

Hope Happens! December 2010



Happy Holidays!

This year has been a great challenge for us and those that we serve, with the very poor economy and the high unemployment, to the extremely hard Winter and the State and County budget cuts we have faced, but Arundel House of Hope has stayed strong and continued to work hard to serve those in need. At a time when we needed to serve more people with less resources, our highly dedicated staff and outstanding volunteers, Arundel House of Hope has meet the challenge. Arundel House of Hope has not only found a way to serve more people than it ever has, but we also plan to add three new programs next year including a new Veterans Transitional Housing program and a Free Health Clinic.

During this Holiday Season, I hope that you will think of Arundel House of Hope and support our efforts. Here are just a few examples of what our staff and volunteers accomplished this year --provided emergency shelter for 65 men and women on the coldest nights of the year, helped a homeless client receive a much needed hip replacement surgery without health insurance, find an apartment for a family of six so they would not be homeless, provide employment and training for 6 men and women, move 15 men and women into permanent housing, and provide some "Hope" for many others that this may be their last Christmas being homeless.

If you are considering a year end gift or just want to make a donation, please consider supporting Arundel House of Hope, we truly cannot do what we do without your support. Thanks again for your continued support and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely-

Mario Berninzoni
Executive Director

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News from the WISH House

WISH House resident Susan Bagley received the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification after completing a course at Anne Arundel Community College. "Thank you to Arundel House of Hope for your love and support," said Susan. "Peace and blessings to all!"
Congratulations, Susan!

News from the Fouse Center

The Fouse Center will have two graduates this December! One of the graduates will be moving to community housing through AHOH, while the other will be settling

House of Hope Medical Clinic Dream Comes to a Realization!

A leadership team was developed in March 2010 to bring a free health clinic to Arundel House of Hope.

The HOHMC mission is: *To share the love of God by partnering with volunteer health care professionals and the local community to provide compassionate, high quality free health care and wellness services to those in need.*



Through the leadership team, we were blessed with Dr. K. Majekodunmi, an Internist associated with BWMC, to become our clinic's Medical Director. With his guidance and dedication to the process, he referred Dr. Ashwin L. Nanavati to us. Dr. Nanavati began seeing patients in November 2010. To date, the clinic has provided 55 patients with compassionate free health care.

The patient's gratitude for the clinic is genuinely expressed by Donna A., a Winter Relief guest: "The doctor was wonderful to me and provided me with the help I needed; and I feel blessed and loved by the staff's compassion."

While we are currently seeing patients at AHOH's Day and Resource Center, the clinic looks forward to the future opening of the newly renovated facility during the Spring of 2011.

We will be asking for volunteers, in particular, medical professionals, and for "sweat equity" in turning an empty bay near the Day and Resource Center into clinic space.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, or ways to support the free clinic, please contact Karen Biagiotti at kbiagiotti@arundelhoh.org

Also, please join us on January 13, 2011 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. for the groundbreaking of the House of Hope Medical Clinic!

Grant Awarded for our Veterans Program



Arundel House of Hope received a \$145,000 capital grant from the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust for our Veterans Transitional Housing Program. These funds, with the recently awarded funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will establish a transitional housing program for up to six homeless Veterans in Northern Anne Arundel County.

into his own apartment.
Congratulations to both!

Students Produce AHOH Film

Local students in the Ft. Meade area produced a film about Arundel House of Hope and our clients.

To view the video, [click here](#).

Doughy Dog Wins Over Local Competitors!

On October 31, 2010, the Doughy Dog came in 2nd place at a tasting event, competing against local restaurants such as Bill Batemans, Glory Days, and the Glen Burnie Outback Steakhouse.



The event benefited Arundel House of Hope and other chairites including NCEON, Partners in Care, and the Lutheran Mission Society.

The Doughy Dog will be closing for the winter season, but will reopen in April 2011 at a new location!

Further details will be coming soon!

And the Shoes Keep Coming!



During the summer of 2009, the Arundel House of Hope partnered with the

According to the Alliance to End Homelessness, Maryland is the 8th highest-ranking state in the country, with an estimated 4,000 homeless Veterans in this region. The goal of this new program is to assist Veterans to move back into permanent housing and end their homelessness.

Arundel House of Hope has selected a site and is under contract on a piece of property at 4103 Ritchie Highway in Brooklyn Park, Maryland. We hope to have construction completed by mid 2011 and have residents move in shortly thereafter.

This Veterans housing program, the first and only in Anne Arundel County, is designed to assist Veterans who are homeless with the transition back to independent living. This program has received support from the local, state and federal levels, and is much needed in Anne Arundel County. The program will house up to six Veterans, along with one live-in staff member, and will be handicap accessible. The program will have a strong employment, training, and educational component as well as support services for all other health-related matters. Residents may live in the program for up to two years, with the goal of moving them back to independent living.

We hope that you will support this new initiative by helping us in our effort to assist Veterans that find themselves homeless in Anne Arundel County. We will continue to keep you informed as the project moves forward. In the interim, please let me know if you have additional questions about this program, or other programs, provided by Arundel House of Hope.

Please contact me at 410-863-4888 or mberninzoni@arundelhoh.org.

New Community Housing Programs



In 2010 Arundel House of Hope was awarded a new grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Arundel Community Development Services to open two new Permanent Community Housing Programs, one will be for men and the other for women. This will allow AHOH to open two new houses that will serve up to 8 more chronically homeless men and women in permanent housing. We are currently looking for suitable

sites in Anne Arundel County and hope to have them open by the Spring 2011.

Chesapeake Foot and Ankle Center and took part in the Soles4Souls shoe program. This program is an international charity that facilitates the donation of shoes to aid the needy, both domestically and globally. With the help of our participating churches and friends, we were able to collect over 5,000 pairs of gently used and even some new shoes! And I know this because I counted them! Chesapeake Foot and Ankle acted as the collection and shipping site for these shoes. In return for our donations, we received 200 pairs of new shoes on June 5, 2009, and in July had our first new shoe giveaway. Staff and volunteers came in on a Saturday morning and a festive time was had by all, as clients of Arundel House of Hope "walked" away with a brand new pair of shoes and socks. Again in March of 2010, more shoes arrived, and we had our second shoe giveaway.

AND STILL THE SHOES KEEP COMING!

In the new year, we will receive our third delivery of new shoes. So once again, thank you to all who participated. Those shoes that took up space in your closet are truly a "gift" that keeps on giving to Arundel House of Hope.

- Marsha Urban

Upcoming Events

Bid For Hope

Our "5th Annual" "Bid For Hope" Mardi Gras Live and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 2-6pm.

It will be held at La Fontaine Bleue at 7514 S. Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie MD

Arundel House of Hope Receives Affordable Housing Award

On December 9, 2010, in Annapolis, at the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition Annual Meeting, Arundel House of Hope received an award "for our accomplishments in support of the objectives of the Anne Arundel Affordable Housing Coalition by providing opportunities for the County's most vulnerable population-the homeless."

Billy Estep, a resident of our Safe Haven Program, and Rev. Allen Traher from the Board of Directors, thanked the Coalition and for this recognition.

Arundel House of Hope is committed to continue to find ways to provide affordable housing opportunities for the poor and homeless in the community.

Winter Relief Update

With our first measurable snow fall of the year last week, it was nice to have our Winter Relief Emergency Shelter Program in operation. We are already in our tenth week of our 24 week Winter Relief season, and we have been at capacity since October. We have had 20 churches host the sheleter so far this year and we have served an average of 62 men and women per night. If you would like more information about the Winter Relief Program, please contact Phil Bailey at 410-863-4888 or pbailey@arundelhoh.org

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Menu includes:

Maryland Crab Soup,
Baltimore Style Pit Beef,
Western Maryland Pit Ham,
Chicken, Fish, Carolina Pulled
Pork BBQ, Salad Sides,
Desserts Selections, Tea,
Coffee, Soda.

Tickets are only \$40 each
or a table of 10 for \$350.

Homeless Resource Day

Anne Arundel County's 4th
annual Homeless Resource
Day will be held on Saturday,
March 26, 2011 at Glen Burnie
High School.

This event is a "one day, one
stop" opportunity for
individuals and families
experiencing homelessness to
access benefits, medical care,
substance abuse resources
and mental health counseling,
as well as a variety of social
services.

Volunteers are vital to the
success of Homeless Resource
Day, and all support is greatly
appreciated.

Interested churches, please
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