

CHRISTOPHER PLACE EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN ACTION



SUMMARY

Christopher Place Employment Academy is a residential employment academy that invites men to engage in a process of change from homelessness to permanent stable living, preparing to obtain full-time employment, and living a substance free life.

In FY25, Christopher Place Employment Academy provided services to a total of 87 men throughout the year with 23 men successfully achieving capstone and obtaining employment. One hundred percent of the men that successfully completed the employment academy phase of the program participated in a Capstone celebration and obtained employment.

Christopher Place Employment Academy continues to expand its community partnerships that serve as a pipeline to enrollment, training and education. Additionally, Christopher Place Employment Academy has worked in collaboration with Villa Maria Behavioral Health and workforce development to provide 11 of our program participants with their CCAR Certification, which is part of their work towards becoming certified peer recovery specialists.

KEY OUTCOMES



Number of individuals who achieved alumni status by completing all phases of the program and maintaining employment for at least one year

6



Percentage of participants who exited Christopher Place into independent or family living

77%



Percentage of participants who received support from Villa Maria Behavioral Health services

90%



Number of trade and industry certifications earned

21



Average hourly wage for working men

\$19.40

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Housing
- Secure personal savings account
- Soft skills training
- Hard skills training
- Health assessments with licensed nurse practitioner
- Clinical behavioral and substance use support and treatment
- GED preparation
- Professional interview clothing
- Physical fitness instruction

KEY GOVERNMENT FUNDERS

- Maryland Department of Human Services
- Baltimore City Emergency Food and Shelter Program

In addition to the grant support from key government funders, we extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals, corporations, community partners, and foundations that support our work. Their generosity provides life-changing opportunities for families and individuals in need.



PROGRAM NEEDS

Each of our programs has specific in-kind donation needs, from school supplies to food and more. Christopher Place Employment Academy specifically and consistently needs the following items:

- Professional attire (including dress shoes)
- Classroom/instructional supplies
- Toiletries/sanitizers
- Housewarming baskets for those exiting to community-based housing
- Volunteer Facilitators

If you would like to support Christopher Place or any of our programs with additional in-kind donations, please visit cc-md.org/ways-to-give/in-kind-donations-guide/.

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