



## THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY

*The Samaritan Community provides assistance to meet the needs of families and individuals who are in crisis and wish to improve their lives.*

ROOTED IN RESPECT, HOPE, AND HEALING



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

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Dear Friends,

As I complete my final year as the President of the Board of The Samaritan Community, I am gratified by the accomplishments of our organization. In 2013, The Samaritan Community once again expanded our emergency services. Once again we helped more people with more food, clothing, counseling and financial assistance. And once again, the population we serve had little relief from the tough economy. But I am happy to say that there is something new and encouraging to report.

In 2013 we took a giant leap forward by initiating the Farnham-Krieger Fund. To honor both the memory of The Reverend Barney Farnham, and Sharon Krieger's 30 years of inspired service, Samaritan Community established the Farnham-Krieger Endowment to address the rising cost and number of requests for emergency assistance that we see on a daily basis. When the Fund reaches \$150,000, we will use its proceeds to help families and individuals to overcome obstacles that prevent them from achieving their full potential.

When the Farnham Krieger Endowment is fully funded, we will have the ability to take on greater client needs that might be resolved with a larger investment of funds. Clients who must pay rent when they are ill and unable to work, those who need a timely auto repair to maintain employment, or those who need support to train for a new career will have access to those funds that will enable clients to overcome obstacles and crises that interfere with success. Wise investments in Emergency Assistance help to avert serious, prolonged and more costly crises, including job loss, homelessness and medical challenges. This new fund will allow us to help families fulfill their potential and achieve independence. Perfectly capturing Barney's vision and Sharon's life's work, The Farnham-Krieger Fund will be **a force for lasting change.**

Each year we strive to deliver services in a more efficient, effective and thoughtful manner than the year before; each year we learn more about ourselves and the clients we serve; and, each year, with your support, we grow together.

I am deeply proud of this year's growth and lessons learned, and am humbled to have served as Board President.

Sincerely,



Steve Howard

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Samaritan Community provides assistance to meet the needs of families and individuals who are in crisis and wish to improve their lives. Our program is rooted in respect, hope, and healing.

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

More than 30 years ago, The Rev. F. Lyman Farnham asked his congregant, Sharon Krieger, to establish and run a counseling program for those who came to the food cupboard for the poor located within Memorial Episcopal Church in Bolton Hill. Led by Ms. Krieger as Program Director, this outreach has grown to become The Samaritan Community, an independent full service crisis intervention and counseling program helping more than 1,100 individuals annually.

Although food insecurity leads most clients to Samaritan's doors, once they enter they stay to be treated with the dignity and respect that leads to physical and emotional healing. Believing that "The client is the program," Samaritan builds bridges to independence through transformative crisis intervention assistance and life-skills counseling.

Our support sustains people struggling with short and long-term crises and offers opportunities to build and maintain more stable lives. The Samaritan Community empowers individuals to gain the knowledge and confidence to advocate for themselves, to become self-confident and self-sufficient, and to become contributing members of society.

### The Necessities: A Giant Leap Forward

#### Food Pantry

Samaritan Community's mission started with food. In the 1970's the food pantry was managed by one volunteer with food purchased from the Maryland Food Bank and supplemented by the parishioners of Memorial Episcopal Church. Without refrigeration, the food was either canned



*(from left): Clients, Eddie and Anita, come together at our Food Pantry*

or packaged and limited to about 12 items, which were literally stored and distributed out of a closet. Over the next two decades, with the introduction of refrigeration, we continued to expand the amount and quality of food we distributed to our neighbors in need. In 2013 Samaritan Community's food pantry took a giant leap forward. A grant from the Bearman Family Foundation, enabled us to increase the size of our pantry by nearly 50%. With more refrigeration and storage we have been able to accept weekly donations of fresh produce and other healthy foods from Whole Foods of

Mt. Washington. Our clients are thrilled with the wide array of healthy and delicious foods we are now able to provide.

The Food Pantry is a bustling and happily hectic place to be, but in the rare quiet moments, we sometimes reflect on just how far we have come in 40 years. To see the refrigerators and

shelves stocked with quality foods and to see just how quickly and enthusiastically these items are bagged and taken home, humbles the staff and volunteers.

## Clothes Closet

The clothing closet is open on weekdays to coincide with the availability of the food pantry. With the help of volunteers and donated items, Samaritan Community provides lightly-used clothes and household items to those receiving emergency food supplies, as well as the general population. For families in crisis simple household items like cookware and bed linens are often unaffordable. Our clients are thrilled to be able to receive many basic items.



*Irene, a Samaritan Community client, takes a look at what is available in the Clothes Closet.*

## Crisis Intervention Assistance

Much of Samaritan Community's mission is providing crisis intervention assistance through small financial stipends. In many cases, small monetary gaps create major crises and can lead to hunger or homelessness. Staff members carefully evaluate circumstances and may give financial assistance for a variety of purposes, including housing, utilities, transportation, medical care, obtaining identification, and help with legal issues.

- **Housing:** Assistance for housing is perhaps our greatest challenge. Compared to median income, the Baltimore-D.C. corridor is one of the most expensive regions in the country. The stock of affordable and safe housing continues to decline in Baltimore City. Boarded empty houses are a common blight in urban landscapes, threatening the stability of neighborhoods. Affordable housing is often in disrepair and unsafe. Despite the poor quality of residences, rents (and utilities) continue to rise.

Displacement and eviction are often the precipitating crises that bring clients to Samaritan Community. We help individuals and families in their search for affordable housing and shelter, and support them through the transition to their new living arrangements. We often serve as advocates for tenants in disputes with property owners and work to resolve problems so that clients may stay in their current residence whenever possible. We provide financial support for security deposits, rent, and other housing issues that arise.

- **Utilities:** Another great challenge for Samaritan Community members is dealing with difficult-to-understand utility bills and the ever-rising cost simply to keep the lights on. There is confusion surrounding the recent rounds of privatization of the electrical utility, and the impact felt when energy costs rise. Changes in billing and mandated "use averaging" create difficult situations for people on fixed incomes. Many come to us when they fall behind or receive a cut-off notice. Samaritan Community staff reviews utility bills, helps develop payment plans, advocates for those finding it difficult to navigate their utility bills, and at times, assists with utilities payments.

- **Transportation:** Costs of travel are often a barrier to self-help and employment. After an assessment to determine both need and lack of resources, we can provide funds to attend training programs, search for and maintain employment, and keep medical and other appointments not within walking distance.
- **Medical Care:** For many, the first contact with Samaritan Community is a result of one's own injury or illness or that of a loved one. When a breadwinner cannot work, or when medical bills stack up beyond the means to pay, families find themselves in crisis. By providing support for medical costs not covered by insurance or Medical Assistance (dental, vision, hearing, over the counter and pharmacy costs), we are able to help our clients access additional medical care. Counseling, referral, and advocacy also play important roles in addressing the often serious physical and mental health challenges faced by many of our participants.
- **Legal Issues:** Minor, but critical, legal needs often arise in a community in crisis. For example, a misapplied child support payment or an old criminal record, can impact the ability to gain or hold a job. We provide assistance for court and probation fees, drug screening, and the expunging of old criminal records. This financial support is always offered in conjunction with counseling. Furthermore, the realities surrounding identification are getting more and more difficult and Samaritan Community steps in when, for example, in 2011, the State of Maryland nearly doubled the cost of official certificates of birth.

### **Increasing Crisis Intervention Assistance through the Farnham-Krieger Fund: A Force for Lasting Change**



*Rev. Barney Farnham carries food to the Food Pantry, almost 30 years ago.*

To honor both the memory of The Reverend Barney Farnham, and Sharon Krieger's 30 years of inspired service, Samaritan Community established the Farnham-Krieger Endowment in 2013 to address the rising cost and number of requests for emergency financial assistance that we see on a daily basis. When the Fund reaches \$150,000, we will use its proceeds to help families and individuals to overcome obstacles that prevent them from achieving their full potential.

To date, our average assistance stipend is less than \$200 per family. The Farnham Krieger Fund will give Samaritan Community the ability to take on larger client needs that might be resolved with an investment of more than \$1,000. For example, \$1,200 would enable a client to repair a vehicle used for employment, or \$1,800 might ensure a family's stability during a medical crisis. This ability to tackle larger and more complex problems will make Barney's vision even brighter.



*Sharon Krieger also brings supplies to the Food Pantry, shortly after opening.*

## **Empowerment: Group and Individual Counseling**

Counseling is the heart of what we do. Crisis Intervention services and the Food Pantry are vital to our clients, but it is counseling that helps members of the Samaritan Community make the changes that lead them to more independent and productive lives. We work intensively with our participants to help them identify obstacles in their lives and to address these challenges.

Counseling is a thoughtful process where trust and confidence are built between staff and Samaritan Community members. During this process, clients gain strength and insights into their lives and begin to understand the real issues that may be preventing them from achieving their goals. Samaritan Community assists clients individually and in groups.

- **Crisis intervention counseling:** Financial and other material needs frequently surface. Through counseling and tangible assistance, Samaritan Community provides an invaluable safety net for people in crisis. We help people in crisis identify root causes of problems and address immediate needs and systemic circumstances and behaviors that create episodes of crisis.
- **Job Search Assistance:** Samaritan Community offers employment search assistance and referral services. The services help prepare individuals for employment by connecting participants to job readiness and training programs. We assist with resumes and job searches, providing follow-up and support. Assistance is also provided for uniforms, tools, and gently-used business clothing.
- **Women Together:** The women's support group gathers twice monthly to help women find meaning, purpose, serenity, and companionship in their lives. Loss and trauma are common threads that connect them; the group's supportive, loving environment gives women the courage to move on with their lives. Along with the heartfelt sharing of fun, laughter, and solidarity, the women gain confidence, as they become one with the group, determine their needs, and plan interesting educational activities.
- **Breakfast Club:** Men and women seeking empowerment through a supportive community are invited to join the Breakfast Club. The group meets weekly and shares a meal, followed by a group discussion or activity that explores culture, health, religion, science, or history, taking care to honor each individual's life experience. Through group counseling and communal support, members are encouraged to grow in self-discovery, improve personal relationships, and deepen their role in the community at large. All participants assume the roles of inspirer, leader, helper, or the person being supported. A group member who is a licensed acupuncturist and is certified in zero balancing, offers zero balancing and a Chi Gong or Tai Chi lesson to interested members.

## **The Samaritan Community Residence: An Aid to Recovery**

Three years ago, Samaritan Community partnered with the Episcopal Housing Corporation to operate an Oxford Recovery House at the Samaritan residence in Bolton Hill. With accommodations for up to five men, the residence provides a family environment for individuals committed to the values of mutual respect and community living. The residents live together and share the management of a home, including cooking, cleaning and basic upkeep, as well as contributing financially as they are able. This important relationship with Oxford House enables us to broaden our mission, while staff and volunteers enhance our services through our other programs.

# SAMARITAN COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS

In 2013 Samaritan Community served 1,140 people in need.



*The benefits of our services go beyond our individual clients. Their families greatly benefit as well.*

## THE FOOD PANTRY

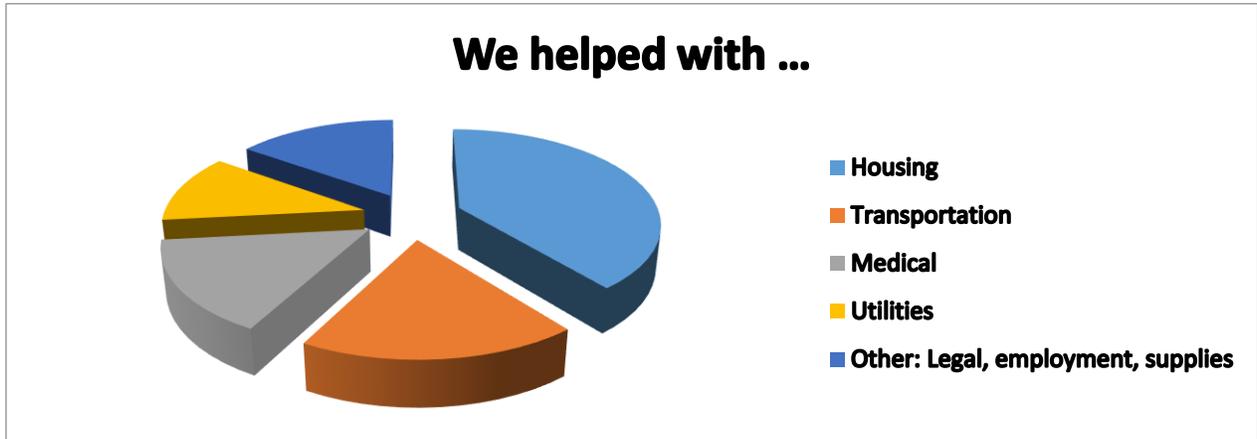
Thanks to our partners, this year we delivered more healthy groceries, including more fruits and vegetables, than ever before. More than 5,500 bags of groceries were received by 370 households, thus lessening food insecurity for approximately 1110 men, women and children.



*Adrian (left), a long-time Samaritan Community volunteer, is all smiles while delivering bread to the Food Pantry.*

## CRISIS INTERVENTION ASSISTANCE

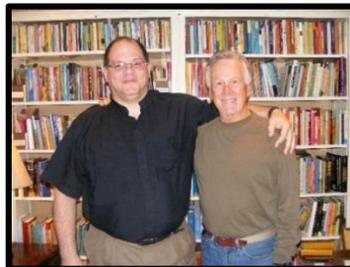
Financial assistance totaling \$26,365.84 was distributed in a total of 780 small stipends to individuals and families.



## COUNSELING

Our 3 life-skills counselors served 175 unduplicated individuals in 1,500 group and individuals sessions

*(from left): John Willard and Bill Johnston provide counseling to those who face difficult challenges in their lives*



# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of the following volunteers who have given time, talent, and compassion to help us and the people we serve.

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*If you have contributed your time, talent and compassion to the Samaritan Community in 2013 but we have inadvertently omitted your name, please let us know. We want to be sure that you are aware of how much we appreciate your service.*

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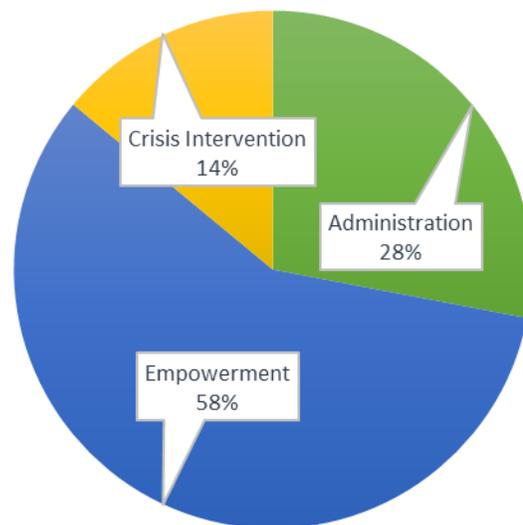
## INCOME

Annual Fund	\$89,533
Corporate & Foundation support	88,750
Events	13,800
Faith-based support	28,928
• Episcopal Diocese of Maryland	
• Memorial Episcopal	
• Other	
Investment Earnings	19,727
Miscellaneous Revenue	78
Restricted Donations	46,702
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$287,518</b>

## EXPENSES

Administration	\$69,128
Empowerment	144,740
Crisis Intervention	36,083
Capital Expenses	\$0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$249,951</b>

Administrative and Program Expenses



■ Administration ■ Empowerment ■ Crisis Intervention