Every day, struggling individuals or families receive support. This makes a difference in their lives, and ultimately this has widespread impact on the City. As Baltimore builds its comeback story, the Julie Center is truly one of the best stories around town. This is a city of strengths and unsung heroes and the small and mighty works of local community based organizations like the Julie Center are what makes Baltimore so great. With decades of Godly work and the tireless dedication of our unsung heroes, the Julie Center changes lives. In the words of the famous anthropologist Margaret

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Spring 2017



*Oh, the barnyard is busy in a regular tizzy,
And the obvious reason is because of the season
Ma Nature's lyrical, with her yearly miracle
Spring, Spring, Spring*



What great lyrics from the wonderful musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. I particularly like the word "tizzy." It is a great word to describe my mental state lately – confusion. Will it be cold? Should I bring a sweater? Will it rain? Will it be unseasonably hot? Although we did not have a hardy winter, the lead up to spring did leave me in a bit of a dither. Not to worry. I feel sure footed that spring is here and summer a blink away. The summer Peace Camp kids will descend upon the center at the end of June and much like the barnyard we will be in a state of wild excitement! I should enjoy the quiet while I can!!

Enjoy Spring! 



Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Join us as we make a difference in Baltimore and beyond.

Lori

Thanks for YOU and for your love and support.



Noteworthy

Night at the Opera

The *Night at the Opera* was once again a huge success. Folks gathered at The Fells Point Corner Theater to listen to the wonderful voices of Jose Sacin and Yulia Petrachuk and the talented pianist Ju Young. Good food, great neighbors, extraordinary music – a perfect night!

Community Outreach

Our food outreach program managed by Ms. Phyllis Savoy has provided support to Assisi House, Gift of Hope, and numerous people experiencing homelessness. She also choreographs routines for the Senior Saints. Thanks, Phyllis.

Adult Education

Mikhail Orpia, our Notre Dame Americorps member, fits right in with the folks at the McElderry Park Resource Center. Twenty individuals enrolled in GED

instruction and 80% are still attending regularly. Three students have taken subject specific tests. Great work, Mikhail!

Workforce Readiness

In February eleven students graduated from the Preschool Pre-service training. Each completed 100+ hours of instruction and hands on learning. Since graduation, seven are working in child care centers. Their studies will continue with the 45-hour Infant & Toddler class. Bravo!

Youth

Americorps member, Krystal Dorsey, lends her hand and heart to the 3 and 4 year olds at St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Program. She is starting to learn Spanish as well! Thanks, Krystal.

Working with Wolfe Street Academy to provide after school programs has been a wonderful partnership. Children enjoyed chess, martial arts, and robotics. Thanks, Tiffany Judy from Wolfe Street Academy.

Health Promotion

The health of the residents of Apostolic Towers continues to be Ms. Carm Dorsey's focus. She provides ongoing monitoring for many and is working with Kyrstal Dorsey to provide programs addressing social and nutritional needs. Thanks, Carm and Krystal.

Special THANKS!

✓ **for generous gifts:**

- You, our supporters
- Christmas Concert participants
- Night at The Opera participants
- Margaret & William Judy
- Brian Judy
- Gayle & Craig Adams
- Joseph & Valerie Baumgartner
- Ann Miller
- Nelson & Lily Adlin
- Mike Burdinski
- Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

✓ **for outstanding services:**

- Night at The Opera sponsors: Sean Young (*Water for Chocolate*), Andy Norris (*Bertha's*), Canéla, Charm City Meade, Henninger's Tavern
- Volunteer: Marlo Cutler
- Building repairs: Barbara Moore, Kurt Schiller
- Upper Fells Point Neighborhood Association TREE planting!
- Technology: John Gos

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2016-17

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July 24-28 or August 7-11
9 am -12 noon

Julie Community Center
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