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Early Childhood Development Center Opens



21st Century Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in front of Arlington Elementary School

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore staff and leadership joined Baltimore City Schools in an August 28 celebration at the city's newest 21st-Century school building — Arlington Elementary School. SVDP was honored as part of the festivities as the operator of the new state-of-the-art, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Early Childhood Development Center at Arlington Elementary, located in the Park Heights neighborhood.

The beautiful new space provides flexible, adaptable spaces that support state of the art teaching tools including three teaching walls, tablets, touch screen learning and developmentally appropriate robotics. All learning areas are designed for interaction, collaboration, and hands-on technology use in a shared community space.

The Arlington Center houses two Head Start and four Early Head Start classrooms providing space for up to 68 students. The careful design of the center includes a parent lounge and conference spaces to allow for comprehensive supportive services including health, career and housing referrals for the families of the infants and toddlers in our programs. We



The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Early Childhood Development Center operated by St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

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SVDP Head Start has 68 center-based slots, in

6 classrooms at Arlington.

4 are Early Head Start classrooms, and

2 are Head Start classrooms.

There are 60 total families served at Arlington ECDC.

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VOLUNTEERING

Head Start Parent Receives High Recognition Parent of the Year Award



St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore Head Start is proud to announce, Ms. Jonaki Santos as a Maryland Head Start Association's 2019 Parent of the Year. Ms. Santos demonstrates enduring commitment to the SVDP Head Start program on many levels. She serves as Secretary on the SVDP Head Start Executive Committee of the Policy Council, representing 728 children and families. Ms. Santos has been instrumental with assisting teachers to prepare for their MSDE accreditation this past year.

Ms. Santos attended the Maryland Head Start Association Conference, along with other parents across the state of Maryland, receiving high recognition and a certificate of service to Head Start. We applaud her loyalty to Head Start, but also her dedication to her son. Ms. Santos embodies the ideal balance between program-interest and self/family-interest. We are grateful for the 230 hours of volunteer service to date and hope this motivates other parents to get involved in the future. Congratulations!



The Santos family at the Maryland Head Start Association Conference



Stacey Garret Ray, Eriana Blake, Patrick Dooley, Elba Garcia, Kelly Chase, Erin Boyle and Leona Majors

UMMC Continues to Serve

The University Maryland Medical System — Population Health Quality Care Network volunteered their time for lunch meal service at our Beans and Bread Center.



Voices in Praise performers

Voices in Praise Perform Motown at Mount Street

Sarah's Hope residents "Heard it Through the Grapevine", and were "Dancing in the Street" when **Voices**In Praise performed a wonderful rendition of *The Music of Motown* at Sarah's Hope family shelter.
Everyone truly enjoyed the live and entertaining show — we hope they will be back next year!

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look forward to working with our partners and the community to bring resources to these young learners and their families that will help reach their fullest potential.

"We have to commit as a community that this is the standard that our young people deserve."

— Dr. Santelises CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools



One of the Head Start classrooms at the Early Childhood Development Center

Technology at Arlington is aimed at early childhood learners including:

3 TEACHING WALLS

TABLETS FOR CHILDREN

TOUCH SCREEN LEARNING

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ROBOTICS

SPOTLIGHT ON TRAUMA

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We are all shaped by our experiences, and nothing leaves a more lasting impact than trauma. Trauma, defined as a deeply distressing or disturbing experience, leaves a physical impression on the brain altering normal responses. We as humans have all experienced some form of trauma in our lives such as shock, distress, pain, suffering, grief, or heartache.

Recognizing that most of our clients have experienced or are experiencing trauma, SVDP is adopting a Trauma-Informed Care model as the philosophy of care. The foundation of Trauma-Informed Care is treating everyone with respect as individuals and families. Once we are operating with a trauma informed filter, we may better meet clients where they are.

We are committed to training all employees and volunteers on the unique needs of those in our care. All SVDP Homeless Services staff completed Trauma-Informed Care training this summer. We are excited to team with Aetna Better Health of Maryland to provide Trauma-Informed Care training as part of new employee orientation. The Trauma-Informed Care training will help staff recognize the effect of trauma on clients, and how to deliver services to clients while being mindful of the trauma he or she has experienced.

YOUNG SCHOLARS





Campers working hard to maintain their math and swim skills over the summer



Thank you to the The Ellis A. Gimbel Trust who funded wonderful Camp St. Vincent field trips to the National Aquarium and Maryland Science Center. The children truly enjoyed the hands-on experience and learning at both locations!

Another Successful Summer at Camp St. Vincent

Camp St. Vincent is all about learning. This summer we welcomed over 200 children ages 5-14 experiencing homelessness in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Camp St. Vincent creates an environment where campers learn through fun. From field trips to the Maryland Science Center, the Baltimore Museum of Industry, the National Aquarium, and the American Visionary Art Museum, to in-camp activities like making homemade ice cream, park observations from the historic Patterson Park Pagoda, daily swim lessons, and a rich social emotional curriculum, Camp St. Vincent campers were always learning.

Every year, Camp St. Vincent relies on volunteer camp counselors. This year, over 130 area high school students gave at least 80 hours of their time in service. They helped with everything. Camp counselors set up all equipment and tents, led campers in daily sports, and guided them through social emotional activities. Our volunteers provide guidance, friendship and stability to our campers, but also provide them with daily support and love.

Head Start Celebrates End of School Year With Move Up Ceremonies

Our Head Start preschool programs celebrated the end of the 2018-2019 school year with moving up ceremonies and celebrations. Hundreds of children and their families came together at our Head Start sites throughout Baltimore City to celebrate and recognize all and a successful year. Children arrived excited and dressed up for the occasion, ready to impress. Parents smiled and cheered on their children who sang and accepted certificates of achievement. Thanks to all of the teachers who worked to get all of the children ready for the big day!

St. Vincent de Paul Head Start registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. Parents of children that are 3 or 4 years old are invited to apply to our free full-day Head Start pre-school program. Visit www. baltimoreheadstart.org for more information.

Our Head Start program provides early childhood education services to prepare children for school, while also achieve financial, housing, and health stability goals, benefitting the families served and the entire community.





Patterson Park students proudly displaying their certificates of completion

GIVING

WBAL Radio Kids Campaign Grant Program

Thank you WBAL Radio Kids Campaign Grant Program for a generous \$10,000 contribution to Camp St. Vincent. The WBAL Radio Kids Campaign seeks to promote, foster, encourage, support and sponsor various activities for the general educational, vocational, recreational, civic and social improvement and betterment of young, economically deprived boys and girls in the WBAL Radio listening area. Special thanks to Mr. Cary Pahigian, President of WBAL 1090 AM Radio, who has been a long time, loyal supporter committed to Camp St. Vincent.



T. Rowe Price Foundation Supports Camp St. Vincent

We are pleased to announce Camp St. Vincent is the proud recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the T. Rowe Price Foundation. The camp curriculum helps homeless children develop coping and social skills that lessen the impact of being homeless. Since all of the children at Camp St. Vincent are homeless, they begin to understand they are not alone, and develop relationships with other campers who share their experience. The T. Rowe Price Foundation is a wonderful partner to many nonprofits in our community committed to arts and culture, education, youth development, human services, and community development.

T. ROWE PRICE FOUNDATION, INC.



Rebecca Horner (Director, Camp St. Vincent), Cary Pahigian (President, WBAL 1090 AM Radio), and Laurie Holmes (Assistant Director, Grants and Management SVDP)



Do you take advantage of workplace giving?

Whether your company participates in a local or national campaign or if they offer their own, making a gift through your workplace is an easy and convenient way to give.

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore participates in the following campaigns:

United Way of Central Maryland #4244

Maryland Charity Campaign #4244

Combined Charity Campaign

Combined Federal Campaign #84087

Be sure to ask your employer to release your name so we can keep you informed of the impact your giving makes! To make your gift go even further, inquire if your company will match your contribution or volunteer hours.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchhill

GIVING

New Vision Pioneers Gives the Gift of Learning

Thank you New Vision Pioneers — Maryland Chapter for visiting the SVDP's Patterson Park location and donating over 1,000 books! The children were thrilled to pick out 2-3 books to take home for summer reading and have such a wonderful classroom library. Volunteers also read to the children and provided a great reading experience for the children of Camp Discovery and Camp St. Vincent.



Children from Camp Discovery chose books from the new library to read at home



Volunteers from New Vision Pioneers spent the day reading to the children



Rebecca Floyd, Dr. Nina Everett, Adeline Ntatin, Michelle Boyle (SVDP), Angelo Edge, Sierra Jackson (SVDP) and

AETNA's Wellness Wednesdays

Aetna Better Health of Maryland will be conducting Wellness Wednesdays every last Wednesday of the month at Beans and Bread.

Topics include, diabetes, hepatitis, flu prevention,

heart disease, stress and more. This is a wonderful addition to our program at Beans and Bread where clients learn how to improve their overall general health.

Comcast Employees Helping Communities **COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL





Members of the Comcast NBC Universal team stopped by Sarah's Hope Mount Street to drop some much needed blankets and toiletries

Thank you Comcast for donating and delivering 100 duffel bags filled with blankets and other supplies for Sarah's Hope residents! Comcast NBCUniversal is proud to drive positive social change in our communities.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Loyola Blakefield Dons Serve the Community

Loyola Blakefield's Baltimore II summer service group was very busy over the summer volunteering at many local organizations including Beans & Bread and Camp St. Vincent.

Members of the Loyola Blakefield football team, along with parents and coaches, collected healthy snacks and drinks for Camp St. Vincent. A group of students visited Camp St. Vincent in July to deliver their donations.

2nd Grader Spearheads Donation Drive for Camp



2nd grader Roman Hickey displaying all of the supplies he collected for Camp St. Vincent

Roman Hickey and his 2nd grade classmates from Severna Park Elementary School are truly making a difference. Roman spearheaded a summer donation drive to benefit the campers of Camp St. Vincent and delivered fun items to Camp with his Dad, Terry Hickey. Thank you Roman for organizing and thinking of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore — you did an amazing job!

Volunteering Untapped Taps Into Head Start and Beans & Bread

This August Volunteering Untapped brought over 120 dedicated, inspired, young, professional volunteers to Beans & Bread and Head Start. Volunteers tackled many diverse tasks at both locations including meal service, street clean-up, planting flowers, weeding, mulching and trash pick-up, pantry organization, clothing donations, cleaning, painting, creating classroom materials and a creative focus group.

Volunteering Untapped is a Baltimore-based nonprofit whose mission is to improve Baltimore through increasing volunteerism. Every second Saturday of the month, volunteers serve at a local nonprofit followed by socializing, networking and fun. Volunteering Untapped recently hired an Executive Director, Emilie Aracil Drasher, who will lead the organization in expanding opportunities for volunteers to be more involved in the nonprofit sector in Baltimore.



Volunteers organizing the Beans & Bread pantry



Volunteering Untapped street clean-up team

DONATION STATION

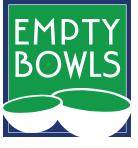


Car Donations: Driven to Change Lives!



Donating your vehicle to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore can help fuel our mission, while providing you with a tax deduction and

the good feeling you get when you help those in need. The process is fast and easy! We accept cars, SUVs, trucks, vans, motorcycles, boats, trailers, and RV's in any condition. We will arrange free pick up and towing within 48 hours of completing your intake! Visit www.vincentbaltimore.org/give or call (410) 662-0500.



Save the Date: March 21, 2020



BE THE LIGHT YOU WANT TO SEE.

Coming in 2020 ... a new St. Vincent de Paul fundraising event – EQUINOX.

Join us for this one-night celebration aiming to help people move beyond homelessness. Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. Visit www.equinoxbaltimore.com for more information. #BETHELIGHT

OUR MISSION

To ensure those impacted by poverty have the skills, resources, and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

OUR VALUES

DIGNITY: We see God's image in every person, recognizing their inherent value by offering respect and compassion, and giving special care to those who are materially poor, marginalized, and vulnerable.

INCLUSION: We promote diversity and embrace the unique attributes, characteristics, abilities, cultures, classes, faiths, orientations, and races that make people who they are, recognizing that we are one human family.

EQUITY: We believe in eliminating systemic disadvantages so that all people are guaranteed fair treatment and have the opportunity to live in decent, safe, and affordable housing, receive quality education, be employed at a fair wage, have access to health care and healthy food, share in prosperity, and reach their full potential.

EQUALITY: We see those we serve as our equals in every way, seeking to understand the road they have traveled to reach our door, recognizing they know what is best for themselves and their families, and encouraging them to make their own choices.

COLLABORATION: We believe in the transformative power of building relationships and community, and in actively engaging partners in our work toward the well-being of all.

SERVICE: We humbly recognize service as an opportunity to receive, as much as give.

EXCELLENCE: We relentlessly pursue the highest standards in all that we do, embracing innovation and best practices.

STEWARDSHIP: We use our resources responsibly and efficiently, and we hold ourselves accountable for the highest levels of integrity, transparency, and measurable results.



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