



Earl's Place

Remembering the Past
Looking to the Future

2006 Annual Report

2006 Special points of interest:

- Number of Persons Served—35; 19 men entered the program in 2006

Of those:

- Ten were chronically homeless*
- 16 were between 31 and 50 years old, one was between 18 and 39 and 2 were between 51 and 61
- 4 were veterans
- 11 were diagnosed with mental illness,
- All reported drug abuse, two also reported alcohol abuse
- Eight had no income when entering the program
- Of the nineteen who left in 2006, 10 were employed and 8 had incomes of \$1,501 or more per month
- Four moved into unsubsidized housing; 9 moved into subsidized housing or with family/friends; the balance (6) left due to non-compliance with the program.

* Homeless for more than one year or had four or more bouts of homelessness in three years.

REMEMBERING THE PAST WHILE LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Like us, you may remember when the issue of homelessness first touched you.

For Sheila it was more than twenty years ago when she learned of the efforts of an activist in Washington, D.C., Mitch Snyder. She admired his dedication and determination. As humans we sometimes have a short attention span or we become frustrated and decide that some things, such as poverty and homelessness, are an unfortunate part of life that we can't change. He did not; until his death he worked for change.

For Marcia, it was more personal and direct. For many years her brother struggled with addiction and bouts of homelessness but eventually found peace of mind through the support of many including the staff and residents of Earl's Place.

Earl's Place, a program of United Ministries, Inc., has been serving homeless men for almost ten years. All of these men are stepping out on faith – faith that they can have a better life. Seventeen men are provided a permanent address - a place to call home. They have a place where they can reclaim their lives and fulfill their dreams. The staff works diligently to move the men into permanent housing and self sufficiency.

As we reflect on the past year, we are acutely aware that the problem of homelessness continues to exist in the city and surrounding areas. As we

approach the ten year anniversary of Earl's Place in December 2007, we continue to hope that homelessness can be eradicated, but we also know affordable housing, substance treatment on demand, improved health care and education are all necessary for this to happen.

We remain grateful to the many individuals, foundations and others that are willing to support the mission of United Ministries and help give those men who are committed to changing their lives the opportunity to do just that.

Thanks to the support of the Baltimore Community Foundation, The Clayton Baker Trust and St. Paul's United Church of Christ, we are developing a strategic plan and exploring the idea of expanding or adding services. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you and we pledge that above all else, we will continue to be good stewards of our resources.

On behalf of the residents, staff and Board of Directors of United Ministries, thank you for your continued support. We cannot do this without you.

Sincerely,

Marcia Conlin, Board President

Sheila Helgerson, Executive Director

2006 Happenings

We started off the new year with over one-hundred and fifty runners and walkers who turned out to participate in the New Year's Day 5K run and 1 mile walk in Patterson Park.

This event would not be possible without the participants, volunteers and sponsors. The sponsors of the 2006 Home Again! 5K were: First & St. Stephen's United Church of Christ (UCC). The Chesapeake Association of the UCC, Immanuel (Catonsville) UCC, Ferris, Baker Watts Foundation, David Martz—Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church.

Volunteers from the Christian Temple Christian Church in Catonsville came to Earl's Place as part of their annual workday and painted the lobby and common area.

A group of more than fifty youth and adults participated in a

Homelessness 101 workshop during the UCC Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event. Both a current and a former resident shared real life stories of what homelessness has been like for them.

Several congregations collected a special offering on Homelessness Awareness Sunday.

Sheila and two of the residents spoke at an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Canton Baptist Church and once again, the annual Adopt a Resident holiday program was very successful as many congregations and individuals purchased items for the men and/or their children.

Several of the men from the Men's Fellowship at Heritage United Church of Christ (UCC) continued to join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Rev. Cathy Oatman, parents and members of the confirmation class

from United Evangelical UCC joined us for pizza and conversation and Rev. Beth Cantrell-Counts and members of Immanuel UCC in Catonsville joined us for an annual cookout.

Several of the men joined Sheila in volunteering at the Taste of East Baltimore fundraiser for the Citizens of Washington Hill.

The Abele Building Fund was established with a \$5,000 gift from Kathryn Joellenbeck. Thanks to the generosity of many we were able to match this gift and the funds will be used for updates/repairs at Earl's Place.



The Celebration Brunch was held at First & St. Stephen's UCC.

Residents of Earl's Place prepared and served the meal and

other current and former residents shared about how their lives have changed for the better.

Recipients of the 2006 Home Again! Recognition Awards were Tom Henninger



and Holly Sullivan and Trinity United Church of Christ.



Rev. Bruce Swanson, pastor of First and St. Stephen's accepted the award on behalf of Trinity UCC.

United Ministries, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2006

REVENUE

Revenue	2006*	2005
Contributions	78,769	46,262
Grants	89,843	182,626
Other Income	4,515	1,917
Program Income	19,566	22,367
Special Events	8,678	13,910
Total Income	\$201,371	\$267,082
Expenses		
Program Services	164,393	167,015
Management & General	39,379	25,065
Fundraising	14,315	12,919
Total Expenses	\$218,087	\$204,999
Change in net assets	(\$16,716)	\$62,083
Net assets at beginning of year	\$722,860	\$660,777
Net Assets at the End of Year	\$706,144	\$722,860

* Unaudited

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ASSETS

	2006*	2005
Current Assets		
Cash and short term investments	125,306	126,481
Prepaid expenses	8,871	14,658
Total Current Assets	134,177	141,139
Fixed Assets		
Accumulated Depreciation	-176,820	-160,553
Property and Equipment	762,710	762,710
Total property and equipment	585,890	602,157
Other Assets	5,326	3,573
Total Assets	\$725,393	\$746,869
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,097	14,194
Deferred revenue	12,152	9,815
Total Current Liabilities	19,249	24,009
NET ASSETS—unrestricted	706,144	722,860
NET ASSETS—temporarily restricted	—	—
Total Net Assets	706,144	722,860
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$725,393	\$746,869

* Unaudited

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Giving Comparison

January—December 2002	\$124,304
January—December 2003	\$144,579
January—December 2004	\$148,829
January—December 2005	\$231,809

Income

January—December 2006

Contribution Income	%38.50
Operating Income	10.00
Grant Income	45.00
Special Event Income	4.30
Other Income	2.2

Total	\$201,371
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* Visionaries



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of United Ministries is to promote social justice and provide housing and supportive services to persons who are committed to changing their lives without regard to race, color, age, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

TRANSITIONING

“Now I am truly a dad, a son, a brother, a nephew and a friend.”

In May 2006, Kevin was preparing to move into his own apartment. He shared in a house meeting that he was doing things that he hadn't done before. He said before he was just existing, now he feels he is truly a dad, a son, a brother, a nephew and a friend. Kevin said he has been on his own since he was twenty-three, but this is the first time when after he got clean (off drugs) he also got his own place. He said that he had been in programs here and there before and that they provided stepping stones. He said Earl's Place provided a lot of structure, and in addition, he said he came in with a new attitude- ready for change.

Kevin said that he never expected to live to forty-two. He was nudged by the court system and then he took over. Now even though every day is not sunny, when he looks in the mirror, he sees growth and most importantly for him he has found acceptance within his family. Today he is gainfully employed and living in his own apartment. He is successful!