



THE SAMARITAN COMMUNITY

PO Box 4848
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Learn how Samaritan Community helps
Baltimore neighbors in need.





Mark's Story: Thriving After Setbacks



Mark came to us during a rough period. He's now back at work and looking forward to a bright future.

Mark first came to Samaritan Community soon after he was laid off at the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Mark had been a successful salesperson, but as a young man, he did not have much in savings and found himself in crisis. Dave Hansen, our Assistant to The Program Director, helped Mark with groceries from our pantry.

“The quality and nutritiousness of the food I was getting amazed me. Because of some health concerns, I try to eat healthy, anti-inflammatory foods. Dave was amazing and supported me 100% as I worked to get my life back on track,” recalls Mark.

In addition to help with high-quality and healthy food, we also helped Mark when he had surgery on his hip.

“They helped me with my co-pays for much of the recovery process. I was fortunate to have health insurance, but I could not have afforded the co-pays for my recovery without Samaritan Community,” says Mark. “When I needed help more than ever in my life, Dave and Samaritan Community were there for me.”

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Mark has a job again in sales. He also took courses and recently earned a certificate in cybersecurity and is looking forward to a bright future in that growing field.

“Mark is appreciative of whatever assistance he received and has offered to volunteer for us to show his gratitude,” says Dave. “I am positive Mark will be very successful as he begins his new career.”

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All About Alma, Samaritan Board Member: Dedicated To Others For More Than 40 Years (And Counting)



Alma is involved and recognized throughout Baltimore for her commitment to helping others in the community.

At our very beginning, more than 40 years ago, Samaritan Community was a small group of volunteers who staffed a food pantry for people in-need in the neighborhood. In addition to Sharon Krieger, now our Program Director, one of the earliest volunteers was Alma Bell, a current member of our Board of Directors.

Quickly it became clear that much more was needed to help those who attended. And once again, Alma continued to be part of our evolution to what we are today: a full-service 501c(3) non-profit that provides services designed to provide practical help with strong emotional support.

Alma has served most of her time at Samaritan Community as a Board Member or volunteer. After cycling off the Board a few years ago, we are thrilled that Alma recently returned.

“One of the things that I love about Samaritan Community is that people are able to come to us for a few weeks or a few years, depending on their needs. That is truly special,” says Alma.

We are delighted to, once again, benefit from Alma’s wisdom, passion, and institutional knowledge. We can’t thank her enough.



Alma and fellow Board Member, Wendy, celebrate at this year’s Movie Night Gala at The Charles.

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John, Food Pantry Volunteer, Delivers More Than Food



Every Thursday, John makes sure our members get the fresh, healthy, and delicious food donated from Whole Foods Market Mt. Washington.

At the very heart of Samaritan Community is our amazing team of committed, capable, and compassionate volunteers. John is a perfect example of this. For the past three years, John has been picking up invaluable food donations from Whole Foods Market Mt. Washington to our food pantry.

No matter the weather, he has been there for us. Because of John’s dedication, our members and their families have been able to rely on getting healthy and delicious produce, prepared foods, and other groceries. This was particularly important during the pandemic when many members faced even greater uncertainty in their lives.

“Every Thursday, we know John will arrive at our door with a smile and fresh food. It means the world to us and the families we serve!” says Sharon Krieger, Program Director.

Thank you, John!

For more information about volunteering at Samaritan Community, visit www.samaritancommunity.org/getinvolved.

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Samaritan Community Starts New “Wednesday Club”

Samaritan Community provides crucial and practical services - financial assistance, case management, a food pantry, and more – but helping bring people out of isolation and into a community is as important to us. Often, being isolated creates or worsens existing problems. That’s why, in addition to the strong emotional support we provide on an individual basis to each member, we also hold group activities.

When the pandemic hit, we had to adjust. We continued to serve our members – by phone, outdoors, or one-on-one with masks. But we greatly missed being together, as a community, in groups.

With the world basically back to “normal” now, we have started to carefully come together again. Each Wednesday, a dozen members meet at our new “Wednesday Club”. We play different “brain games” together and participate in group discussion about issues affecting society or one another personally.

To some, this return towards normal may seem unremarkable. But to those at “Wednesday Club”, it seems like a beautiful spring day after a very long winter.



Wednesday Club is a time for us to come together as a community.



“NEW” MAILING ADDRESS!

To improve time and reliability of your mail to us, we now have a new mailing address:

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SAMARITAN BY THE NUMBERS!

In 2022,
Samaritan Community:

- Served approximately 300 households – impacting roughly 610 men, women, and children
- Provided 2,300 bags of groceries to about 210 households through direct-to-member deliveries and pantry visits
- Held an estimated 2,000 case management sessions to help roughly 170 members with issues related to housing, utilities, employment, medical care, transportation, legal help, and more
- Worked closely with members to help address and heal from difficult circumstances through an estimated 600 sessions of individual empowerment counseling
- Distributed roughly \$300,000 in emergency financial assistance across 130 households to help with rent, utility bills, transportation costs, employment expenses, medical care, and more.

And we couldn't
have done it
without the **ONE**
person who really
makes a difference –
YOU!