



New Beginnings

News from Baltimore Outreach Services



Providing Housing, Education and Jobs for Homeless Women and Their Children

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NEW BEGINNINGS SPRING GALA TO BENEFIT HOMELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN



On Saturday, April 30, 2011, Baltimore Outreach Services will hold the [New Beginnings Spring Gala](#) -- our annual event to raise funds for the BOS 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, and more! This year's art auction will feature beautiful originals by many well known artists, including works by: Regina Tumasella, David Bottini and others. 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! We are currently seeking corporate sponsorships and donations for the silent auction. All donors will be acknowledged in the event program book, 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 corporate sponsorships, to make a donation to the silent auction or to purchase tickets please contact Baltimore Outreach Services, (410) 752-7179, or info@baltimoreoutreach.org. We hope to see you there.

A special THANKS to our Corporate Sponsors

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INTERNSHIP FOR CULINARY PROGRAM GRADUATES

Since beginning the BOS Culinary Arts Job Training program in 2005, more than 100 formerly homeless women have enrolled. The graduates have secured jobs at well-known Baltimore-area businesses including the National Aquarium, the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, the Pikesville Hilton, Harbor Hospital, and the Baltimore Country Club. The skills acquired by the women who complete the training are the basis for a career in the food services industry and can have a lasting impact on their ability to care for themselves and their children. However, the sluggish economy presents a difficult challenge for our graduates. The marketplace is saturated with job candidates and many employers will not consider applicants with a less than perfect work history. Most of our students have little work experience and some have criminal backgrounds. To provide additional support for the graduates as they transition to full-time employment,

we are expanding the program to include an eight-week paid internship. The interns will be placed in local restaurants and/or food service businesses and receive an hourly wage paid by BOS, while continuing to hone their culinary skills and gaining valuable on-the-job work experience. The program will begin in spring 2011. BOS would like to thank The Abell Foundation, The Dresher Foundation, the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle, the FoodPRO Corp Fund, Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Ms. Dawn Carlson for their commitment to helping homeless women acquire valuable job skills. If you would like to make a donation to the BOS Culinary Job Training Program, or if you are a local restaurant or food service business that would like to host a culinary intern please contact Donna Rich at (410) 752-7179 or drich@baltimoreoutreach.org.

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The Company Store recently announced the launch of a Buy One, Give One Comforter Donation Program to benefit homeless children across the country. For every comforter purchased, The Company Store will donate a new comforter to a homeless child. BOS is pleased to be a beneficiary organization of the program and is thankful to have received 25 comforters for the women and children's shelter. To learn more about this program, visit www.facebook.com/thecompanystore.

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the word to family & friends!**

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Thank you for your help!

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