

# HOMELESS TIMES



*Solving Housing Crisis and Striving to End Homelessness in Montgomery County*

Fall 2009

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## Hundreds Gather for Opening of New Facilities for the Homeless



County Executive Isiah Leggett cuts the ribbon as others look on.



Ted Smart of the Home Builders Care Foundation presents Doyle Curry with a plaque for the Vocational Center.

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MCCH #8569



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In July, community members and supporters came together to celebrate the opening of the expanded facilities at Gude Drive in Rockville, including the enhanced Home Builders Care Assessment Center (formerly known as the Men's Emergency Shelter) and Adrienne's Safe Haven. Much more than a complex of buildings, this public-private partnership provides emergency shelter, temporary housing and a range of on-site supportive services to men experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County.

County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Council President Phil Andrews spoke at the event, along with Sharan London, Executive Director of MCCH, a resident of the HBCAC, Ted Smart, President of the Home Builders Care Foundation, and others. Thanks to everyone who made this project a reality! (See page 4 for a list of supporters).

### Details on Addition to the Home Builders Care Assessment Center

- 3,780 sq. ft. addition to existing 5,800 sq. ft building
- Addition provides space for a range of new on-site services including new laundry, bathroom and shower facilities, two medical exam rooms, and a meeting space and computer lab for educational and vocational activities
- 35 new beds in the HBCAC building
- Winchester Homes acted as the Home Builders Care Foundation's builder captain for the addition

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# Community Provides Meals for Homeless Men

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has donated meals for men at the Home Builders Care Assessment Center (formerly the Men's Emergency Shelter) over the past several months. We have seen a huge outpouring of support for this program, especially of late, with meals supplied much more frequently than at this time last year. However, there is still much work to be done to supply healthy meals every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While we are offering our residents many increased or new services since the expansion of the facility, such as vocational mentoring, computer and financial literacy classes, the bottom line is that if someone is hungry, they can't learn or be at their best. The meal program supported by community members is the foundation for what we do at the shelter.

We are excited that Amanda Lewis, a Volunteer Maryland/Americorps volunteer, will be working with us to fill in our meals calendar. In addition to everyday meal needs, we are looking for groups to prepare and serve festive meals at the HBCAC on Thanksgiving (brunch and dinner), Christmas Day (brunch), New Year's Eve, New Year's Day (brunch and dinner) and for the Super Bowl on February 7, 2010. We are also looking for groups to sign up especially to supply hot breakfasts on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in signing up or getting more information on the meals program, please contact either Amanda ([amlewis@mcch.net](mailto:amlewis@mcch.net)) or Jacqueline Havens ([jhavens@mcch.net](mailto:jhavens@mcch.net)).



Groups like this are welcome to serve meals at the Home Builders Care Assessment Center.

## Letter from the Executive Director



The fall season (like every season serving those experiencing homelessness) here at MCCH has been very busy. But it does seem like this fall was filled with a special energy.

Here are a few reasons why:

We are privileged that three energetic, committed new community leaders (April Asare, Jo Anna Bennerson, and Dick Pettit) joined our Board of Directors. We saw generous givers sponsor back-to-school drives and plan for holiday giving. We helped our fellow service providers and partners learn more so that we can all provide better services for the homeless in our community at our H.O.M.E. conference in October. We saw a record eighteen public and private schools hold "Help the Homeless" mini-walks to benefit our programs- and at every school we were inspired by the students' sentiments and smarts.

What else does fall mean here at MCCH? I hope it is *new starts* - for the people we house. I hope the children at Seneca or in PPH had a great start to the school year because they are in stable housing. I hope the men at the Home Builders Care Assessment Center are thinking about new starts - that may mean school or training or treatment. I hope some of the folks in Safe Havens are ready to move on - with a new start in permanent housing and I hope the men and women in CHIPP form new relationships and new resolve.

As we prepare for the holiday season, let us each ask ourselves what else we can do to help. I hope that this newsletter gives you some ideas- for educating your friends and family, supporting our work financially or through volunteer efforts, and showing others that you care. As always, thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours,



## Potomac Citizen of the Year

In October, Executive Director Sharan London was named the 2009 Potomac Citizen of the Year, an award sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. She was honored at a dinner in early November as well as the Potomac Day Parade. Join us in congratulating Sharan upon this recognition of her years of advocacy and service provision.



Sharan London in the Potomac Day Parade, driven by MCCH Board Treasurer Amy Williard.

## Ways to Help

In addition to holiday drives and meals for the men at the Home Builders Care Assessment Center (see pages 2 and 6 for more information), there are many other ways to volunteer with MCCH in the coming weeks. We are especially looking for:

- Vocational mentoring volunteers for our Back to Work program
- Office support for our accounting and special events departments
- A group to sponsor a special collection drive for our Seneca Heights Apartment residents. They would like new or gently used Ipods or MP3 players for both recreation and education.

Please contact Teri Brenits at [teri@mcch.net](mailto:teri@mcch.net) for more information. And remember, SSL credit hours are available for most of our activities!

## Gude Drive opening *(continued from page 1)*

### Details on New Shared Facilities Building

- 14,520 sq. ft.
- Second new building constructed to house Adrienne's Safe Havens, offices for MCCH services and staff, as well as another organization's program
- Provides transitional shelter for 51 men
- Features offices for staff, two dining rooms, two life skills kitchens, two computer labs, laundry and bathroom facilities, conference rooms, and lounges



### **Collaborative Partners:**

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH)  
Community Ministries of Rockville  
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA)  
Home Builders Care Foundation (HBCF)  
Winchester Homes  
Housing Opportunities & Concepts  
Forrester Construction Company  
JSA Inc. Architects and Planners  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

### **Funding Sources (construction and furnishings):**

Montgomery County Housing Initiative Fund  
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development - Community Development Administration - Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program  
Home Builders Care Foundation (in-kind)  
U.S. HUD - Emergency Shelter Grants Program  
DHHS - Montgomery Cares Program

## Back to School Time at MCCH Means...



Fleet Street Elementary School.

### Help the Homeless Mini-Walks

A big thanks goes out to the eighteen public and private schools that held mini-walks to benefit MCCH as part of the Fannie Mae "Help the Homeless" program

this fall. If your school or community group (including congregations!) would like to participate next year, please contact Cindy at [ccottegriffiths@mcch.net](mailto:ccottegriffiths@mcch.net).

### 2009 Help the Homeless Mini-Walk Schools

Ashburton Elementary School  
Bannockburn Elementary School  
Burning Tree Elementary School  
Cloverly Elementary School  
Damascus Elementary School  
Farmland Elementary School  
Francis Scott Key Middle School  
Georgetown Hill Early School  
North Chevy Chase Elementary School  
Roberto Clemente Middle School  
Rock Creek Forest Elementary School  
Somerset Elementary School  
Strawberry Knolls Elementary School  
The Foundation School  
Thomas W. Pyle Middle School  
Viers Mill Elementary School  
Westbrook Elementary School  
Wootton High School

### Homeless Children Head Back with School Supplies

Children in our Partnership for Permanent Housing and Seneca Heights Apartments programs were well prepared to go back to school this year. School supply drives were held by the Montgomery College Staff Union (AFSCME), the International Sisters in Society and volunteer Maya Bornstein, who collected supplies for MCCH as part of a project for her B'nai Mitzvah. In addition to important staple supplies, such as paper, glue sticks and writing implements, these drives yielded dozens of new backpacks, hi-tech calculators and sturdy binders. Thank you to all involved in these efforts!

# Partnership for Permanent Housing: Making “Home” A Reality for the Homeless of Our Community

The Partnership for Permanent Housing (PPH) program was created in 2003 to provide permanent supportive housing to homeless families in Montgomery County. It was a collaboration between MCCH and three agencies of county government, with rental assistance using 50 Housing Choice Vouchers and separate funding for supportive services. PPH was Montgomery County’s pilot “housing first” program and signified a real shift in services for those experiencing homelessness in our community.

Housing First is a nationally recognized model that centers on providing homeless people with housing quickly and then providing support services as needed to maintain housing stability. In our community, homeless families and individuals have historically moved from shelters to transitional housing programs with intensive case management for approximately 18 months, and then to permanent subsidized housing without any support services. PPH changes that “mix of assistance,” ending homelessness for these households by combining case management services with quicker access to permanent housing. The overall objective of PPH is to provide homeless households with a permanent home and



## Colleen’s Story

Colleen is a single mother of three young children. After her partner left, she was unable to pay the rent with her part-time salary and the family soon became homeless.

Due to lack of space at the family shelters, Colleen and her children were placed in a motel. Its location required her to take three buses to transport her kids to daycare and herself to work. These transportation challenges eventually caused Colleen to have several late arrivals and she was laid off.

Soon thereafter, the family was admitted into PPH and was placed into a 3-bedroom apartment. With the assistance of her case manager, Colleen has adhered to a monthly budget and has consistently paid her rent and utilities on time.

She has also been connected to other community resources for clothing, furniture, food, utility assistance and daycare vouchers. Colleen has a new job and has set a long-term goal of pursuing a nursing degree.

the services they need to remain housed and live a more independent life.

With the program’s tremendous success in housing families, it has expanded each subsequent year and has included single adults since 2007. Currently, 175 households are housed through the program. PPH has demonstrated that stable, permanent housing environment with supports when needed are key factors to breaking the cycle of homelessness and achieving independent living.

The program has evolved through the years in terms of funding streams and structure. MCCH acts as landlord for approximately 125 of the households, thereby eliminating a common barrier to housing for those with trouble rental or credit histories, and fifty households are served now with tenant-based rental vouchers.

In addition to the vital support from our public sector partners, the innovative program has benefitted from investments from area private foundations since the pilot began, beginning with investments by the Meyer Foundation and the Freddie Mac Foundation. Notably, the Freddie Mac Foundation just this fall announced \$450,000 in

renewal funds for vital supportive services for families and children in the program.

# Holiday Giving Opportunities

The holidays are coming! Please join us and fill the wish lists of men, women and children experiencing homelessness. We rely on individuals, families, school groups, businesses and congregations to hold collection drives, giving trees or any other creative alternatives to make the holidays special for our clients. Additionally, itemized wish lists for residents in our Safe Havens transitional group homes are available upon request. To be matched with a resident in our Safe Havens transitional housing program or for more information on holding collection drives, please contact Teri Brenits at [teri@mcch.net](mailto:teri@mcch.net).

We are also looking for groups to prepare and serve festive meals during the holidays (see page 2 for more information).

Here are ideas of the types of items we are collecting for people in our programs. If you have any questions, please contact us. All items must be new and unwrapped unless otherwise indicated:

## Children's Items

- Children's toys (this includes toys, books, games for homeless men to give their children as gifts)
- Books and games appropriate for teenagers
- African-American dolls
- Stuffed animals

## Men's Items

- Underwear (Focus on large sizes 3x, 4x, etc., thermal in the winter)
- Socks

## Educational Items

Rosetta Stone Language Learning software (Spanish)

**Gift Cards** (often for parents to purchase gifts for their children)

- Grocery stores (Giant, Safeway)
- Wal-Mart
- Target
- Toys "R" Us

## Household Items

- Cookie baking kits (a great way to help homeless families enjoy holiday traditions together)
- Throw blankets
- Linens (towels, full or twin sheets, blankets)
- Disposable phones with pre-paid minutes
- Folding umbrellas
- Food and cooking supplies (especially oil, rice, pasta)
- Flashlights
- Vacuum cleaners
- First aid kits
- Wall calendars or planners
- Cleaning supplies

## Personal Items

- Toiletries
- Watches
- Wallets

## Recreation & Entertainment

- Ipods and MP3 players and chargers (new or very gently used)
- Basketballs
- Movie tickets
- Gift cards to restaurants or fast food chains
- DVDs and CDs

**Thank you for caring at the holidays and all year long!**

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## Children Honored for Their Work Beautifying Emergency Shelter

A local children's organization, KidzCare USA, recently received a Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Award for planting new trees, bushes, shrubs, and annuals near the entryway to our Home Builders Care Assessment Center. Earlier this year, 30 students ranging in age from 2-16 years spent two days planting at the shelter. The mission of KidzCare is to inspire in children a life-long love of philanthropy and a genuine heart for service by educating them about the needs that exist in our world and engaging them in hands-on service projects.

Congratulations and thank you to KidzCare for giving us their time and talents.



Children and youth from KidzCare USA help make the HBCAC a more attractive place.

# Join MCCH at the 22nd Annual Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon

## Help The Homeless Registration Form

Register early online at [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org) or complete this form in its entirety. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Signature is REQUIRED. One form per walker. For more information about the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon or the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program, visit [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org) or call our toll-free hotline at 1-877-WALK-HTH (925-5484).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Initial                      Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address                      City                      State                      Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail    Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
How did you hear about us?

## Walker or Guardian Signature (Required)

I have full knowledge of the risks involved with, and understand that I could be injured during, the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program Walkathon (the "Event"). I agree to assume all risks of such injury. I unconditionally release and discharge Fannie Mae and all other persons and entities involved with this Event from any and all claims, damages, and expenses that may arise directly or indirectly from my participation in this Event. I understand that neither Fannie Mae nor any of the other sponsors, individuals, or groups involved in the coordination of this Event makes any representations or warranties about the fitness or condition of the public parks, streets, or trails that will be used for the Event, and I agree that none of those parties is responsible for the maintenance or condition of those parks, streets, or trails, or for the public safety thereon. I hereby certify that I am able to participate in this Event without harm to myself or others. I hereby grant Fannie Mae and its licensees the irrevocable right to use and publish, for any purpose whatsoever and without compensation, any photographs, video recordings, or motion pictures of my likeness, voice, portrait, testimonial statement, if any, and to refer to me and my name, title, city, and state of residence in relation thereto, in all media and promotion of Fannie Mae in connection with my participation in the Event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Walker (parent/guardian if under 18 years of age)

## Payment Information

My registration fee is:

- \$15 (youth, age 25 and younger)  
 \$25 (adult) Preregistration  
 \$30 (adult) Event Day registration

In addition to my registration fee, I have recruited the sponsors listed at the bottom of this form.

My total sponsor donations are: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (While walkers are encouraged to recruit sponsors, they are not required to do so.)

I would like to make a donation only (all donations are tax-deductible) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The total funds included with this form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Method

I have included the following number of check(s)/money order(s) (payable to Fannie Mae Help the Homeless/CNFCR) with this form: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to pay by credit card: VISA MasterCard/Discover. I authorize the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be charged to my account.

\_\_\_\_\_  
VISA/MasterCard/Discover number                      Expiration date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of cardholder

## T-Shirt Size

- Youth XL     Adult XL

To receive a T-shirt, walkers must pay the full registration fee; turn in a completed, signed registration form; and pick up their T-shirt at event registration on the day of the Walkathon.

## Beneficiary Organization Designation (Optional)

I wish to direct my registration fee to the following Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Program Beneficiary organization. (Fees from registrants who do not select a Beneficiary organization will be directed to the Help the Homeless General Fund.)

Beneficiary Organization code MD 023

Beneficiary Name Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

## Sponsors (Optional)

In addition to registering for the Walkathon, I have recruited the sponsors listed on this form. Sponsors can also support the Walkathon by donating funds online at [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org).

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Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Fannie Mae is working with the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region (CFNCR), who will assist Fannie Mae in the administration of the Help the Homeless Program. [name] CFNCR is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization (Tax ID# 23-7343119). Your donation is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to the fullest extent of the law.

# MCCH Provides a Day of Education on Serving the Homeless

MCCH's third Annual H.O.M.E. (Helping Our Members Through Education) Conference was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at St. Rosa of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg.

The H.O.M.E. Conference provided valuable information on how to better serve clients for our member organizations, other service providers, government agencies, and community groups.

Seven different tracks provided a variety of training. With the implementation of Housing First, this year the conference had an emphasis on home-based case management and provided training on tenant and landlord responsibilities, and how nonprofit property managers and service providers can work together to keep clients in their housing. Lakeesha Pope from NAEH brought together a panel on Youth in Transition/ Working With Young Adults. Nationally known advocate, Andrea White, presented on how to deal with trauma. Direct service staff also gained valuable training on understanding substance abuse, managing medications, boundaries with clients, and mental health services from a cross cultural perspective.

County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett gave a moving keynote address about his childhood experience growing up in poverty. His simple beginnings cause him to understand how people can fall through the cracks. With Montgomery County's almost \$5 billion budget he stated we are not doing enough. He pledged to quadruple the amount for housing initiatives because it is "the right thing to do." Acknowledging how the most vulnerable in our society are often not the most receptive, he wanted

everyone at the conference to know they were making a difference because if you touch just one life, you have made a difference.



His address was followed by discussions on unmet housing needs for various populations in our County. A list of the unmet needs will be collected into a document and sent to Mr. Leggett. Participants expressed great appreciation for all the sessions and felt the day was time well spent. MCCH thanks all our volunteer presenters and our Committee:

## H.O.M.E. Conference Steering Committee

Kim Ball, *Department of Health and Human Services*

Mary Bennett

Diana Bird, *Supportive Housing Program*

Ellen Brown, *Healthcare for the Homeless*

Barbara Clark, *Mobile Medical Care, Inc.*

Cindy Cotte-Griffiths, *Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*

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Lauren Harper, *Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*



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Sharan London, *Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*

Julie Maltzman, *Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*

Sharon Sierra-Koscinski, *Montgomery County Government*

Sandra Woodward, *Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless*

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## Holiday Book Drive for Homeless Children

Now through January 1, 2010, Barnes & Noble is sponsoring a holiday book drive for beneficiaries including MCCH, at their store in the Montrose Crossing Shopping Center (at Rockville Pike and Ran-

dolph Road). You may purchase books for children and teenagers experiencing homelessness in our programs and they will be delivered directly to us. Thanks, Barnes & Noble!

# Shelter Walk 'n Roll Brightened the Day

Even though a steady rain showered on our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Shelter Walk 'n Roll held on Sunday, May 3, 2009, almost 100 people braved the weather to join us in Rockville Town Square.

Under cover of the stage pavilion, Jack Worthington, Denise D'Amico, and Neal Herron played a wide-variety of rock and folk music to an appreciative crowd. Kids won delicious handmade candy, after playing toss games, having their faces painted, and speaking to staff members to learn more about homelessness in Montgomery County.

After the concert, Guy Cecala of Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, our event Benefactor, welcomed the crowd and everyone walked around the Town Square with umbrellas in the bright orange t-shirts from the event.

The door prizes from Gifford's Ice Cream & Candy Co., Strosniders Hardware, Robeks Fruit Smoothies, Austin Grill Rockville, La Tasca Rockville, and Dave's Candy Kitchen were a highlight of the afternoon. Beverages from Giant Food, Drink More Water, and Honest Tea along with apples and bananas from Whole Foods provided a great spread for everyone at the event and the extras were shared with the men in the Home Builders Care Assessment Center.

We are tremendously grateful that all our volunteers showed up to help even though it was raining. Thanks to Sandra Woodward, Erika Thompson, Serene Hammond, Michelle Garcia, Josh Hurley, Billie James, Lyndsay Taff, Dejadee Kromah, Maria Bender and sons, Cynthia Klein and kids, and Jennifer Freedman and friends.

The rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits and we raised over \$16,000, a successful afternoon despite the rain!

## Shelter Walk 'n Roll sponsors

Bethesda Jewish Congregation  
Brenda and Paul Pascal  
Costco  
Inside Mortgage Finance Publications, Inc.  
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New Hope Presbyterian Church  
Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.  
Pascal & Weiss, P.C.  
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Strosniders Hardware Stores  
Tikvat Israel Congregation  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville  
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## Investor Spotlight: Keeping it Close to Home

### The Neighbors in Need Fund of the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region

No one in our community is immune to the current economic downturn. Yet even more disheartening is that clients in our programs continue to be hit the hardest. We are serving record numbers at our men's shelter and our case managers see more participants who have just been laid off. Our organization has even received notices from local foundations announcing a hiatus on current grant making opportunities. However, one local foundation has taken a very different approach. Last October the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region launched its Neighbors in Need fund to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the region during the current economic climate.



*Where giving and opportunity meet*

The Neighbors in Need fund offers direct support to area nonprofits that provide crucial safety net services such as shelter, food, and clothing.

As of March 2009, the Fund awarded Safety-Net Service grants to 29 organizations totaling \$455,000. We are very pleased to announce that Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless was one of those recipients. MCCH was awarded \$25,000 to support the growing demand for our services as well as assistance in managing our current programs. This funding enables us to maintain our range of housing and supportive services while remaining steadfast in our commitment to making homelessness rare and brief in Montgomery County.

# MCCH thanks the following donors for their generous contributions.

MCCH is only able to include donations of \$100 or more made between April 11 and October 15, 2009.

All donors are truly appreciated, and each gift makes a real difference in lives of people experiencing homelessness.

## Community Groups/ Organizations

AARP  
DirecTV Matching Gift Center  
Interfaith Committee for the Homeless  
Laytonsville Lions Club  
Maryland Charity Campaign  
Montgomery Alliance for Community Giving  
World Bank Community Connections Fund

## Congregations

Ashton United Methodist Church  
Bethesda Jewish Congregation  
Christ Congregational UCC  
Clinton AME Zion Church  
Covenant Life Church  
Damascus United Methodist Church - Harwood House  
Dayspring Church of the Savior  
Episcopal Church of the Ascension  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
First African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Global Mission Church  
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church  
Goshen United Methodist Church  
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
Mt. Zion-Warren UMC  
New Hope Presbyterian Church  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
Salem United Methodist Church  
Son of David Congregation  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
St. Matthew Presbyterian Church  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
St. Raphael's Catholic Church  
Temple Beth Ami  
Tikvat Israel Congregation  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

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**Everyone at MCCH was saddened by the passing of Blair Ewing this summer. When he was on the Montgomery County Council, he was instrumental in the building of the original Men's Emergency Shelter. We fondly remember his service on our Board of Directors from 2003 - 2007. He will be missed.**

**The following donors made gifts in Blair's memory:**

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As the end of 2009 approaches, thoughtfully addressing your charitable giving priorities between now and December 31 can help assure maximum benefits for you and your charitable interests.

Carefully considering what to give – and when to give it – can help increase the impact of your gifts to MCCH while also helping to meet personal priorities. Cash gifts, gifts of other assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, and legacy gifts are all possibilities.

Please contact Kelley O'Dell, Director of Development and Communications, at 301/917-6644 to talk about your end-of-year giving. Your accountant or other tax advisor can provide you with more information specific to your needs.

Thank you for including us in your philanthropic efforts!

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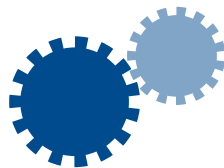


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Reception, 6:00 pm  
Dinner & Program, 7:00 pm

\$125 per person  
\$1250 for a table of 10

Sponsorship packages are available.

**Please contact our office at 301-217-0314 x118 or [mcch.net](http://mcch.net) for more information.**