

A SUCCESS STORY

Michelle lived in the BOS homeless shelter for fifteen months. As a victim of domestic violence, she sought refuge in heroin and became addicted. None of her family had ever been involved with drugs. After entering the shelter, first she attended intensive outpatient services for drug treatment, spending all day working on her recovery five days a week. Then she attended our culinary arts training program. With her newly acquired skills, soon she began working for temporary food service agencies, and then progressed to working for a caterer. It wasn't long before Michelle found the job of her dreams. She is working for Baltimore Country Club in a full-time job with benefits. She lives with her daughter in one of our transitional housing units in the Curtis Bay community. When asked about her experience with the BOS program she said, "I love my house and I love my life. It is like moving back into the light to be a regular person again. I really thank all the people who helped me get my life together when I lost everything."

With your help we are breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty one woman, and one child at a time.

Thank You for Your Support!!

We are very proud that 5 of our current staff are former residents of our homeless shelter

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BALTIMORE CITY HOMELESSNESS FACTS

Did you know?

- ✚ On any given night, more than **3,400 men, women and children in Baltimore City are homeless.**
- ✚ Women and children – the most vulnerable populations – make up **43 percent of Baltimore’s homeless population.**
- ✚ There are only **258 permanent shelters beds to house homeless women and their children.**
- ✚ The rate of homelessness in Baltimore is on the rise – up **12% in 2009 from 2007.**
- ✚ Nationally, women and children are the fastest growing homeless population.

BALTIMORE OUTREACH SERVICES *Housing * Education * Opportunity*

Since 2002, Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. (BOS) has provided housing, education, jobs, and other support services to homeless and impoverished women and children in Baltimore. BOS operates a 24 hr/7 day per week emergency shelter that is home to up to 40 women and children on any given night.

We offer a multi-faceted program that addresses the underlying causes of homelessness

Services for women

- housing placement
- job training & educational assistance
- mental health therapy
- substance abuse treatment
- financial literacy and parenting classes

Services for children

- after school academic program
- summer field trips
- child therapist & therapeutic day care
- pediatric nurse practitioner.

Services for prior residents

- food and clothing assistance
- counseling, and resource referral.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING *A Path to Independence*

Some of our residents need additional support after leaving the shelter. Transitional housing is a 2 year program that combines independent living with intensive counseling and mentoring that encourages growth to achieve goals of financial stability and allows prior shelter residents time to address outstanding issues that can be barriers to long-term success.

Our transitional housing program provides safe, affordable housing to 6 families who previously lived in the shelter.

CULINARY ARTS TRAINING *Marketable Skills for Success*

Culinary Arts Job Training is an 8-week program taught on-site by Chef Connie Crabtree. Each week is composed of basic cooking and kitchen skills in addition to classroom instruction. The focus is to teach the basic skills and terms needed for employment in a commercial kitchen at the level of beginning prep cook.

62% of our culinary graduates are employed at well-known Baltimore area businesses including the National Aquarium, the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, the Pikesville Hilton, and Harbor Hospital