



# JULIE CENTER NEWS

Summer 2021

## New Beginnings



*Hey buds below...up is where to grow  
Up with which below can't compare with.  
Hurry – it's lovely up here*

I have wanted to use this song, “Hurry It’s Lovely Up Here”, from the musical *On a Clear Day You Can See Forever* for a very long time. It is the story of a woman who has a wonderful talent of coaxing plant buds to disinter themselves by singing to them. I can get on board with that. With melodic encouragement posies, geraniums, peonies, and rhododendrons ever so slowly push their heads out and begin to open up. Much like the lovely rose we are slowly poking our heads out gauging the world around us – do I wear a mask? Do I not wear a mask? As we venture out and reunite with family and friends

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### *Greetings from the President’s Corner,*

It is an honor to serve as the Julie Center's new President of the Board. The Julie Center has been a strong and uplifting presence in Southeast Baltimore for 45 years. I was introduced to the Center by the previous President of the Board, Lori Edwards. I have enjoyed my first year as Board President, and I have gotten to know our great volunteers and dedicated community members that help make our programs possible. The board has gone through a lot of changes, and we are actively recruiting for new members. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact us. We are also looking to expand and strengthen our community voices by creating a Community Advisory Committee. To be true to our mission, we want to hear from you; listen and incorporate your ideas, suggestions, and feedback. If you are interested, please contact us or join us during our next town hall.

In February, we had our Night at the Theater fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who came out for a night full of laughter and delicious food. I loved seeing and catching up with

everyone, and I am grateful for the support the Julie Center received from sponsors, donors, friends, and family.

This Spring has been a whirlwind, and during these difficult times, we are blessed to serve a community that has come together to support each other. As a community, we have risen to the changes and challenges during the pandemic. The Julie Center has continued most of its programming, and I want to thank our new Service Outreach Coordinator, Dominique Allen, for working with our local partners to serve meals to students and families in need. I look forward to carrying on our programs and hopefully connecting in person soon. I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for walking with us on this journey and always working to serve our wonderful community.

To all of our Julie Center friends, we continue to pray for your health and safety. In these difficult times, we could not be more grateful for community solidarity and support. And we are reminded that together, we can do so much good for our city. Thank you for your continued support, which allows us to help those in need, improving the health, and overall well-being of our neighbors!





*If we wish to  
create a lasting peace, we  
must begin with the  
children- - Ghandi*



## Center News

**Annual Summer Peace  
Camp and Culinary Camp**  
Due to Covid-19, we will not  
be holding our annual  
Summer Peace Camp nor the  
Culinary Camp this summer.  
We will take the summer to  
make necessary repairs and  
give the center a spruce up!

## Virtual Town Hall

### Meetings

Please consider joining us  
for an upcoming Town Hall  
meeting to discuss racial,  
economic, and social  
injustices facing our  
neighbors and community.  
These meetings will provide  
a space for neighbors to tell  
their stories of facing  
injustices, discuss  
community needs, and to  
identify solutions. Please  
provide your email address  
on the yellow card or email  
your information to  
[juliecenterdirector@gmail.com](mailto:juliecenterdirector@gmail.com).  
You will receive an email  
invitation.

## Program News

### Child Care Training Program

When the Baltimore City  
Schools and our partner, St.  
Vincent de Paul Head Start,

closed the 15 participants in  
the Child Care Training  
Program were just beginning  
their internships in the Head  
Start classrooms. They were  
able to spend two weeks in  
classrooms with children 3-5  
years old before the lock  
down and through virtual  
classes were able to  
complete all training by mid-  
June. Brava graduates!

Please welcome our new  
Services Outreach  
Coordinator, Dominique  
Allen. Welcome Dominique.

### Special *THANKS!*

#### ✓ *for generous gifts:*

- *You, our supporters*
- *Night at The Theater participants*
- *Margaret & William Judy*
- *Gayle & Craig Adams*
- *Joseph & Valerie Baumgartner*
- *Ann Miller*
- *Barbara Moore*
- *Damiana Chavez*
- *David and Pat Phoebus*
- *Theresa Graves*
- *Theresa Skepton*
- *Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur*

#### ✓ *for outstanding services:*

- *Night at The Theater sponsors:  
Water for Chocolate, Bertha's,  
Henninger's Tavern, Charmed  
Kitchen, Pratt Liquors, and  
Bristol Wine and Spirits*

### **Staff: 2019-2020:**

*Belinda Davis      Laura Syron  
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