

# Greater Promise

the Campaign for CATHOLIC CHARITIES

## FRIEND,

When we launched the Greater Promise Campaign late last year, we announced a goal of \$75 million – an ambitious sum aimed at supporting a range of priorities, including expanding housing options to Marylanders in need, making repairs and renovations across key program sites, and raising our minimum wage to offer more socially just employment.

Through an outpouring of support, we exceeded our initial goal, raising \$94 million. Given this remarkable commitment and the ongoing need,

[agreaterpromise.org](http://agreaterpromise.org)

one generous family stepped up with a challenge: They offered to match the next \$3 million in donations, dollar-for-dollar, to bring our total to \$100 million. It is a sum that honors the start of our centennial year and allows us to respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Over the past 100 years, Catholic Charities has been privileged to serve Marylanders, buoyed in our work by like-minded supporters and partners. Today, we have the opportunity to make bold, transformational change for the next generation, sustaining and growing

programs and services that are working, while piloting and innovating in areas identified as needing more.

Our ability to serve neighbors across Maryland depends on the generosity of the community around us, and a shared vision in our greater promise to Maryland. Thank you for considering this invitation to join us in this effort.

William J. McCarthy, Jr.,  
Executive Director

*Bill McCarthy*



FALL 2022

# BLESSINGS

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## Baltimore to host the Annual Gathering of Catholic Charities USA

**FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES,** Baltimore will host the Annual Gathering of Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) this fall, kicking off the centennial year of Catholic Charities of Baltimore and offering opportunities to highlight the local agency's programs, experts, and partnerships.

The Annual Gathering attracts hundreds of Catholic Charities professionals, volunteers, and partners from across the country for three days of speakers, workshops, tours, meetings, and networking. The location for the event changes each year.

"We purposefully put in to be the local host during our centennial year," said Mary Anne O'Donnell, project manager for the



agency's centennial. "It was a good time to have it in Baltimore. The Gathering gives us the chance to highlight the partnerships and trust that we have forged across our communities and show our national colleagues that Baltimore is more than what you hear in the news."

More than a dozen Catholic Charities of Baltimore employees will present at sessions during the event, which runs from Sept. 27 to 29. In addition, the agency will host tours of Our Daily Bread Employment Center and of local affordable housing options.

### A welcome and kick-off in one

A Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori at the Basilica of the Assumption will serve the dual purpose of welcoming

the CCUSA group and launching the year-long celebration of the local agency's 100th anniversary.

"We are privileged and honored to host our colleagues from across the country as we share the ministry, work and impact of Catholic Charities, where it all began—right here in Baltimore—and mark the launch of our centennial year," said Catholic Charities Executive Director Bill McCarthy.

The Mass will be followed by a social gathering at Port Covington with a deliberately Baltimore feel. The evening will feature music from local groups, desserts from a former client, Lakiva Johnson of Kleverly Kreated, and table decor created by clients of My Sister's Place Women's Center and students at Villa Maria School.







# As it turns 35, Sarah's House reflects on its history

**WHEN KELLY ANDERSON WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO SARAH'S HOUSE,** she starts with some context. This includes a review of the program and how it fits into the community – but it also places the newcomers into a 35-year history of service in Anne Arundel County.

“I always talk about the vibe here and the people who came before us and the importance of every single one of us, regardless of what it is you’re doing,” said Anderson, the director of the Catholic Charities program that offers emergency shelter, supportive housing and an array of other services. “When you take a bird’s-eye view, you see all the cogs in the wheel that make this program turn in perfect rhythm.”

Shortly after the program opened on June 9, 1987, the Baltimore Sun proclaimed, “Anne Arundel County has come up with – and adroitly executed – one of the most impressive responses to homelessness conjured up in this state.”

A novel public-private partnership supported with funding from the



Department of Defense, the county, and others, Sarah's House took shape in renovated World War II barracks on the grounds of the Army installation at Fort Meade, Md. From the beginning, the program provided a holistic set of services in response to residents' needs, including job-training programs, transportation and babysitting for parents needing to work.

As Sarah's House reached its 35th anniversary this year, the staff took time to reflect on the program and how it has shifted over time, often in response to the changing face of those experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County.

When it opened, Sarah's House served as home to 34 women and their children, with plans to welcome another 30 men. Today, it provides housing or services to about 100 people daily, adding to the approximately 17,000 Anne Arundel County residents who have sought support from the program across its history.

For staff, entrenched in the day-to-day work of responding to complex needs, the anniversary serves as a moment to consider how those responses have affected individual lives.

“We’ve got two staff people working for us who are actually former clients ... and on Wednesday afternoon, a former client stopped by to tell us how we saved her life,” Anderson said.

She also pointed to volunteers, including one who paused her longtime service during the COVID-19 pandemic, but still sends \$100 check each month and buys needed supplies from the program's Amazon.com wish list.

“Sarah's House is not about any one of us,” Anderson said. “It’s really about all of us.”



## Catholic Charities' new website launches September 26, 2022 [cc-md.org](https://cc-md.org)



# A special invitation to the White House

## **SAFE STREETS BROOKLYN SITE SUPERVISOR COREY WINFIELD**

witnessed history during his July visit to the White House.

Winfield was invited to witness President Joe Biden sign the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the most significant gun violence reduction legislation to pass Congress in 30 years.

“It was really meaningful to witness President Biden openly talk about the senseless loss of Black lives in America

due to gun violence,” said Winfield. “This bill signing makes me want to work harder towards our goal, which is to get the message of hope back to the communities that believe the only hope they have is death. I believe in Safe Streets, I see the positive impact the program has on communities, and I also know the future potential this program has.”

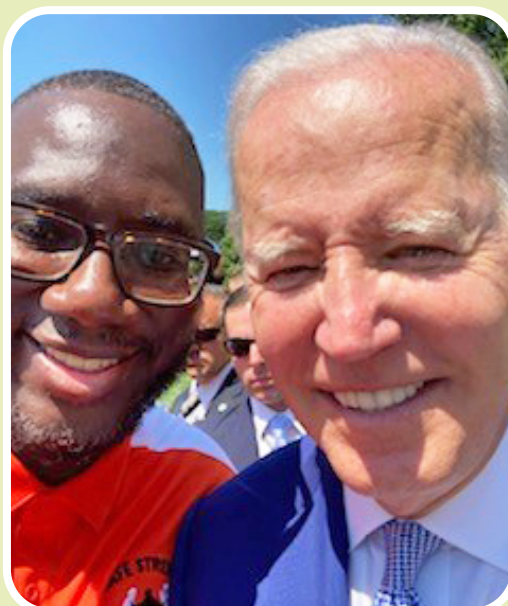
Winfield was invited to the White House for this historic moment due to

his continuous work towards stopping gun violence and supporting violence intervention across the nation, especially in Baltimore City.

“This day made me realize that you should never say what you can’t do or what would never happen because less than 20 years ago I was in prison, and I didn’t think I was ever coming home,” said Winfield. “Now I am at the White House taking selfies... WOW!”



President Joe Biden



Corey Winfield with President Joe Biden



Rev. Jesse Jackson and Corey Winfield

## **PACE coalition to reach aging West Baltimore residents in their homes**

**ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF WEST BALTIMORE WILL RECEIVE CARE THAT RIVALS THAT OF A NURSING HOME,** without leaving their residences, under a new program that Catholic Charities will co-lead.

The Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly – or PACE – brings together a coalition of 25 organizations to provide a holistic set of services, ranging from transportation and home repairs to health care. The program, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will initially serve 200 people when it launches in late 2023.

“We’ve always thought about how to allow people to live vibrant, healthy, and full lives in a holistic way, not just focused on health care or a specific service,” said Catholic Charities Executive Director Bill McCarthy. “PACE is a great way of achieving that aim.”

With Keswick, a Baltimore-area service provider for older adults, Catholic Charities will spearhead the effort, which will also include the PACE center. At this yet-to-be-chosen site in West Baltimore, participants will be able to socialize, receive nutritious meals, exercise, or meet with the care team.

The comprehensive approach of the PACE program allows the care team to get to know each participant, better understanding their needs and values through frequent interactions, home visits, and meetings with family members. A deeper understanding of each participant will help the care team manage chronic conditions and stave off emergency room visits and hospital stays. Keswick will also provide participants with access to its post-acute and long-term care facility.

A national program that costs less than nursing homes, PACE tends to reach individuals who would have aged at home anyway, but often without adequate care.

# The Dragons are coming back to Baltimore

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## September 2023

Stay tuned for more



## ..... *In the Community* .....

### A NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION

The first Tuesday in August is known across the country as National Night Out.



Sean Wees, Safe Streets  
Brooklyn Violence  
Prevention Coordinator and  
area resident

Maryland residents celebrated the event at various locations, including the Cherry Hill and Brooklyn communities of Baltimore City. Attendees of the events, sponsored by Catholic Charities' Safe Streets programs, were treated to food, music, games, giveaways, bounce houses, face painting, and more.

The annual National Night Out celebration – now in its 39th year – aims at strengthening the relationships between first responders and the people they serve.



Lt. Col. Brown, Baltimore  
City Police and The  
Mayor's Office of  
Neighborhood Safety and  
Engagement Director,  
Shantay Jackson



Mayor Scott playing drums with a child

### EXPANDING VICTIM SERVICES IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott and other city officials visited Our Daily Bread Employment Center to announce efforts to expand victim services in Baltimore.

Mayor Scott prioritized investing in services for victims of gun violence and other violent crimes. Crisis response, advocacy, therapy, wraparound services, and community awareness were all identified as crucial components of addressing trauma and ultimately preventing revictimization.

Scott was joined by Baltimore City Police Commissioner Michael Harrison, Shantay Jackson, director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), and Lee Martin, program director of Our Daily Bread Employment Center.



Lee Martin, program director of Our  
Daily Bread Employment Center and  
Baltimore City Police Commissioner  
Michael Harrison

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