
Connections



Bringing people and services together: Changing lives for the better!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

On December 2, St. Mary's Outreach Center hosted their 6th Annual Holiday Open House at the historic Clover Hill Mansion. The annual fundraiser is a way for old friends and new supporters alike to come together to celebrate the holiday season and to learn more about the important work SMOC completed over the past year. Food for the December event, which included holiday favorites like crab dip and a carving station, was graciously provided by



Integrace. The Rev. Wayne Larson, who serves as the Chairman of the SMOC Board of Directors, spoke to the growing need for St. Mary's in Hampden and surrounding neighborhoods. He highlighted the value that each and every individual and organizational donor brings to St. Mary's Outreach Center; without the generosity of our strong donor base, SMOC would not be able to complete its mission of providing crucial services to older adults so they can live with respect and dignity in the neighborhood they have called home for many years.

2014 WAS A GREAT YEAR

St. Mary's Outreach Center grew in 2014! We were fortunate enough to move into a larger space upstairs in the same building last April. We also had the good fortune to hire a part-time office manager in May to work on important administrative tasks.

In November, St. Mary's Outreach Center was featured in the Baltimore Sun. Larry Perl, of the Messenger, wrote a great article, highlighting the history of our organization and the work that we do.

In 2014, we served over 700 unduplicated clients while returning over \$569, 993 to the seniors and the community.



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Winter/Spring 2015

Upcoming Events:

- Spring Luncheon
- Mother's Day Tea
- SNAP sign up
- June Health Fair

Missing one of our own, who gave so much to the community and asked for so little in return.



With a heavy heart, I must report the passing of Elizabeth “Betty” Callahan, a fixture in our Hampden community. As the director of the Hampden Food Pantry for 18 years, she diligently served our community members who needed her the most. Her fourth bout with cancer forced her out of this position only last year, but she continued to help out whenever she could. Like so many of our seniors who must survive on Social Security alone, Betty struggled to make ends meet. It was an honor to serve Betty through St. Mary's so that this dynamic lady could age in her community with dignity. I was lucky enough to call Betty Callahan a friend, a mentor, and a boss at the Hampden Food Pantry.

Her spirit will always live on in the work we do in the greater Hampden community, as we continue to serve so many clients like Betty. I feel that I am truly blessed to come to work and help those who need our assistance. It makes our job very rewarding to work with and meet so many wonderful seniors.

Your generous donation is what helps St. Mary's continue to serve the most needy in our elder population. Your gift is truly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Sandy
Executive Director

A comprehensive review of our year can be found in the 2014 Annual Report on our web site, www.smocbaltimore.org, where you can read our Sun article and keep up with SMOC throughout the year.