



New Beginnings

News from Baltimore Outreach Services



April 2010

Baltimore Outreach Services is Going Green!

Operating an emergency shelter for 40 homeless women and children 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, generates a lot of recycling opportunity! Baltimore Outreach Services is committed to protecting the environment by minimizing its "carbon footprint" whenever possible. We've replaced disposable Styrofoam cups with re-useable plastic cups, and make an effort to recycle all disposable paper, cans and plastic items -- both in the shelter and in our administrative offices. As an additional measure, the quarterly *New Beginnings Newsletter* is now offered in an *e-format*. Not only will this minimize the amount of paper waste, but it also helps to reduce our mailing costs. If you have received this newsletter via email and prefer to receive a paper copy OR if you have received a paper copy and would prefer to be included in the email distribution, please email Donna Rich at drich@baltimoreoutreach.org and let her know your preference or you can sign up on our website at www.baltimoreoutreach.org. Please help us do our part to improve efficiency and reduce waste.

Annual New Beginnings Spring Gala

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, Baltimore Outreach Services will hold the annual [New Beginnings Spring Gala](#) -- our annual event to raise funds for the homeless women and children's shelter. An elegant evening of great food and entertainment is planned, including a wide variety of fabulous silent and live auction items -- getaways, popular restaurants, beautiful new and estate jewelry, art, wine, airline tickets and more! Tours of the shelter will also be provided. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$90 is tax deductible). The event sells out each year, with over 250 people in attendance, so please reserve your tickets early!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 24, 2010 -
New Beginnings Spring Gala

Sunday, June 6, 2010 - Bach
Society Benefit Concert

Friday, October 15, 2010 -
Jon Schmidt Benefit Concert

A special thanks to our current Corporate Sponsors:

- Thrivent Financial *for Lutherans*
- Northrop Grumman
- Arrow Parking
- Constellation Energy
- Brown Advisory
- Dynamed Solutions
- Papa Leone's Spaghetti House
- Charles Light Street Parking
- KEYW Corporation Community Connection
- MEDEX Global Group, Inc.

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We are still seeking event sponsorships and donations for the silent auction. Support from all donors will be acknowledged during the night of the event, on the BOS website and in the

New Beginnings newsletter, which has a distribution of 3,000 in the Baltimore metropolitan area. Anything you can do to help will have a direct, positive impact on the quality of life for some of Baltimore's most disadvantaged residents. For more information about becoming a corporate sponsor, to make a donation to the silent auction, or to purchase tickets please contact Donna Rich, c/o Baltimore Outreach Services, 701 S. Charles Street, 21230, by phone (410) 752-7179 ext 215 or email at drich@baltimoreoutreach.org.

spring and will become home to a mother and children currently living in the BOS shelter.

A Place to Call Home

Providing affordable housing opportunities for the shelter residents is among our top priorities. The [BOS transitional housing program](#) expansion continues this year with the addition of 2 properties in the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay area. Renovations on the first property are completed and on January 25, 2010 the property was dedicated, *The Eileen Foreman House* -- in loving memory of former Deputy Director Eileen Foreman, whose hard work and dedication on behalf of homeless women and children continues to inspire the BOS mission. *The Eileen Foreman House* is now home to Angela and her 2 sons who were separated since becoming homeless 3 month ago. When asked what it meant for her to be reunited with her sons, Angela responded:

"Finding yourself in a situation which takes you away from those you love dearly is heartbreaking. During my separation from my family Baltimore Outreach Services helped me to have hope and the faith that things were going to get better. The three months I spent in the shelter were hard... Baltimore Outreach Services not only gave us a place to live but furnished it as well. They have been tremendously supportive and never once made me feel as though I didn't matter to them. What they do to help others is above and beyond what anyone could ever expect. My family is very grateful and humbled by this whole experience. Without the shelter I don't know what we would have done or where we would be."

The 2nd Brooklyn-Curtis Bay property will be ready for occupancy this