

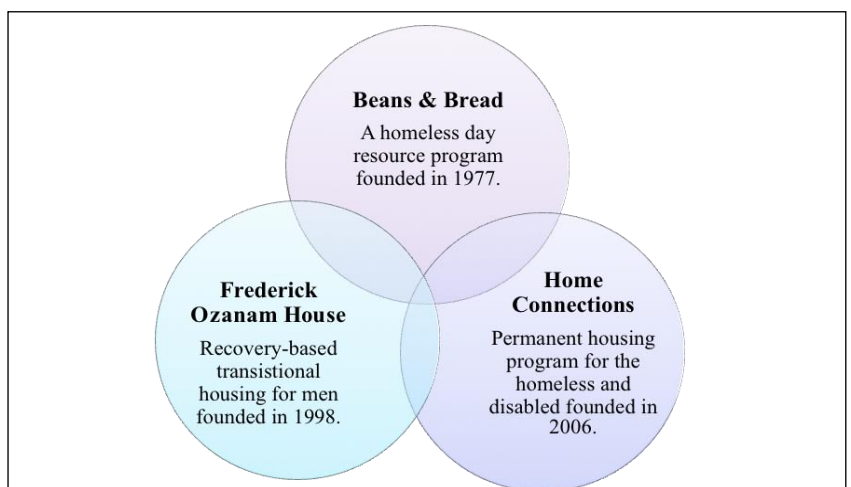
THE BEANS & BREAD CENTER HISTORY & SERVICES

The Beans & Bread Center, a program of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore (SVDP), opened in the Fells Point neighborhood of Baltimore City in 1977 with the noble and simple purpose of feeding those who were hungry. In 1986, SVDP was asked to take over the Beans & Bread operation, and in 1992 moved the program to 402-404 S. Bond St. In 1996, SVDP purchased 400 S. Bond St and 1529 Bank St. With the support of the Douglass Place Neighborhood Association and Baltimore City, in 1997 SVDP expanded the Beans & Bread facility by adding additional day program space and 20 units of transitional housing. In 2006, Beans & Bread Center began placing its disabled homeless clients in scattered-site permanent supportive housing through its Home Connections program.

The Beans & Bread Center helps those who need help the most, the poorest of the poor. Seventy percent (70%) of clients who come to the Beans & Bread day resource program for a meal are homeless; 65% have annual incomes of less than \$10,000, and 35% have no income at all; 67% are unemployed and 26% are disabled. Most of the Center's clients do not have access to basic needs such as food, showers, mail, telephone, or laundry services. They are unable to receive mainstream benefits because they lack proper identification or need assistance in understanding and accessing these resources. Experts in the field agree that to successfully move an individual out of homelessness a multitude of support services are required, including permanent housing. The Beans & Bread Center is a key resource that helps people along the path to self-sufficiency. Its staff has special expertise in meeting the needs of homeless and disabled people who, without help, would remain on the streets.

The Beans & Bread Center is a leading provider of homeless services in this area. It has achieved great success by addressing the complex issues associated with homelessness with a range of services. As depicted in the diagram, three essential programs comprise the Beans & Bread Center: Beans & Bread day resource program, Frederick Ozanam House, and Home Connections.

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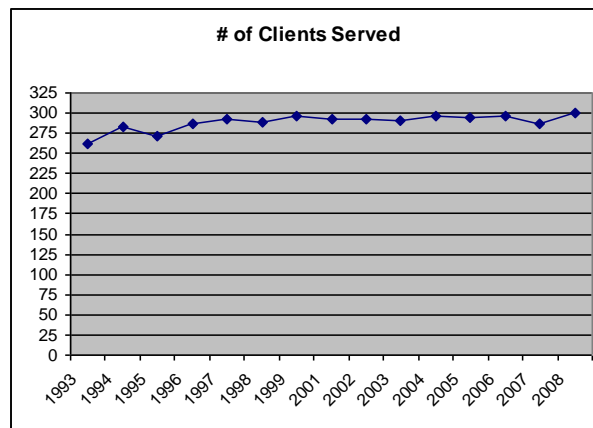




The *Beans & Bread* day resource program provides meals, day respite, intensive case management, and housing placement to people who are homeless. It partners with over 30 community organizations for purposes of education, advocacy, referral, and continuity of care. Agency partners also provide on-site services to Beans & Bread clients. Of the services offered at the Beans & Bread Center, the meal program remains the most utilized component, acting as a gateway to other more comprehensive and targeted services.

Throughout its history the Beans & Bread Center has sought to be a leading service provider to individuals suffering from the effects of poverty. Its evolution into a center offering comprehensive services has enabled it to meet both the immediate and long-term needs of Baltimore City’s homeless population.

Annual Average # of Clients Served (1993-2008) – Meal Program



B&B Project – Support Services Goal

Comparison of current situation to that proposed - # of meal program clients receiving support services through the day resource center (based on a 300 per day average)

