



JULIE CENTER NEWS



December 2016

 "It's that time of year when the world falls in love,..."

"Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,..." 

The holiday season is upon us and our senses are under attack. Even if you wanted to, finding cover is difficult. The enemy to waistlines and blood sugar levels is everywhere. Gingerbread, pies, candies, and cookies. Oh, the cookies! The smells of those tantalizing treats linger in the air around us. I've tried to resist, honestly, but once my nasal passages get a whiff of decadent hot chocolate the taste buds want in on the action and I am reduced to a wimpy marshmallow. And, yes, I do want marshmallows with my hot chocolate!

Whether on the radio, your computer, or your iPhone, five weeks out of the year from Thanksgiving to the New Year our external auditory canals are filled with special holiday music. Classics like "White Christmas" and "Silent Night" to the soon to be classic, Run DMC's "Christmas in Hollis Queens." Treat your eardrums to this wonderful Christmas rap. What you'll be wearing from ear to ear will surely be a holiday grin!

The season is also full of memorable sights. There are graceful mangers, colorful candles celebrating Kwanzaa and Chanukah, a bright star shining in the night, a bearded jolly fellow, and a red nosed reindeer. These tangible visions come and go with each season. The vision we hold in our heart stays forever. The vision of happiness, unity, serenity, love, reconciliation,... You know what you envision for you and your family. I hope your vision comes true and when it does your heart will grow three sizes that day!

We at the Julie Community Center also have a vision.

During this past year, the staff and board recommitted ourselves to the Mission. A mission that has weathered four decades of change; political, environmental, and personal. It remains our true and solid guide.

The purpose of the Julie Community Center is to work with east and southeast Baltimore residents, in particular those on low or fixed incomes, to help them access needed resources and support, and develop instruments that both combat poverty and urban decline, and foster individual and neighborhood pride, participation, and self-determination.

The center's core purpose and focus is realized through community outreach and organizing, advocacy, education, and health promotion. We, of course, could not do this without you, the community we serve. We believe that working alongside our neighbors to bring about positive change is mutually beneficial and communally motivating!

Supporting one another we can achieve the Vision.

The Vision that every neighbor realizes a future of possibilities.



"In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision." Dalai Lama



2015-2016 *at a glance*

Community Outreach

Ms. Phyllis Savoy heads our social outreach efforts to assist families dealing with food, housing, and employment issues. 383 individuals/families were served via support of local food pantry located in the Commodore John Rodgers School (CJR). The Food Pantry consistently surpassed the quarterly goals and is a much needed resource for families. During Thanksgiving and Christmas more families were served due to the wonderful food donation from the students at Maryvale School and Carolyn Geraghty and team. **Thanks to the Maryvale students, Phyllis Savoy, volunteers, Carolyn Geraghty, and our school partner.**

Adult Education

The McElderry Park Resource Center has been our partner for many years. Ms. Victoria Moore, our Notre Dame Americorps member, coached 11 students in the basics of the GED program through individualized and group instruction. 2 students were set to take the test. **Thanks, Victoria for superb teaching!**

Workforce Readiness

Seven participants successfully completed the

90 Hours Office of Child Care Pre-school Pre-service training. They completed over 100 hours of instruction and classroom internship hours. Five are employed in child care centers! Six participants completed an additional 45 hours of instruction specifically for caring for infants and toddlers. **Thanks, Laura.**

Youth

96 youth were involved in community service projects this year which included community clean-ups, organized activities with the elderly, and teen leadership activities. 33 youth participated in the Summer Peace Camp. This year's theme was Alternatives to Violence as well as "All About Mason Bees." Children participated in activities during the camp that identified tools and strategies to use when faced with difficult situations. Such as kindness, honesty, and thinking before reacting. The older campers built mason bee habitats. They learned about the special habit preferred by the mason bees and each camper built a habitat. During this summer's camp one of our senior campers showed great leadership and became a "student staff." Dontrey Smith was an enormous help. The Americorps volunteers, Mackenzie Keefe and Victoria Moore, assisted with the anti-bullying program for 4th and 5th graders at City Springs

Elementary, worked with the McElderry Park Teen Initiative, and mentored and tutored youth in the Refugee Youth Project and Mi Espacio through Casa de Maryland. They also worked with Step Ahead, a youth directed (15-18yo) program and assisted the classroom staff at the St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Program-Patterson Park location. They assisted in the afterschool programs at Wolfe Street Academy.

Thanks to Mackenzi, Victoria, Phyllis, Sr. Tracy, Lynn Wynn, and Dontrey Smith for a super year!

Health Promotion

Student nurses from Johns Hopkins and our extraordinary staff were quite busy this year. 158 individuals/families received health services this year. Residents at Apostolic Towers received quarterly blood pressure screening and health consultation from our Health Coordinator, Carm Dorsey, RN. Phyllis Savoy outreached to parents of CJR and Head Start students and community members coming to the CJR food pantry. Health information regarding coughs, colds, and influenza was distributed during food distribution as well as health and community resources. The student nurses provided health education and activities to families receiving care at the Esperanza Center. We also began teaching the required Office of Child Care

Medication Administration training for child care providers. The day long training is always full!
Many thanks to Carm Dorsey, Laura Syron, Phyllis Savoy, and the student nurses.

♣ **Please welcome our new Americorps volunteers: Mikhail Orpia and Krystal Dorsey ♣**

THANKS!

The Mayor & City Council of Baltimore

The Baker-King Fund

*T. Rowe Price Foundation
-Matching Gifts*

Johns Hopkins Health System

Belles of Good Counsel
Lombard Hardware
Federal Hill Smiles*

--Catholic Community of South Baltimore

--Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church

--Our Lady of the Angels Church

*--St. Joseph Church
Hagerstown*

*St. Vincent de Paul Society
-St. Mark's, St. Ursula's*

*Sisters of Notre Dame de N
-Cable Street Community
-Fort Street Community
-Glen Avenue Community
-Heather Hill Community*

*-SNDdeN Geralate
-SNDdeN TriProvince
Development Program*

Maryvale Preparatory School

*Notre Dame Mission
Volunteers*

Gayle and Craig Adams
Lily & Nelson Adlin*
Rev. John Auer*

*Patricia Babington
Clinton & Katherine
Bamberger
Madelyn S & Howell Baum**

*Valerie & Joseph
Baumgartner**

*Helen & Peter Bianca
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Janice Bonner*

*Joseph and Elizabeth
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Lori Edwards
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Barbara Ann English, SND
Sarah Fahy, SND
Mollie Fein
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Martins*

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Lorraine & Tim Geraghty
Susan Glick
Bridgid Globensky
Theresa Graves*

*Karyn and Don Haasen
Mary Halcott
Douglas and Barbara Hart
Carol A. Hartke
Ashley & Brandan Hoffman
Cynthia Hypki
Stephen and Deborah Jencks
Alexis Johns
Catherine Johnson
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Margaret Judy & Family
Tiffany Judy*

*Robert & Sharon Kern, Jr.
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Lisa Knickmeyer
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Kasinadhani*

*Rosemarie & Tom Lehner
Miriam Ludwitzki*

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Joan & Mark White
William Wiley
Ann Wilson*
Eric W.K. Young

*Outstanding Support

More THANKS!

- ✓ **Special THANKS for generous support and services:**
- Julie Center Board members
 - Fell's Point Corner Theatre
 - Wolfe Street Academy
 - Commodore John Rogers School
 - St. Vincent de Paul Head Start
 - Carolyn Geraghty & Team
 - Corliss Jones and Dee's Place
 - Barbara Ann English, SND
 - Maryvale High School
 - Johns Hopkins SON students
 - Johns Hopkins Bayview
 - Johns Hopkins Hospital
 - Tech support: John Gos, Tracy Dill, SND

Special THANKS!

Kurt Schiller, Barbara Moore, Will Frisby, and Larry Bond for their hard work on building repairs!

NOTEWORTHY!

Julie Community Center
Annual Awards

- **Julie Center's Best:**
Barbara Moore
to a person who has contributed greatly over time
- **Jessie Wallace Volunteer Award:**
Lynn Wynn
to a faithful and outstanding volunteer
- **Carm Dorsey Public Health Ward:**
Lori Edwards
to a person who has contributed greatly to improving the health of Baltimore
- **Pearl Jakowski Memorial Award:**
Doreen Brown
to a person who has shown remarkable resilience and has progressed from crisis to victory

- **Gayle Faulkner Memorial Award:**
Dontrey Smith
to a youth who showed outstanding progress

Staff: 2016-17:

Belinda Davis Carm Dorsey,
Mikhail Orpia Krystal Dorsey
Phyllis Savoy Laura Syron

Julie Center Board: 2016-17

President: Lori Edwards
Vice-President: Barbara Moore
Secretary: Rebecca Coppola
Treasurer: Blaise D'Ambrosio
Director: Laura Syron
Peter Savage
Therese Dill, SND
Deborah Tillet



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
CONCERT IS December
15TH AT 7PM AT ST.
PATRICK'S CHURCH (319
S. Broadway 21231)

