



JULIE CENTER NEWS

Patience

December 2018

I thought writing about patience was going to be easy. Maybe I am thinking too much. We have all been told, “just be patient,” and we can take a deep breath and calmly wait in a long line at the checkout where there is only one lane open. Sure, but how do we define patience? I did not find a song to give me the answer, so I turned to some great minds to help me get to the nuts & bolts of Patience.

“Patience is the calm acceptance that things can happen in a different order than the one you have in mind.” — **David G. Allen**
“Everything comes in time to him who knows how to wait ... there is nothing stronger than these two: patience and time, they will do it all.”
— **Leo Tolstoy**
“We do not need to become heroes overnight.” -**Eleanor Roosevelt**

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”— **St. Augustine**
“We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.”
- **Helen Keller**
“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—everyday begin the task anew.” **St. Francis de Sales**

The nuts & bolts of patience then are calmness, acceptance, endurance, tolerance, knowledge, and understanding. It may all start with understanding. Understanding that things may not go as planned and that is OK. Understanding that there will be bumps in the road and that you may need to get on a different road. Trying situations and people can be endured with calmness when there is understanding. I can be patient in the checkout line considering that she has probably been standing for 2 hours and has had to be kind and patient to people who are nasty to her.

Maybe there is a song after all. Elvis Costello’s “**What’s So Funny About Peace, Love, and Understanding?**”

Peace, love, patience, and hot chocolate!



The President’s Corner

This time of year we may find ourselves in the spirit of rushed, weary, or wishing. We embark upon the holidays, with a host of memories, traditions, connecting past, present, and anticipating the future, the new year waiting in the wings. We simultaneously encounter an endless array of sentiments as they arise in our hearts and souls. This season my sentiment is focused on gratitude. To more deeply grasp gratitude I was led to Luke, Chapter 17, a story about 10 lepers, a profound lesson in gratitude. One leper *intentionally* looked back to give thanks. How do I then feel thankful, in all things, in all circumstances, and at all times? It was the leper who showed me how: by being intentional. This is action that requires stopping, remembering and acknowledging. Although this sounds simple, I find that it is not so simple to do, especially stopping. So in the sentimental season, I am stopping to acknowledge my gratitude for all of you, friends of the Julie Center. And secondly, I am stopping to look back at a few important moments in the Julie Center’s history.

One of the best gifts to the Center for over 25 years, has been long standing board member, Peter Savage, who has now retired from this role. Peter worked with



Sister Bobby in Brazil and when they found themselves in Baltimore, they reconnected, and he began serving with the Center. Peter has continued to graciously offer his time, ideas, energy, networking talents, and vision throughout his tenure. Although he is officially stepping down, he will continue to participate as needed. We are indebted to Peter for his legacy and his endless contributions. He launched our annual Night at the Opera fundraising events, by connecting us to his networks in choral arts and musical communities in Baltimore. **We THANK YOU, Peter Savage,** and we look forward to seeking your wise counsel in the future.

I am grateful for the staff who always hold in their hearts the plight of the poor and make the Good News of the Gospel real and tangible, an everyday miracle.

Blessings for 2019 and wishes for many intentional gratitude stopping moments!

Program News

Community Outreach

For nearly 10 years our social outreach program has been led by Ms. Phyllis Savoy. Working with families dealing with food, housing, and employment issues requires patience, energy, and creativity. Phyllis puts her whole heart

and body into helping others. Her love is working with children and although she will be very much missed at the Julie Center, Furley Elementary School is gaining a wonderful interactive arts teacher.

Good luck Phyllis and thanks for your dedication to kids and the community.

Our Thanksgiving food distribution was a great success. The students at Maryvale School and Carolyn Geraghty and team out did themselves donating enough food to provide 80 baskets for the residents at Apostolic Towers, 25 baskets for Tench Tilghman Elementary School, 8 baskets for Commodore John Rogers Elementary School, 15 baskets for families at St. Vincent de Paul Head Start, and 6 baskets for community families. Dee's Place, Assisi House, and Gift of Hope received boxes of food to stock their pantries. Our own pantry is stocked with food to provide easy to prepare meals for our homeless neighbors and families in need. **Thanks to the Maryvale students, volunteers, and Carolyn Geraghty.**

Adult Education

Our Americorps-Adult Education volunteer, Mikhail Orpia, completed his time with Americorps and he has passed the baton to our newest Americorps volunteer, Ginikachi Nwoke. Mikhail worked closely with

the McElderry Park Neighborhood Association to recruit neighborhood young adults. 15 participants enrolled in the GED program and we were able to retain 10 students. All progressed at their own pace and 4 students completed subject specific tests. 1 student received her GED.

Thanks, Mikhail for superb teaching and welcome Ginikachi.

Workforce Readiness

Eleven participants successfully completed the Child Care Training Program. Partnering with the Instituto de Educación Infantil this class received all training in Spanish. The students completed over 150 hours of instruction and participated in an internship with the St. Vincent de Paul Head Start Program. In the Spring a class of twelve successfully completed the intensive 45 hours Infant & Toddlers training. **Congratulations!**

Youth

Throughout last program year, 86 youth were involved with after school activities and summer camp. Afterschool activities included chess, karate, and yoga. The kids in the yoga class created a gorgeous and inspiring mural. Their talent is incredible! This summer screen painting artist Michael Siepp worked with the kids to paint the window screens on the Lombard Street side of the building.

Many of the screens are in and we should have the rest of the screens in soon. Patience! When you are walking in the neighborhood look up at the windows. **Thanks Michael and all the volunteers that made the programs great!**

Health Promotion

Since 1988 Carm Dorsey has guided community health promotion activities. She has worked with neighbors to address health and environmental issues and she developed and supervised the Neighborhood Health Navigators for years. She has dedicated her life to improving the health of all. She is loved by all, particularly the residents of Apostolic Towers. Carm has decided to retire! Thankfully, she has passed on her wealth of knowledge to Elizabeth Spradley, who joined us in October. **Many thanks, Carm. We will miss you. Welcome, Lizzie.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
December 13TH AT 7:00 PM
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
(319 S. Broadway 21231)



PASSION PROFILE
(Cosmetology & Barbering classes) for kids in 4th through 8th grade. For information call the center.



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- Fell's Point Corner Theatre
- Wolfe Street Academy
- Commodore John Rogers School
- St. Vincent de Paul Head Start
- Carolyn Geraghty & Team
- Barbara Ann English, SND
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NOTEWORTHY!

Julie Community Center
 Annual Awards

- **Julie Center's Best:**
 Phyllis Savoy
- **Jessie Wallace**
Volunteer Award:
 Civic Leadership
 Institute at
 Northwestern
- **Pearl Jakowski**
Memorial Award:
 Ella Smothers
- **Gayle Faulkner**
Memorial Award:
 Kenaya Toomer
 Kenneth Hansley
 Isys Melvin
- **Lillian Skepton**
Memorial Award:
 Corliss Jones
- **Community Service**
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 Phyllis Savoy Laura Syron

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