

## EARL'S PLACE ALTERNATIVE GIVING GUIDE

*Give a Gift That Will Transform A Life*



This holiday, give a gift that lasts. See how your donation gives a man the foundation he needs to turn his life around.

"Five years ago **I was lost**, caught up in my addiction, no home, no family, no friends, no self respect, no hope, and then I found this modest program that offered help to men like me. I not only found myself when I was there, **I found a better person than I ever dreamed I could be.**"

## ABOUT US

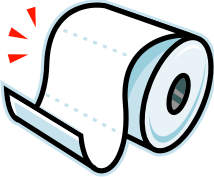
Earl's Place is a transitional housing program providing long-term (up to two years) of housing and supportive services to seventeen men at a time.

Our clients are provided with a permanent address and a place to receive mail and phone calls. Most importantly, they have **a place to call home**, where concerns such as having a clean, safe place to sleep, shower, and keep their belongings is alleviated. For some this is the first time they have had a key of their own.

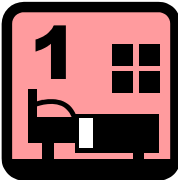
The program promotes independence and acquisition of skills using a model that emphasizes individual responsibility and accountability. Once accepted into the program, each man is provided with intensive case management to determine both short and long-term goals, as well as to ensure access to community services including health care, education, and job training. Ultimately, the residents are assisted in obtaining affordable, permanent housing. One year of formal aftercare is provided to help ensure success.



\$1.00 will purchase enough bread for 17 men for one week.



\$12.00 will purchase a case of toilet paper.



\$18.00 will provide a day of comfort and support for a resident.



\$25 will buy lettuce plants for our garden.



\$88.00 will pay for one credit hour at Baltimore City Community College.



\$100.00 will cover one day of case management.

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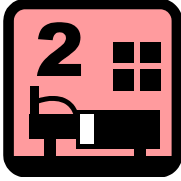
It seems like nothing make Leon happier than talking about his kids. His son came home from playing professional basketball in Europe, and the pride just shines on his face when he talks about his son, “the gentle giant.” His daughter told him, “I couldn’t stand my old dad. **But the dad you’ve been since you went to Earl’s Place is awesome.**”



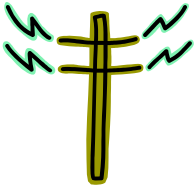
\$150 will provide a welcome package including a set of bedding and towels for a new resident.

Tyrone first became homeless when his mother died; he was thirteen years old. His father was physically and emotionally abusive. He dropped out of school, began drinking alcohol when he was 14 and moved on to using all types of drugs to mask his feelings. Not surprisingly he also became involved with the criminal justice system and when he was 16 he was sent to the Maryland Penitentiary for three years; the first of several incarcerations.

He earned his GED and an Associate's Degree in General Studies while incarcerated. **Today he has a second chance.** He has his children and grandchildren in his life, and is working part-time and taking computer classes. Having learned to control his anger and find inner peace. He has been approved for the Section 8 program and will soon be moving to his own apartment, but plans to continue be engaged with this program.



\$540.00 will provide a month of comfort and support for a resident.



\$1,000 will provide a month of utilities at Earl's Place.



\$5,000 will purchase new countertops for the men's kitchen.



\$6,570 will provide a resident with services for a year.



# Earl's Place

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