



MONUMENTAL NEWS



Dear Friends of Marian House,

It is not always easy to think about what to say in this space. Sometimes the words come easily, and other times it is a struggle. I was having a hard time, until I paused in the courtyard before entering the building. There sat a young man in deep thought with this message on the back of his shirt. "In Memory Of Our Loved Ones — Who Have Gone On Before Us . . ." "I don't know who his loved ones were, but it was a thought provoking message. I found it so, because on that very day we were going to be attending the funeral services for the mother of one of our employees, a still young woman whose passing was unexpected and a great sadness for her family. Unfortunately all too often here at Marian House we have to face the deaths of people close to our women. While our women are here, safe and with the help they need, they still have friends and relatives caught up in the never ending drug culture of Baltimore. We cannot solve all those problems, but we can, one-by-one help those who find their way to Marian House.

This shirt conveys another message; one of hope for those of us who hold the work of Marian House tenderly in our hearts. "Our Loved Ones Who Have Gone On Before Us . . ." to our residents this is a message of all the women who have passed through our doors and gone on to a better life, a life free of dependency on drugs, and worry for the future. With the help of Marian House, women can overcome the obstacles of their pasts, such as lack of education, healthcare and a support system.

Here at Marian House we try to untangle the puzzles of every woman's life to discover what she needs. It is not a cookie-cutter one size fits all program. We plan the steps each woman will need to take. She works constantly with her case worker, our education manager, employment trainers and others. She gets healthcare, legal assistance, parenting skills training. Whatever is needed, we find a way to supply it. Sometimes that means new resources must be found, because some women arrive with problems we have never encountered before. But we don't let that stop us. We are prepared to take on the new challenges that come our way.

We are entering our 25th year now. We will be celebrating that anniversary in many ways. On September 29 we are having an event here at Marian House. We kept changing our mind as to how much we wanted to charge. Should it be \$50? \$25? \$10? Then we hit on exactly the right price. It will be FREE! The gates will open at 3 PM, with the ground breaking for Serenity Place, the soon to be renovated building at 3:30. This will be followed by a light reception, until 5 PM when "grilling" will begin. There will be many activities, including music, face painting, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction. Everyone will have a chance to see Marian House, talk to our residents and former residents, and see our plans for converting old St. Bernard's into new housing.

Sincerely,

Sister Loretta

P.S. Fortunately we have a staff member who always carries her camera with her. She arrived just in time to snap this inspirational picture. She is also the one you should call for event tickets. Ask for Terri at 410-467-4246.

Marian House Plays Host to Waverly Community Events

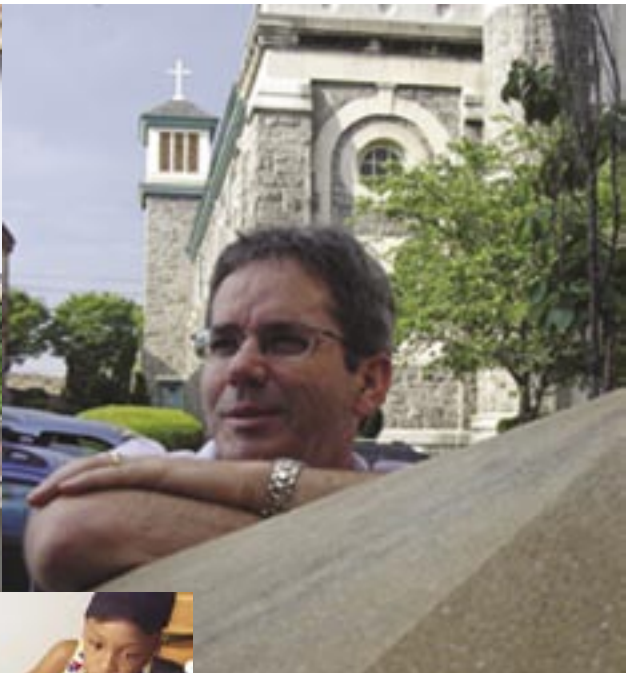
On June 9 the Marian House courtyard became the first stop for "The Real City Dream City" Art On Purpose photography exhibit. Some of our women took pictures that were included in this show. Through participation in this project, they learned a great deal about photography and the neighborhood.

On Friday, July 7 Marian House and Waverly residents came together in our courtyard to hear a wonderful performance by saxophonist Greg Thompkins.



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We Celebrate Success!

Patricia recently started working full time as a data entry specialist. She is earning a good salary with full benefits.

Theresa has taken over the lease of an apartment on University Parkway and moved out on her own. She is now teaching six grade science in a public school. She feels well equipped for moving on, and is very grateful for all Marian House has done for her.

Andrea has moved from her Shelter Plus Care apartment into a Shelter Plus Care home, as she has been reunited with both her 18 year old daughter, and her 14 year old son.

Tammi has moved from the Department of Environmental Services at Johns Hopkins Hospital (where she has worked since November, 2003) to a position as a clerical associate on the Pediatric Oncology Unit. She is also very proud to have her driver's liscence.

Mary is moving from her job at the College of Notre Dame Bookstore to the Loyola College Bookstore, where she will have increased responsibilities and the new title of General Merchandising Coordinator. Mary first started working at Notre Dame in August, 2003.

Antranette is working part-time at the Loyola College Bookstore.

Angelicia received a certificate June 3 as a Human Services Aide from BCCC and has accepted a Habitat home, which will be ready in September.

Amber, daughter of **Adrienne**, was offered scholarships from Hood College, Towson University and Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. She accepted a full tuition scholarship to BCCC where she intends to pursue the nursing program.

Audrey has passed her GED test.

Tanya was just hired as the manager of Boardwalk Fries in Mondawmin Mall.

Gwen and Sheree work in the upholstery program at the Caroline Center.

Tawney works at a medical record services agency.

Schaswette started out as a volunteer in the Maryland Inspector General's office, and has been hired to a full time position.

Eight women recently completed parenting classes at the Community Mediation Center on Greenmount Avenue.

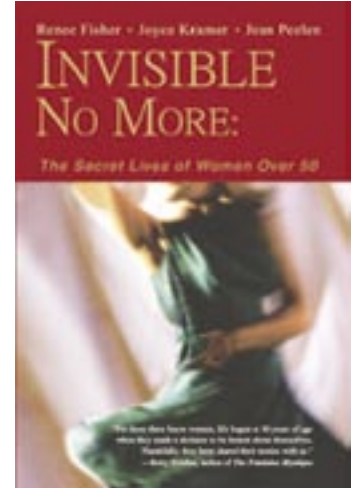


Terry graduated on July 14th from North American Trade School. She is already working with K Neal International Truck Dealership.



Destiny was given an outstanding student award for excellence. This was presented at St. Frances Academy's first Black Scholar Convocation Ceremony

Silent Auction Items



“Celebrity Griller” author Joyce Kramer, has donated a copy of her book.



Oriental Rug donated by Great Finds and Designs



Theme Baskets donated by Marian House staff.

Updated and complete list of auction items is on marian-house.org

Be a part of the blessing, as we move toward our 25th year with a special gift.

- I would like ___FREE tickets to the September 29 event.
 I would like to make a donation to Marian House of \$ _____
 I would like to give a special gift in honor of Marian House's 25th Anniversary year of \$ _____
 I would like to become a “Giving Back” matching gift partner at the following rate:
 ___ Dollar for Dollar ___ 2 X ___ 5 X ___ 10 X ___ X up to \$ _____ per year.

Name _____
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Your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law. Our current financial statement is available upon request. Contact Marian House. Documents and information submitted to the State of Maryland under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office Of the Secretary of State for the cost of copying and postage.

Website News

One of the latest additions to our website is a link to GoodSearch.com. Everytime you use GoodSearch to find something on the web, Marian House benefits. So check out the site and add GoodSearch to your tool-bar.



Homecoming September 29, 3 - 7 PM Get Your Tickets Now!

This is an event you can afford to attend, and it is worth way more than the ticket price (FREE). There are many reasons why you may want to attend:

You are a service provider to Marian House, and you want to celebrate with us.

You were a student or teacher at St. Bernard's or Holy Spirit and you want the opportunity to visit with old friends, and see how the school will become housing for low-income women.

You live in Greater Waverly, and you want to see how Marian House adds to the well-being of the community.

You are a former resident of Marian House, and you want to come home again, to see your Marian House family.

You are a supporter of Marian House, but have never actually seen our facility.

You heard there is a silent auction and you just can't pass up the opportunity to get something really great and help Marian House at the same time.

You want a chance to show your talent by grabbing the mic and belting out a karaoke tune.

You want your face painted, a free hot dog, and a chance to win a raffle.

You want to make a donation in person.

Whatever your reason, or no reason at all, you are welcome to come but please get your ticket in advance so we can purchase just the right amount of food.

Parking will be in the Johns Hopkins parking lot, which you will enter off of Independence Street, next to the Church.

Call or e-mail now to get your tickets before they are all gone. We are still accepting items for the silent auction.

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Sister Augusta Working On Marian House History

With the 25th anniversary of Marian House fast approaching, the time has come to get the history down in writing. There is no one better for the task than Sister Augusta Reilly, the second executive director of Marian House.

She is gathering pictures and stories to capture the essence of what Marian House was and what it is now, as a lead into what it will become. If you have been a long time supporter of Marian House, perhaps you have pictures and stories you would like to contribute toward this effort. If so, call 410-467-4246 and let us know.

Speaking of the 25th anniversary, you will want to save the date for our concert featuring Lea Gilmore on April 28, 2007. More information about our anniversary, the concert and other events to celebrate our anniversary will be available at "Homecoming" on September 29.



Sister Marie Celebrates Her Golden Jubilee. Marian House Throws Her a Surprise Party.

We never miss an opportunity to celebrate here at Marian House, so when Sister Marie reached the 50 year mark as a School Sister of Notre Dame, a party was planned.

Nearly 80 residents and former residents joined with the staff on July 12 to honor Sr. Marie, our Marian House II coordinator. She was given a statue, memory album and flowers. Women she had worked with in the past came to thank her for the wonderful difference she has made in their lives. Tears were shed, songs were song, food and fellowship were enjoyed. God bless you, Sr. Marie.



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