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# The Samaritan Community Connection

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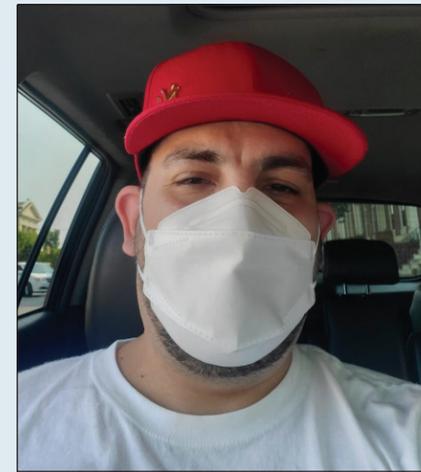


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### Ben and Anna's Story: On The Road to Stability After Devastating Loss



*Ben and his wife, Anna, came to Samaritan Community after a devastating house fire. Today, Ben has a job and is applying for CDL driving school.*

Like so many, Ben and Anna first came to Samaritan Community at their very lowest point when they suddenly became homeless after a house fire. Our Program Director, Sharon, and other Samaritan Community staff first helped with financial assistance for a hotel and a cell phone so that Ben could work.

After getting Ben and Anna stabilized, Samaritan Community also provided a security deposit and first month's rent on a new apartment for them as well as healthy food from our pantry. In addition, Sharon helped Ben, a sedan driver, replace important

documents that were lost in the fire. These documents will allow him to apply and attend CDL school to drive commercial trucks, which will be a better job.

"I couldn't believe how many ways that Sharon and my friends at Samaritan Community were willing to help us," says Ben. "Along with all of the other things they have helped us with, when Sharon learned how much pain my wife was in due to her teeth, she got her an emergency appointment with a dentist who fixed her terrible pain that same day, after months of sleepless nights."

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"They have both worked so bravely to be successful and have had to overcome so many obstacles to get there. I am grateful that we could help them along the way," says Sharon. "I know that Ben and Anna will achieve their goals and I am happy that we will be there for the entire process and can share in the joy of their successes."

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# Samaritan Community Spends A Day In The Country



This summer, it was time to get out of the city and into nature. A group of Samaritan Community members went to a serene 600-acre farm in Howard County. It was a beautiful day for a picnic lunch, hayride,



quiet walks, and community. Together they saw wildlife, wheat fields, livestock, woods, and took a hayride through the creek that feeds in Washington DC's main reservoir.

The power of community is at the center of Samaritan Community. Being together and sharing with one another promotes healing as well as builds and strengthens connections. After more than two years of the pandemic and the limitations

it brought, it was particularly special and rewarding to gather together in the peaceful countryside, enjoying a meal as a group, and laughing and bonding as a community. And to do all of this on a glorious summer day was something no one will forget.



*It's a family affair for Matthew, Erin, and Christine.*



*Vabren and Peter pose during a chat.*



*It was wonderful to be together again.*



*Wendy and Alma are all smiles at the Gala.*



*Lynn makes a bid at the silent auction.*

## Did You See Us At The Festival On The Hill?

Samaritan Community's story began more than 40 years ago as a food cupboard in the Bolton Hill section of Baltimore. While much has changed since then, some things have not. Samaritan Community continues to be a proud member of the Bolton Hill community.

On a beautiful fall day, Samaritan Community was part of the annual Festival on the Hill event. We joined fellow Bolton Hill groups, neighbors, clubs, and friends for a day celebrating all things Bolton Hill and what makes it a special place for so many. We sold coffee and muffins as a small fundraiser for Samaritan Community. We were also honored to be one of two local organizations who received proceeds from the event.

Thank you, Bolton Hill, for your warmth, kindness and generosity!



*Board Members - Gus, Marjorie, and Wendy - were some of those representing Samaritan Community at this year's Festival on the Hill.*



## Nice To Be Back! Samaritan Community's Movie Night Gala Returns

This September, Samaritan Community held its Movie Night Gala at The Charles for the first time since the pandemic began. After years of not being able to host the event, this year's Gala was perhaps the most joyful one yet. In total, the fundraising event raised more than \$13,000 with proceeds going directly to support Samaritan Community's work of providing assistance to individuals and families who are in crisis in Baltimore.

For many, the well-attended event was the first time they had been to a gathering of any kind in years - making it an extra special time for all of us to be together.

"It is such a thrill to see my Samaritan friends again. I knew I would have a wonderful time, but I didn't fully realize just how emotional it would be for me," said one guest.

Tapas Teatro did a fantastic job of preparing a delicious dinner and guests were thrilled to see a movie of their choice, thanks to The Charles Theatre. The always popular silent auction didn't disappoint! From original artwork from local artists to Orioles tickets to an at-home wine tasting, the auction alone raised roughly \$3,000.

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