

## Changing Lives Through Housing First

Gone are the days that someone coming off the streets must enter a shelter with prescribed, mandated goals to meet in order to prove their “housing readiness”. Providing solutions to homelessness has embraced a more effective solution that has proven successful in ensuring long term housing stability for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Since 2006 St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, has embraced a national best practice called **Housing First**. In our shelters, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs, we firmly embrace the belief that all people can be rehoused rapidly and permanently without expectation that they are compliant, sober, employed, have a certain level of income, achieve readiness requirements or behave well.

Permanent housing, and the social and community connections that come with stable housing, are seen as essential components to

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Mr. Al Peltier, Ellicott Drive, LLC

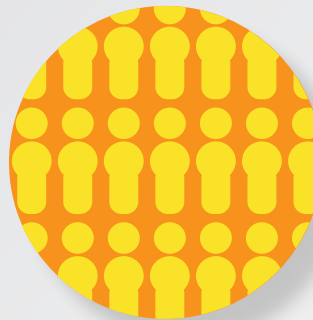
### ATTAINMENTS

**Housing First shows results in Home Connections, SVDP's Permanent Supportive Housing program**

**97%** retained housing

**Front Door — SVDP's Rapid Rehousing program**

**83%** retained housing at six months



**Last year we provided 1,183 individuals with permanent housing**

## A LANDLORD'S PERSPECTIVE

“We understand how a stable family environment is key to stopping a family’s cycle of poverty. We know first-hand that housing is a big part of that. We are pleased to be a partner with your Front Door Rapid Rehousing Program.”

# VOLUNTEERING

## Happy 90th Birthday to Ms. Ann



Staff and volunteers at Beans and Bread celebrated a special volunteer's birthday recently. Ms. Ann Amrhein, known to most as "Ms. Ann", is 90 years young and has been volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore for over twenty years. Ann is one of our faithful volunteers who enjoys serving breakfast and lunch each week to our guests at the Beans and Bread Center located in Fells Point. **Happy Birthday Ms. Ann!**

## Shamrock 5K

Over 75 volunteers had a shamrockin' good time at the Under Armour KELLY Shamrock 5k race on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Thanks to Charm City Run for selecting SVDP as the beneficiary for the city's most festive 5k. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers assisted at the starting line, water stops and post-race activities. It was a fun afternoon and all guests and volunteers came decked out for the occasion.



## Volunteer Appreciation Week



Mr. Robert Ginsburg has been a daily volunteer at our Head Start program for over 4 years. When we asked Bob what keeps him volunteering, Bob simply responded, "the children, I love to see them smile and enjoy learning."



## Towson University's Big Event

Towson University's Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority assisted cleaning up around the Beans and Bread Center as part of Towson University's Big Event. Pictured above are just a few of many students, staff and alumni who serve the surrounding Towson community by participating in outside services.



# Cover Story

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physical and mental wellness. Our case managers work closely with their clients to identify housing in a community that will provide the connections that will ensure long-term stability. Participation in services is completely voluntary, not linked to housing eligibility, and driven by client choice. Individuals are given an active voice in determining their goals relative to housing stability.

Understanding that there is no 'one size fits all' model for obtaining permanent housing, supportive services are individualized and include motivational and assertive engagement that is person-centered, where coercion is absent, and our participants determine the type, duration, frequency, and intensity of services.

In addition to providing supportive services to maintain housing, SVDP refers clients to many services, including employment resources, mental health services, and substance abuse counseling. Our case managers create a plan with each person to prioritize and guide them on their path to permanent housing. Our goal is for individuals and families is to remain housed, never having to experience homelessness again.



## CAMP ST. VINCENT READIES FOR THE 2019 SEASON

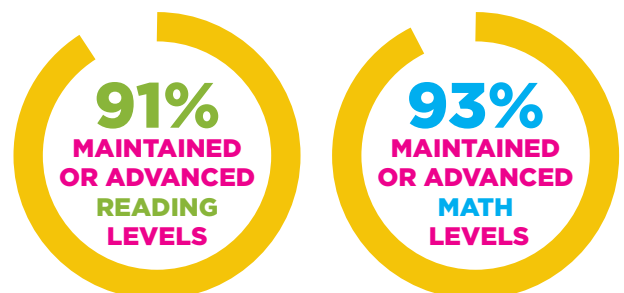
Camp St. Vincent will kick off its 112th season this summer at historic Patterson Park on June 24th! More than 250 homeless children ages 5-14 from Baltimore City and County will have the opportunity to experience summer camp in a fun, safe and educational environment. Camp St. Vincent is free, and takes place weekdays June 24 through August 9, from 8:45 am to 3:45 pm.



What differentiates Camp St. Vincent from other camps out there? Our program is specifically designed for homeless children living in shelters, transitional housing and unstable housing, and addresses the negative impact of homelessness on their academic, social and emotional development. In addition to carefully developed curriculum, Camp St. Vincent provides campers with an array of fun activities too, including dance, art, nature exploration, swim safety, weekly field trips and daily recreation.

Camp St. Vincent relies on annual support from individuals, church groups, corporations and private foundations that sponsor more than 250 children who attend each summer. In addition to financial support, we also accept donations for new bathing suits and towels. To help make a difference in the life of a homeless child, please visit [www.vincentbaltimore.org/camp](http://www.vincentbaltimore.org/camp).

### CAMP ST. VINCENT'S IMPACT:



# EMPTY BOWLS 2019

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the Maryland State Fairground was filled with 1,500 generous soup enthusiasts, volunteers, and sponsors for our 13th annual Empty Bowls fundraising event. Baltimore's fantastic soup extravaganza raises money and awareness in the fight to end hunger, poverty, and homelessness.

Thanks to the best Baltimore restaurants, there were 16 different soups. It wouldn't be Baltimore without crabs on the menu, and we had three different types of crab soup available.

Thank you to Tony Sciuto, who donated his entire day to Empty Bowls and performed several live sets for us. Steve Huber, Program Director and DJ at 100.7 The Bay WZBA, spun tunes and served as master of ceremonies.



Thank you to all who attended, sponsored, and supported the 13th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser.

**100+ volunteers**  
**Almost \$150,000 raised**  
**1,500 people attended**



*The room was filled with 1,500 people raising money to fight to end hunger.*



*An afternoon of fun activities*



*Special thanks to over 100 volunteers who came out to support Empty Bowls!*



# EMPTY BOWLS 2019

## Thank you to our 2019 Empty Bowls Corporate Sponsors

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## Save the date for Empty Bowls: March 21, 2020



*600 gallons of soup were served.*



*Magic and comedy for children of all ages*

# GIVING

## Under Armour Gives Back

Under Armour teammates assembled 50 bagged lunches at their corporate office and delivered them to our Beans and Bread Center. They are part one of our monthly bagged lunch donors.



*Under Armour teammates delivering to the Beans and Bread Center.*



*Circle Co-Chairs: Susannah Bergmann and Dawna Cobb*

## Baltimore Women's Giving Circle

The Baltimore Women's Giving Circle at the Baltimore Community Foundation brings together women from diverse backgrounds with a common goal: to empower women and their families in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

They have awarded more than \$5.5 million since 2001 to human service organizations in our community. St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore received a two-year grant of \$50,000 to the Sarah's Hope Family Center in 2017. We are grateful for their support of SVDP and Baltimore.

## Covenant Guild

Covenant Guild, Inc. is an organization which was founded in 1947. Their purpose is to render service and engage in philanthropic, humanitarian and civic endeavors regardless of race, creed or color. They are committed to our motto of "Loving, Caring, Giving and Sharing" to help those in need.

*Covenant Guild collected hats, gloves and scarves for St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore and delivered them to Hannah More Family Shelter.*





# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Jennifer Cox, founder of Empower4Life is making a difference in children's lives through body, mind and spirit. Empower4Life is a nonprofit whose mission is to help vulnerable children become happy and healthy members of our communities. The organization focuses on providing children with tools needed to maintain health throughout their lives, including fitness and wellness lessons. At SVDP's INNterim house, children participate in weekly exercise and stress relief classes with Pound Fit. The children love moving and banging to the sounds of the music! To wind down and create calm, they practice yoga and breathing exercises. Empower4Life's program at the shelter aims to instill positive habits and self-care techniques such as exercise, mindfulness and conscious breathing. Congratulations and thank you to Jennifer Cox and Empower4Life for making a difference!



Children at SVDP INNterim House enjoying Empower4Life's weekly exercise and stress relief classes by Pound Fit.

Empower4Life holds yoga sessions with rhythm and music for children throughout Baltimore.



The Safeway Foundation continues to make a difference in the communities we serve. Safeway donated \$10,000 to St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore to the Beans and Bread homeless day resource center to provide more than 20,000 meals this year!



The Safeway Foundation donated \$10,000 as part of their We Care program.

# OUR MISSION AND VALUES

## 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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