



NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Happy New Year!

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the accomplishments Arundel House of Hope and its clients have made. Our newest program, The Family Program opened its doors in the Summer of this year. We have housed two families so far with the goal of housing 2 more by Spring 2016. We are thrilled to be able to expand our services to children who are experiencing hardship and homelessness in our community. On behalf of Arundel House of Hope and its clients, thank you for your continued support and generosity over the years. We truly couldn't do it without you. I wish you a very Happy, Healthy and HOPEful New Year!

Mario Berninzoni, Executive Director



A Giant step for our clients

"Our Six Giants"

Giant Food Stores, in partnership with the Community Recovery Center (CRC), has hired over 10 clients of Arundel House of Hope, helping these individuals to access opportunities for successful reintegration into independent living. The Winter Relief Emergency Shelter (WR) program has been influential in making this collaboration a success, as the program provides a warm bed and hot meals during the hypothermia season to persons while employed at the Giant Supermarket in Odenton, MD (Store #2311).



The hirees work in various capacities in the Odenton Giant, according to their reported interests, work history and skills. Positions range from cashier, stock clerk and, even, a management trainee opportunity for those who qualify. All positions offer potential for professional development and upward mobility far into the corporate office, provided continual diligence and interpersonal growth.

The lack of public transportation remains a huge issue throughout the county, especially related to its impact on potential self-sufficiency for individuals and families through adequate employment. The CRC's staff has provided those hired with resources to better overcome the challenges of daily commuting to the Odenton Giant, which is located in a suburban region. Clients are trained how to use online public transportation applications on their government issued smartphones, such as Transit and Moovit, as well as how to navigate the local CMRT shuttle bus service, taking the J and K buses. The challenges of commuting have posed a particular barrier to four of the new hires, who have since resigned from their positions with Giant. Of the 6 remaining hirees, three individuals possess personal vehicles, two individuals manage the inconvenience of the arduous commute, and one person has managed to transfer to a local Giant given his stellar performance and high level of productivity.

The future is looking brighter for the 6 hirees that remain with Giant Food Stores. They have access to critical support services, including tools and resources to save their income while staying in the shelter. Phil Bailey, one of the more visible founders of Arundel House of Hope, advanced his professional career at Giant Food Stores. I have come to believe, it is one of the earlier experiences in his career that has proven influential in strengthening his empathy and care for the people we serve. It is my hope that these 6 hirees garner a similar compassion for serving in the community, and perhaps become founders of their own social movement for positive change.

written by Terri Alexander



Bid for Hope 2016

Bid for Hope 2016 is fast approaching! This will mark our 10th year hosting this live/silent auction fundraising event.

Mark your calendars for Valentine's Day, February 14,

2016 at La Fontaine Bleue located at 7514 Ritchie Highway in Glen Burnie. The



event will be from 2-6pm; tickets are \$45/each or a table of ten for \$400. If you would like more information please click on the link below.

[Visit our website for more info](#)



Join Our Cause

As we enter the coldest months of the year we ask you to please be mindful of those who are in need this Winter. If you would like to donate to Arundel House of Hope, monetarily, in kind, or with your time, please visit our website. We, and especially those we serve, **THANK YOU** in advance for your kindness and support. [Offer Hope](#)

