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Dear Mario,

We have had a busy Summer with Arundel House of Hope. The Seafood Festival was a great success, thanks to everyone that volunteered, and the New Safe Haven Program should open its doors by December, and we are getting ready for Winter Relief's 15th Season. The Board of Directors are working on our Strategic Plan through 2010, if you would like to participate, please contact Mario at mberninzoni@arundelhoh.org. We will also be involved in the fundraising event benefiting Arundel House of Hope, "Bid for Hope" on Sunday, February 11th, 2007 at La Fontaine Bleu in Glen Burnie. We will continue to keep you updated on all the new activities and events. Mario Berninzoni Executive Director

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Seafood Festival was a Success

Everyone had a great time!

On September 8th, 9th, and 10th we participated for the first time in the Maryland Seafood Festival held at Sandy Point State Park. This was a big endeavor for us and we have never done anything of the magnitude before. Phil Bailey worked very hard in coordinating this event with the help from Marsha Urban and Robbie Miller. We had over 100 Volunteers participate in this event and we sold more than \$10,000 in food and refreshments, we hope to sell even more next year (We sold out completely of Catfish and fries). We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped and we will look forward to next year's event.



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Winter Relief

By Phil Bailey



November 6th starts the 15th year of our Winter Relief ministry. Fifteen years of being the face of God to people who are homeless in our community. Fifteen years of discerning God's will for this ministry. Fifteen years of following His direction and prospering because of it. Fifteen years with much more work to do and the will to see it through. The 2006-2007 season will be 21 weeks long with 32 churches acting as Shelter Sites. This is an additional 2 weeks of dual sites over last year. We want to welcome Our Lady of the Chesapeake in Pasadena and Church of the Crucifixion in Marley as new Shelter Sites. The additional services we are able to offer because the Day Center is open will change the face of Winter Relief. Please make sure you are able to join with your partners in ministry to kick off this new year of service on October 28, at 7pm. Our kick off will be held again this year at St. Christophers in Linthicum. Please make plans to be there.

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Luray Mann is Selected as "Baltimore's Best Mom"

Congratulations Luray



Luray Mann, our staff member, was selected in May by FOX 45 Morning News as "Baltimore's Best Mom" Luray's daughter nominated her and she won first prize. She brings the qualities of being "Baltimore Best Mom" to Arundel House of Hope and we truly appreciate it. So now everyone knows what a great, thoughtful, and selfless person Luray is. Congratulations Luray from everyone in Arundel House of Hope, you sure deserve it! So if you ever come to the Fouse Center or Day Center, you might get a glimpse of "Baltimore's Best Mom".

Day and Resource Update

By Phil Bailey

The Resource and Day Center continues to grow in both the number of people being served and the services being offered. Since we opened our doors on April 3 we have worked with 173 individuals in need of our help. The majority of these are people new to Arundel House of Hope with only 30% coming from Winter Relief. We are certain that the world will change again for us come November 6th when Winter Relief begins the sheltering season. We anticipate a record breaking year in the number of people being sheltered and the number of people we refer to other services. This will be the first year we will be able to provide comprehensive services during the day. The possibilities are very exciting. Volunteers are still needed to help in several areas. Please get the word out to the members of your congregations that I would love to talk to them about joining this ministry.



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BEATING THE ODDS

By Ainhoa Torrado



Skip came to the Fouse Center on February 14th, 2005 after 30 years of incarceration. The pass of such a long time and the fact that he was in his early 20's when he went to prison resulted in a culture shock. Everything had changed "out here" as Skip knew it, and he had also changed through his jail experiences for 30 years. Skip was like a child as far as knowing how to conduct himself as the adult he was in an unknown world. He was insecure and afraid and did not really believe he could do anything, make it out here, or that he was worthy of anything. These feelings and his "jail mentality" proved to be a serious challenge; as a matter of fact they still are at times. However, Skip has come a long way. He graduated the Fouse Center on August 15th, 2005 and since then he has accomplished great things. Skip has a great job and is number one sales person in the nation for his company. His income is more than he ever dreamed he could earn upon his release. He has his own apartment and has furnished it beautifully. He has plans of buying a house. He owns his own car, and has become great at maintaining savings to ensure himself a safety net for what may happen tomorrow. He continues to do well with his Parole and should complete it in two more years. Even his Parole Agent has great respect and admiration for him. But more importantly, Skip has been able to establish friendships with people who really care about him, who feel happy to hear he is doing well and maintaining in his life. We always knew Skip could do it, but this meant nothing until Skip believed he could do it himself. Even though Skip still has things to work on, as we all do, he is doing remarkably well. Skip has managed to beat the odds that were stacked up high against him, and we are very proud of him. He continues to come to us for guidance and support and we are glad that he has found a second family in The Fouse Center that he thinks of as highly as we do of him.

Arundel House of Hope's Newest Staff Member

By Carol Heflebower

One of the goals of the Community Supportive Housing Program is to establish habits, skills, and the ability for each resident to live independently. As housemates, the residents support each other in sustaining recovery and moving towards responsible independence. AA and NA meetings, group counseling, steady employment and case management blend to become tools for success. Our most current success story is Kim Palmer. Kim has enjoyed the results of hard work and personal investment as a Fouse Center graduate, Community Supportive Housing resident, and now has started a new chapter in his journey towards independent living. The anticipated opening of the Safe Haven program in Brooklyn in November has presented both an employment and a housing opportunity for Kim. He has been hired as a staff member of Arundel House of Hope and will be the Resident Manager for the Safe Haven program. During the preparation period for the opening, Kim has been helpful at the Day and Resource Center and the Fouse Center, while remaining a resident in Community Supportive Housing. When renovations are complete at the Safe Haven, Kim will move there to prepare for the residents to move in mid to late November. The life experience that Kim brings to the Safe Haven will be invaluable as he interacts with residents who are "where he has been". Kim's patience, compassion and knowledge of substance abuse will be an important resource for the Safe Haven residents. Please join the staff and members of Arundel House of Hope in congratulating Kim on his success in achieving independence, and in thanking Kim for his eagerness to share his life to help these others in need.



Boscov's Gala Preview

Benefiting Arundel House of Hope

Be the first to see the new Boscov's Department Store in Marley Station. Boscov's is partnering with Arundel House of Hope and holding its Grand Opening on Friday, October 27th from 10am-10pm. You can only purchase tickets for this event with 100% of all proceeds going to nonprofit organizations. Tickets are only \$5 (100% goes to Arundel House of Hope) and there will be entertainment, refreshments, and many give-aways. If you would like to



purchase tickets please contact Luray Mann at the Day Center, 410-863-4888. If we have the most people attend this event we will also receive a \$1,500 bonus. So go out there and get shopping and support Arundel House of Hope at the same time. For more info, please contact Luray at lmann@thefousecenter.com.

It's That Time Again- The United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign begin their campaigns. If you give please designate Arundel House of Hope for your donation. Our number this year for the Combined Federal Campaign is **6603** We do not have a number for the United Way, but you can designate to Arundel House of Hope. Thank you for your continued support and we appreciate all that you do for us.

Sincerely, Mario Berninzoni



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