

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

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Joe's Story

When Joe first arrived at the Samaritan Community in the Fall of 2009, he was homeless, having lost his full time job due to a severe heel injury. He had been told that he must have surgery. But how would he survive during the 12 weeks of recovery? How would he eat or pay rent? So he continued to work part time, here and there, but steady work was not possible due to the pain and swelling. Eventually, he lost everything and came to the Samaritan Community seeking food.

The Samaritan Community Director encouraged Joe to have the surgery and placed him in the Samaritan Residence. Joe says that without her

compassion, he would not have made it to where he is today.

The Samaritan Community supported Joe financially, physically and spiritually for the entire 3 months of recovery. It was here that he found people who were willing to listen, and who could provide him with the sensitivity and understanding he needed in order to reach a better place in his life.

Joe is now working for an office installation company earning \$14.50 per hour and is also planning for his future. Joe has begun the process to earn certification as an X-ray technician.

— Angela Allen, intern

Today At The Pantry

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Food Pantry serves clients who have requested assistance for their families. A brief visit on such a day cannot do justice to the complex schedules of multiple volunteers working to provide bags of nutritious food to neighbors in need.

The Maryland Food Bank, a crucial organization, receives our purchase orders placed by Dale Balfour, Pantry Manager for nine years. Surplus bread is picked up by volunteers from stores like Giant and Stone Mill Bakery. This week, a local Girl Scout Troop has contributed fruits and vegetables left over from a weekend camping trip. Nearby churches, and our own Memorial Episcopal, step in to help. Samaritan Board member James Blue organizes youth groups to do neighborhood drives for needed canned goods. An occasional discount purchase can provide eggs or some hot dogs to pop in a bag with the basics. And so it goes. The program always needs food and money. But in the meantime, a truly professional and dedicated group makes good things happen, week in and week out.



What's in Today's Bag? For a family of four: oatmeal, 2 quarts of powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, 4 sweet potatoes, rice, 1 onion, gravy, jam, margarine, can of beef stew, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish (from Food Bank), 10 hot dogs, 8 eggs, cottage cheese (cheap today from Sav-a-Lot), raw carrots, fresh broccoli, cut up oranges, two bananas, two apples, chicken nuggets with sauce (from Girl Scout camping trip), 2 cans of soup (from neighborhood drive), rolls, cake and a blueberry pie, a box of paczki (donations from the Giant), two packs of bologna and cheese, toilet paper and soap (purchases from Sam's Club).

— Dede Little, volunteer

Sometimes We Explore Something New

Sharing A Special Place

For several years I have been protecting one of Baltimore's most endangered streams: Stony Run, a tributary of the Jones Falls. (A "run" is an old term for stream; "falls" refers to places in the stream where the water falls over boulders). Besides picking up trash, this has meant looking for sewage overflows and silt from erosion at stream-side. There is one of the more lovely walks in the city adjacent to this section of Stony Run. Long-time Baltimoreans may remember when the Ma and Pa railroad tracks into the city were taken up creating this special place. As a member of the Samaritan Breakfast Club, I was eager to show off this delightful walk to my fellow breakfasters and to talk about the negative impact of careless human behavior on the health of our streams.

— Guy Hollyday, volunteer

— Watch for your invitation in the mail—

Samaritan Community's annual GALA Night at the Charles Theater

Monday, May 24

A reception in the lobby starts at 6 P.M. with movies starting at 7 P.M., but times vary, depending on the movie. Mingle and feast on delicious food and wine and then enjoy the movies.

Tickets are \$50 (\$40 is tax deductible).

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**The Samaritan Community
QUIK SNAPSHOT**

Emergency food distributed by the food pantry in 2009, increased by 2,000 bags from the previous year.

Services offered

- crisis intervention and referral,
- individual counseling and therapy,
- support groups,
- employment assistance, and
- emergency food pantry

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in volunteering in the Samaritan Community
Please contact
Sharon Krieger at
410.669.1229.

Girl Scouts, Oranges and Broccoli

A recent food contribution to the Samaritan Community is the result of over-buying for a Girl Scout Father/Daughter Dance. I am the treasurer of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Service Unit 82 and our unit's dance was held on January 23rd at the Towson American Legion.

I received a call on January 24th asking if the Samaritan Community could use the leftover food. As a Samaritan pantry volunteer, I was thrilled to get the call and even happier when I picked up the food and saw that the leftovers were nutritious snacks, not just junk food. There were oranges, broccoli and chicken pieces. I took the trunk-full of food home and transferred it to Matt Weinstock, my husband, and delivery guy extraordinaire, to deliver Monday, on his lunch break.

Our GS Service Unit also donates canned goods to the Samaritan Community every February following our Thinking Day celebration and in conjunction with the GSCM Harvest for the Hungry campaign, and the leftovers from our camping adventures routinely make their way onto the pantry shelves of the Samaritan Community.
— Chris Malanga, volunteer



The Breakfast Club

I find myself looking forward to coming to work, especially on Tuesday mornings. No matter how I'm feeling on that particular day, I always know that by the end of every Breakfast Club meeting, I'll leave with some thought provoking element of inspiration.

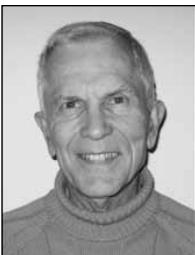
One of Sharon's goals with the support group is to communicate to us all that any separation we may see on the surface, whether it be rich/impooverished, client/non-client, black/white, or man/woman...is a misconception. Through seeing aspects of myself in the stories of the individuals who attend the Breakfast Club, and being given the opportunity to share in their joys and trials, I have discovered that, by listening to one another, the separations that society builds between us become truly invisible.

— Angela Allen, Intern

Just in case you're wondering... Samaritan Community Needs
dried beans and whole grains, low salt and low fat canned food, fruit juice, men's casual clothing, outdated cassette tape recorders.

**Getting To Know The Directors of the Board
Lee Taylor, Ph.D.**

Dr. Taylor was born and raised in Baltimore. He attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, and the Johns Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. in Systems Engineering. He was a Senior Executive in the Defense Department where he led groups engaged in research in computer security. He has been a very active member of Memorial Episcopal Church for 44 years during which he has been a vestry member several times and the treasurer twice. He is currently on the board of the Memorial Apartments, where he was previously the treasurer.



Lee, and his wife, Janet, have been aware and appreciative of the work of the Samaritan Community since its start. For the past 10 years they've been involved financially and through various volunteer activities.

During the past 4 years, Lee has contributed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Samaritan Community; he has worked to organize, reproduce, and mail 1000 copies of this News twice a year. Lee views fundraising as one of his essential roles. He has been the primary worker for both the spring and fall events. He enlists the help of other Board members, and ensures that the equipment and food are provided and prepared. Lee even prepares some of the food himself, all while managing the work during the events. Words of appreciation seem hardly adequate.