

FY26 PROGRAM REPORT



CHRISTOPHER PLACE EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN ACTION

SUMMARY

In FY26, Christopher Place Employment Academy (CPEA) continued to provide men with a structured pathway toward stability, employment readiness, recovery, and long-term independence. The program's success was reflected not only in participant progress, but also in the intentional supports built around each man combining workforce preparation, leadership development, certification opportunities, and individualized guidance to help participants move forward with confidence.

A key accomplishment this year was the program's continued collaboration with Villa Maria Behavioral Health and the increased effort across programs to support men around recovery and substance use. These partnerships strengthened the wraparound approach for participants, ensuring that men enrolled in CPEA had access to encouragement, accountability, and behavioral health-informed support while pursuing employment goals and building a stronger foundation for sustained success.

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 OUTCOMES



Number of men served through Christopher Place Employment Academy

86



Percentage of men who moved through the Academy Phase into the Working Man Phase where they successfully gained employment

100%



50 of 53

exiting participants moved into permanent housing, representing a 94% permanent housing outcome.

Number of participants who earned employment-related certifications, including 9 Peer Support Recovery Coach certifications, 1 Class A-CDL certification, and 12 certifications in flagging, traffic control, CPR/ First Aid, and OSHA 10

22

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:

- Volunteer Facilitators to help lead workshops and activities
- Professional Attire (including dress shoes)
- Classroom/instructional supplies
- Toiletries/Sanitizers
- Housewarming baskets for those exiting to community-based housing

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

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