



Arundel House of Hope

Helping the Homeless Since 1992

September 2015

NEWS & NOTES

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Success Story

A native of Kenya, Charles Wahome came to our Fouse Center in August, 2014. Charles left his home in Kenya a few years prior to pursue his education, primarily focused on a career in hospitality. He spent some time in Norway before finding a home in the United States. Upon hearing the news of his mother's untimely death, Charles returned home to Kenya to handle her funeral arrangements. When he returned to the United States, about a month later, Charles found he had lost his job. Grief stricken over the loss of his mother, Charles turned to alcohol to help ease his pain; he spent many nights in his car, bottle in hand.



Charles attributes his current success to the help and guidance he received while at The Fouse Center. While there, he went to school at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC), became a Resident Assistant at the Fouse Center within a few months of being admitted into the program, was a mentor and friend to newcomers, and saved enough to put a down payment on the truck that he uses for his business.

Charles says the key to success (in the program) is to have the willingness to succeed, to be committed to the process and to comply with the rules of the program. Charles has been employed as a courier with Expedite for the past seven (7) months and hopes to open his own

hospitality franchise one day. Charles moved into his own apartment in August 2015 and is doing great! As he says, "people say if you think you can, you can. I think I can".

Winter Relief Kickoff

REMINDER: Our annual Winter Relief kickoff meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd**, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church located at 1800 Seton Drive in Crofton at 7pm. Please contact **Karen Biagotti** at 410-863-4888, ext. 112 or kbiagotti@arundelhoh.org for more information about this event. We are always looking for new congregations to come on board and participate in our Winter Relief Program. If you know of a congregation that would be interested, please let Karen know. Thank you!

Join Our Cause

Volunteers are needed! We are currently looking for help with our Family Program and Adult Literacy Program. Our current needs include the following: adult small group facilitators for computer training, reading skills development, life skills and math and assistants for adult small groups, after school snacks, playtime, mentors and coaches. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact **Elaine Hill** at 410-863-4888 Ext 113 or ehill@arundelhoh.org. Participation will require a commitment of approximately 1-4 hours weekly. We thank you in advance for your help!

Reaping the Benefits

The residents of The Fouse Center took advantage of the abundance of tomatoes and other vegetables that grew in their backyard square foot gardens. The residents worked as a team to make and freeze 30 pounds of marinara sauce!



Fundraising Update

SAVE THE DATE

for our **10th annual Bid for Hope** Live & Silent auction. Bid for Hope will be held on February 14, 2016 from 2-6pm at La Fontaine Bleue located at 7514 S. Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Tickets are available for

10th Annual
Bid for Hope 2016

\$45/person or a table of ten for \$400. Please contact Jane Hudgins at 410-218-1747 or bid4hope@comcast.net for more ticket information. If you would like to be a sponsor for this event or you would like to donate a silent or live auction item, please contact Katie Peiffer at 410-599-0750 or kpeiffer@arundelhoh.org for more information.

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