

A newsletter of United Ministries, Inc.

## From the Executive Director

On April 24, I was honored to be the recipient of a James Floyd Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award. This annual luncheon, honors individuals who have provided transformational leadership within their respective fields. It is sponsored by the Howard University School of Divinity and the United Church of Christ.

It was a great honor and a lovely day. I received a beautiful award that is still looking for the perfect place of honor in my office.

I must admit that when I was nominated, and, once again, when I was chosen to be one of the seven awardees, I felt that I was not worthy. "I only run a small program in Baltimore City. I haven't served a large congregation, written books, published articles or worked for human rights in a foreign country."

But, I realized this award is not just about me. This award is for all the men who have been through the program. The men who have taught me so much and who have accomplished so much.

This award is also for you, the supporters of this program. With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of the men we serve, their families and the community.

So, congratulations on being co-awardees of the 2010 James Floyd Jenkins Pillar of Faith Award, I could not and can not do this without you.

*Thank you, Sheila*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 21, 2010      9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**Interfaith Forum on Homelessness—Goucher College**

**For more information, go to  
[www.baltimoreunitedcongregations.org](http://www.baltimoreunitedcongregations.org).**

**January 1, 2011      Resolution Run 5K Run/Walk**

United Ministries is a housing and social justice organization dedicated to assisting homeless men who want to change their lives, and to changing community attitudes toward the homeless.



## Life After Earl's Place

In March nine former residents joined us for the weekly house meeting to share about life "after Earl's Place".

Some of the men had been gone for many months and some for just a few months, but they all agreed that the support and camaraderie that they experienced here went a long way toward their success.

### Dining for Earl's Pace

Thanks to everyone who dined out at Mt. Washington Tavern on April 21 - 10% of each check from individuals that made reservations and mentioned Earl's Place was donated to us.

In May board member, Fred Lohr and his wife Alison, hosted an evening for Earl's Place. Sheila and a former resident, Glen C. had a chance to share information about Earl's Place and enjoy a delicious dinner!

Over several months, Rev. Cathy Oatman and several dedicated members of her congregation at United Evangelical United Church of Christ in Canton, shared fellowship and food with some of the staff and residents at Earl's Place. The men enjoyed the conversations and the delicious food!

### “What's next, the Symphony?”

On May 13 we welcomed twenty-two college students and their advisor from the Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist campus ministry, at Tennessee Technological University. Each spring the choir takes a tour, and this year they traveled to Baltimore. They try to sing in places that serve people who are poor or may be struggling.

Earl's Place does not have a large community area so we were a little concerned about fitting approximately 50 people in, but Bud Alexander, the campus minister, assured Sheila that they were used to working in all kinds of spaces and it would be fine. He was right. We moved furniture around and had a “stage area” on the handicap ramp and for about an hour the students entertained us with musical selections, all a capella since the keyboard had died.

They were great! Indeed, an encore was requested. However, the best part of the evening was after they finished singing when we all shared a little about ourselves and the program and then had a chance to mingle. The following week, one of the men wanted to know “Who's coming this week, the symphony?”.

You can find a picture on our website, [www.earlsplace.org](http://www.earlsplace.org)

### FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

Board members are elected for three year terms with the option of continuing on for an additional three years. In June, we gratefully thanked Marcia Conlin and Carol Hoffman for their years of service and support. We also said goodbye to Leonard Sparks and Aanand Raddia, both of whom secured new jobs and moved to New York state and city respectively.

While we are always sad to see old friends move on, we are excited to welcome four new friends to our family. We are pleased to welcome Ira Cox, Janet Glover-Kerkvliet, Laurin Hodge and Paulette Pettit-Austrich to the board of directors!

We are also pleased to welcome James Carey to Earl's Place as our case manager.

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### Bowling for FUN!

Rev. Beth Cantrell and members of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Catonsville worked with Sheila to plan other ways to continue to be involved with Earl's Place in addition to the annual cookout.

In April, several of us from Earl's Place and Immanuel went duck pin bowling at the Patterson Park Bowling Center. We had a blast (after we got our second wind since we didn't start until 10 p.m. and with the help of our teams even those of us who are not adept at bowling didn't do too badly!

Our next joint outing will be a volunteer night at the Maryland Food Bank.

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### Voices of the Visionaries

Recently Earl D. saw a \$200 pair of tennis shoes that he really wanted. He shared with Sheila that although he wanted the shoes and was actually ready to buy them, he didn't. Why? As he says, "Earl's Place kicked in and I realized I didn't need them."

Luke W. called to tell Sheila that he settled on his own home in mid-June. He said, "You will know where to find me for the next 30 years!"

Bryant stopped by to say that he was doing well. Bryant left our program a few years ago when he was not doing so well. He said, "Even though I wasn't successful here, I never doubted that the love and commitment I felt here were real. I just wasn't ready."