

SVDP Launching New Family Pathways Program

Family Pathways is a new shelter diversion program in Baltimore City being launched by SVDP in Summer of 2021 to help families avoid homelessness through prevention measures and assistance in successfully navigating the homeless services system.

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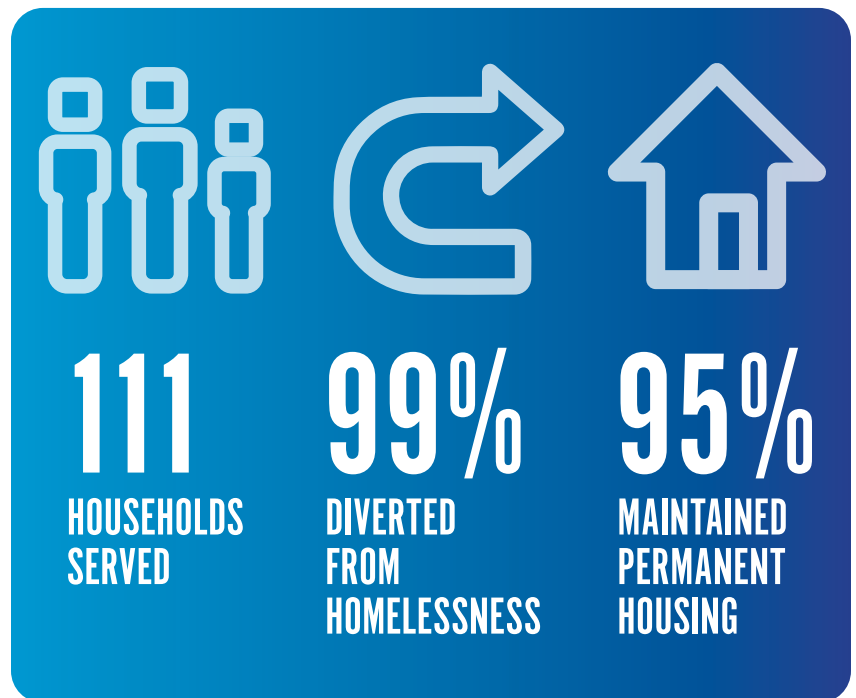
“The goal with the Family Pathways program is to reduce homelessness by providing short term financial assistance so people can stay housed. The family hubs are a family-friendly and welcoming space for families”

— Penny Gibson,
Program Administrator, Housing Services

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Targeted to serve 75 families annually, the program provides families with financial support and intensive case management using problem solving techniques based on the Cleveland Model, a national best practice for shelter diversion. Through the program, families access services that prevent eviction and divert them from shelter. Additionally, an Employment Navigator from SVDP's Career Connections program works with families to help build employability skills to connect them to job opportunities.

To facilitate the delivery of these services, SVDP renovated spaces at its Beans & Bread Center in southeast Baltimore and the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Northwest Baltimore to create two new Family Service Hubs. These renovated spaces



SOURCE: From July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 the shelter diversion program in Baltimore County helped 99% of the 111 households discharged from the program during this 2 year period avoid staying in a homeless shelter. 95% of households ended up in permanent housing and 100% of those households were still in permanent housing when we contacted them at 6-month follow up.*

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**those for which we had housing status at discharge*

VOLUNTEERING

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



Emma Coker

Camp St. Vincent

Emma Coker is a Camp St. Vincent volunteer. Her positive spirit and smile truly brightens the summer for local children experiencing homelessness. She has volunteered for three summers and we cannot wait to see her back this year. Volunteers like Emma are what make our program so valuable to the Baltimore community. We truly appreciate all that Emma brings to Camp St. Vincent!

Beans & Bread

On Saturdays you will find Ramsay Hafer volunteering for our Beans & Bread Program in the Fells Point Community. He grew up in the area and enjoys giving back to his community. Now a student at the University of Maryland, College Park, Ramsay is on his way to fulfilling his dream to become a doctor. When you see Ramsay in Fells Point, ask him about this fun fact—he loves doing magic tricks! Thank you, Ramsay for your volunteer support of SVDP.



Ramsay Hafer



Sandy Adams

Head Start

Sandy Adams, Head Start STEMcx2019 Honoree Chair helps us provide educational experiences for the Head Start Program. Recently, she helped us provide a special virtual science lesson that included a science kit and a lab coat for each student. This fun and educational event was made possible with funding from Stemcx, an organization founded by Sandy Adams. Stemcx is devoted to exposing kids from underrepresented communities to science. Thank you, Sandy for volunteering!

Good Harvest

Brian Li is a weekly volunteer at Good Harvest Community Kitchen. He serves because many in our community struggle to put food on their table or a roof over their heads and he wants to be part of the solution. Brian is a student at Johns Hopkins University, and hopes to pursue a career in healthcare as a physician. While at Good Harvest he enjoys meeting others and learning insights into the Baltimore community. Thank you, Brian for volunteering.

Adrian C. Lee volunteers at Good Harvest Community Kitchen, and packs food to serve the many organizations served by SVDP in Baltimore. He hopes to be part of the solution to bring healthy and nutritious food to those in need within our community. When asked why he volunteers, he said “it puts a smile on

both my face and my heart.” Adrian is a Johns Hopkins University Neuroscience student and plans to attend medical school. Thank you, Adrian for volunteering!



Brian Li

Adrian C. Lee

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provide families experiencing a housing crisis in Baltimore City with a safe place to be stabilized and connected to services.

The funding for the initial operating costs and renovations were provided from the Day 1 Families Fund grant awarded to SVDP.

While shelter diversion services are new to Baltimore City, for the past several years SVDP has been successfully providing these services to households in Baltimore County. Over the past two years in Baltimore County SVDP served 111 households and 99% of those assisted avoided entering the shelter system.

WHAT'S NEW

Camp St. Vincent Adapts to Unique Summer 2021 Needs



Camp St. Vincent will kick off its 115th season this summer at historic Patterson Park on June 21. Each day more than 100 children experiencing homelessness 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 will operate for 8 weeks this summer. We are taking all possible safety precautions with regard to the Covid-19 virus to ensure the safety of our campers, our volunteers, and our staff.

What differentiates Camp St. Vincent from other camps is that our program is 100% free for the children attending and is exclusively focused on serving children experiencing homelessness.

Camp St. Vincent is designed to specifically address the negative impact of homelessness on the children's

academic, and social and emotional development through its unique curriculum. The camp also offers, recreation, swimming, art, music and dance, nature exploration, and field trips in a fun, outdoor environment. Every camper receives breakfast, lunch and snacks, a bathing suit, towel and a camp t-shirt.

Camp St. Vincent relies on annual support from individuals, church groups, corporations and private foundations to sponsor each of the over 200 children who attend each summer.

To help make a difference in the life of a child experiencing homelessness, please visit www.vincentbaltimore.org/camp and sponsor a child for a day, a week, or more.

EMPTY BOWLS 2021

15th Annual Empty Bowls (Drive-thru Edition)

On Saturday April 10 more than 800 attendees as well as volunteers and sponsors participated in our 15th annual Empty Bowls fundraising event at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. Baltimore's most popular soup event raises money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. This year's event was held as a drive-thru experience to meet Covid-19 safety standards.

Empty Bowls Drive-thru Event highlights included three "to-go" selections of soup from the best Baltimore restaurants, a pre-selected hand-crafted

bowl, giveaways, and entertainment along the entire drive route for the entire family with the Craig Satchell Band and Picture Perfect Muzic LLC.

Thanks to great support from our attendees, contributors, volunteers and sponsors we were able to raise a total of \$96,805 from this year's event towards the cause of addressing hunger in our community.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
BRINGING BACK EMPTY BOWLS AGAIN
TO ITS FULL FORM IN SPRING OF 2022.**

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"As always, the soups were delicious, and the Cracker Jack was a nice surprise (as was the tote). Looking forward to next year's event which I pray will be in person."

**— Marie B.
Empty Bowls Attendee**





Thank you to all of the restaurants who participated and supported Empty Bowls by providing soups!



GIVING & MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Safeway Foundation CARES about Beans & Bread

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is a proud recipient of the Safeway Foundation WE CARE grant for the third year in a row. This \$10,000 grant supports the meals and other critical services we provide at Beans and Bread in Fells Point to help those in the community suffering from hunger, homelessness and poverty.



Evan Gough, SVDP Senior Volunteer Coordinator and Beth Goldberg, Senior Manager of Public & Community Affairs Safeway.

SVDP Conferences Continue to Serve

This past year has presented many obstacles for our St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore Conferences as they serve their neighbors in need. St. John, Westminster SVDP Conference faced these challenges successfully by continuing to provide their weekly soup kitchen during the pandemic. To provide safety and meet Covid regulations, the St. John, Westminster conference decreased their weekly number of volunteers from fifteen to five to assemble and distribute meals. During the past year, the conference has also placed meals in paper bags "to go." The conference is still providing up to 60 meals weekly and looking forward to inviting neighbors into the hall for hot meals and conversation in the future.



St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore to Host New Event to Support Cause of Ending Homelessness in Baltimore

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is launching Equinox, a unique one-night event to raise funds and awareness to end homelessness in Baltimore presented by M&T Bank. On Friday, September 24, 2021 approximately 500 people will gather at the Baltimore Museum of Industry to enjoy a Chesapeake-inspired menu, a variety of beer, wine and spirits, and live music with Reverend Smackmaster & the Congregation of Funk.

The theme for Equinox is “Be the Light You Want to See”, and creative lighting will be a feature of the event. Funds raised will go directly to supporting the shelter and housing programs of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore.

Equinox is important because on any given night, over 4,000 people in the Baltimore region experience homelessness. As the largest provider of homeless services in the area, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is leading the way towards achieving an end to homelessness in our community. SVDP offers a wide range of services and solutions to address this complex community problem, including individual and family shelters, prevention, shelter diversion services, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing.

“Our services continued uninterrupted throughout the pandemic. But the economic impact of Covid-19 has brought new challenges, with thousands of people now facing severe financial hardships and eviction” said John Schiavone, President & CEO of SVDP. St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is actively working to prevent more people from falling into homelessness, and moving those struggling with homelessness to housing. This new event will provide a way for people to support this important and urgent cause and be part of the solution.

Due to these unprecedented times, to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone, SVDP is taking some precautionary measures for this year’s event. The main event activities will be outdoor using the venue’s outdoor pavilion and additional tented areas. Pre-registration will be required for all attendees that will include vaccination verification, and those working the event, will be vaccinated as well. When inside the Baltimore Museum of Industry building, guests will be asked to wear a mask. These important safeguards will allow for an amazing, worry-free event for all guests.



EQUINOX

BE THE LIGHT YOU WANT TO SEE.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 2021 | 7 – 11 PM
AT THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY

Visit equinoxbaltimore.com for updates as we continue to plan this very important event for those experiencing homelessness in the Baltimore region!

#BETHELIGHT

\$130 EARLY BIRD PRICING
\$150 REGULAR PRICING (AFTER AUG. 15)
\$910 TICKET BUNDLE OF 8 TICKETS
(8TH TICKET IS FREE)

2021 EQUINOX SPONSORS

We are very pleased to announce the following sponsors for Equinox. Additional sponsors will be added throughout the summer in advance of the event:

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ABOUT EQUINOX

The name Equinox is drawn from the twice a year astronomical event when daytime and nighttime are of equal duration all over the world. Historically, the Fall Equinox was a time for harvest celebrations that united communities and involved people coming together to share the bounty from their fields. In that spirit, the Equinox event is a celebration of the ideals of kindness, sharing, and equal opportunity for all, symbolized through light.

GIVING & MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Blanketed with Generosity

Alpha Kappa Alpha selected St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore for the Annual Blanket Baltimore donation drive. For the past 10 years, the Metropolitan Baltimore Region of the National Pan-Hellenic Council has encouraged a friendly competition between nine sorority and fraternity chapters. Alpha Kappa Alpha conducted a very successful drive to collect items for our Welcome Home Kits and Fill the Pantry programs. These donations allow us to help families transitioning into permanent housing to begin their new chapter with much needed items. Having closets stocked with linens, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, and food makes this significant transition a warm and hopeful one for families. Thank you Alpha Kappa Alpha members for your generosity and the difference you have made in our families' lives!



Marian Saunders White delivering donations collected by Alpha Kappa Alpha members

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 healthy food, and healthcare, 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.

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