Summer Learning: Preparing Youth for Life after High School

On a Friday afternoon in July, Donna confidently approached the parents waiting outside of Paul’s Place for their children to return from summer camp. She handed them flyers for the Baltimore City Health Department’s upcoming Billion Step Challenge and encouraged them to attend. In fact, Donna has been traveling all over town to introduce Baltimore residents to the Health Department’s programs as part of her summer internship – offered by Paul’s Place in partnership with YouthWorks.

Donna, a rising sophomore, is a friendly teenager with a great sense of humor who joined our after-school program three years ago. She was shy at first, but she gradually became more comfortable because the other kids were so welcoming and she’s had so much fun. She’s also gained confidence as a mentor for some of our elementary school students. She feels right at home at Paul’s Place now and is greeted with hugs from the younger students who consider her a favorite mentor.

In addition to helping younger students with their homework, Donna works hard on her own studies. Like many other students, she struggles with math. This year, she had the opportunity to work with a math specialist after school; her grades improved, and she was grateful to have a knowledgeable adult to approach for help with difficult math problems. Donna also looked forward to her weekly time with her mentor Sara, a law student, who helped her stay focused on her future and showed genuine interest in her. Through mentoring, participating in drama and improv activities, and working on her own studies, Donna has gained confidence in her abilities and started setting goals for her future. Her older brother, Donnelle, successfully completed his first year at the University of Maryland with good grades, and she wants to follow in his footsteps to attend college. With guidance and support from Paul’s Place, she has become a hard worker and a diligent student who wants to succeed like her brother. And she encourages her friends to work hard too.

Donna continued her hard work at the Baltimore City Health Department this summer where her energy has been focused on raising awareness about the Health Department’s programs and resources for Baltimore City.
LEADERS FOR CHANGE:
Paul’s Place Welcomes Three New Board Members

We are excited to introduce to you the three newest members of our board of directors – elected this summer for their demonstrated commitment to our mission and the unique expertise and experience each brings to our already skilled and dedicated board of directors. Meet Susan Owens, Larry Laws, and Patricia Zimberg.

Susan Owens recently relocated to Maryland to serve as Senior Vice President and Regional Vice President for the Maryland Middle Market Banking Office for Wells Fargo. She manages a team of 22 banking professionals that serve Maryland businesses. Susan has more than 30 years of experience with Wells Fargo and predecessor banks in senior positions within multiple departments. In addition to serving Paul’s Place, she serves on the board of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore.

Larry Laws is the Manager of the Testing Group at Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) where he oversees teams that maintain and test the equipment in electric substations. Larry has held several leadership roles within BGE and was awarded the 2016 Black Engineer of the Year in the category of Most Promising Engineer for his work to increase diversity of staff employed in field services. Larry is a West Baltimore native and personally understands the challenges our guests face daily.

Patricia Zimberg, JD, MS, RN is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She instructs undergraduate and graduate nursing students in community public health and supervises senior nursing students during their Community Health Practicum. She is a member of the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators and the American Public Health Association. She previously taught at Stevenson University and has extensive clinical experience.

THANKS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP
Outgoing Board Members Have Left Their Mark.

Join us in thanking three outgoing board members whose service ended this summer: Curtis Clark, Dawn Ferenc and Carter Franke. Each brought unique talents to their leadership roles and helped advance Paul’s Place as a leader for change in Southwest Baltimore. Curtis Clark has a passion for serving low-income people and frequently volunteers at hot lunch with his wife. He played a key role in strengthening our relationship with Bon Secours, another anchor institution in Southwest Baltimore. Dawn Ferenc has a passion for programs and demonstrated that as chair of the programs committee. She is an internal champion for Paul’s Place at Wells Fargo, helps organize clothing and toy drives at the office, and recruits Wells Fargo employees at Paul’s Place. Carter Franke brought skills in strategic planning and marketing to the board. She served as chair of the major gifts committee and spearheaded the launch of the Circle of Hope to better engage donors. Thank you, Curtis, Dawn, and Carter!
Michael, a rising 7th grader, enjoys fishing in Annapolis with his fellow middle school campers.

Derrick, a rising third grader, enjoys an activity reinforcing math skills with his friends during summer camp at Church of the Redeemer.

High school students spent the first two weeks of their summer experience visiting businesses and colleges including George Washington University.

TransAmerica employees held a food drive and delivered a pick-up truck full of more than 2,000 items for our depleted food pantry. Thank you, Transamerica!

Summer camp kicked off in June for our elementary students and included a fun-filled day at the Maryland Zoo.

Jerrick, a rising third grader, enjoys an activity reinforcing math skills with his friends during summer camp at Church of the Redeemer.

Do Good with Every Paycheck:
Support Paul’s Place Through Your Workplace Giving Campaign

If your employer does not offer workplace giving, you can still support Paul’s Place regularly. Make a monthly or quarterly donation online at:
www.paulsplaceoutreach.org/donateonline

- $10 x 26 paychecks = $260
  Utility assistance to keep the lights and heat on for 2 families

- $15 x 26 paychecks = $390
  Tutoring with a math specialist for one month for 2 students

- $25 x 26 paychecks = $650
  Nutritious meals for the year for 1 adult

- $50 x 26 paychecks = $1,300
  Job coaching and transportation to job interviews for 2 adults

- $100 x 26 paychecks = $2,600
  Security deposit and first month’s rent to house 1 family experiencing homelessness
35 Years of Transforming Lives, Strengthening Community
1982–2017

On September 27, 1982, Paul’s Place opened its doors to the community, with a free meal for poor and homeless adults and children in the Guild Hall of St. Paul the Apostle Church (now the Mobtown Ballroom). Now, 35 years later, Paul’s Place offers a combination of programs and services unmatched by any other provider in our area to help individuals and families in Southwest Baltimore move toward self-sufficiency.

Join us for our week-long birthday celebration!

Monday, September 25
9:15 a.m. Tour*
10:30 a.m. Reception
4:00 p.m. Reception
4:30 p.m. Tour*

Wednesday, September 27
8:30 a.m. Prayer Walk** hosted by
St. John’s Church, Western Run Parish
10:00 a.m. Birthday Celebration
11:00 a.m. Tour*

Friday, September 29
2:00 p.m. Reception
2:30 p.m. Walking Tour of Pigtown**

*Tours of Paul’s Place: See a variety of programs up close, meet our staff and guests, and learn about key moments in our history (and the history of our center on Ward Street).

**Prayer Walk and Walking Tour: See important sites in the history of Paul’s Place on a walk through the streets of the neighborhood we call home. The walking tour will cover approximately one mile.

Space on the tours is limited. RSVP by September 20 to Demicca Ross at dross@paulsplaceoutreach.org or 410-625-0775 x123.
Executive Director’s Letter

This month marks 35 years of service in Washington Village/ Pigtown and the surrounding Southwest Baltimore communities. One of the hallmarks of our success for the past 35 years is our willingness to listen to our neighbors and be attentive to the needs within our community. It is critical to our mission that the programs and services we provide address the challenges that prevent our guests from living a self-sufficient life.

Since the unsettling uprisings in 2015, we have frequently heard that in order to improve the situation for youth and young adults there needs to be more jobs. This fits in with the current situation in Southwest Baltimore where the unemployment rate approaches 15% and almost 30% of adults have less than a high school diploma – meaning they need special training to fit into today’s job market. Our community needs jobs that pay living wages and offer experience and training that gives individuals opportunities for advancement.

Our Goodwill Employment Specialist at Paul’s Place has been an invaluable resource for our guests looking for job training or employment. In the past two years, we have engaged 165 individuals, and 91 have obtained jobs. Through this work, we have established strong partnerships with employers, training programs, and community resources to help our guests achieve their employment goals. Despite this success, we realize the need is greater than our Employment Specialist can address.

Paul’s Place will be responding with a bold plan. For the past year, we have studied possible solutions to the persistent unemployment and underemployment in our communities – working first with a local consultant to explore the feasibility of a self-sustaining social enterprise venture in Washington Village/Pigtown, then teaming up with a national organization with expertise in addressing the issues of poverty, homelessness, and economic development. Our goal is to develop a program that will train and prepare young adults for employment in food service, a growing industry in Baltimore with jobs paying above minimum wage.

There are still a lot of details in the works, but we are very excited about the opportunity this venture will offer to help young adults in our community with limited job prospects move beyond their current challenging circumstances toward self-sufficiency. I look forward to sharing more with you on this life changing project as it moves forward. Thank you for your steadfast support!

William J. McLennan, Executive Director

Meet Terry Manning, Deputy Director

Terry Manning may be the newest member of the Paul’s Place team – with a start date in June 2017 – but she brings extensive professional experience and a commitment to helping others to the position of Deputy Director. Terry comes to Paul’s Place with more than 30 years of social work experience, most recently with The Children’s Guild, where she was Vice President of Human Capital Management and Compliance. At Paul’s Place, she oversees all programs and services as well as the talented team that works directly with our guests. She says, “I look forward to this journey and am delighted to be associated with an organization where mission is so ingrained into the culture.” We are thrilled to welcome Terry to the team!
REGISTER FOR THE ANNUAL HUFF & PUFF 5K & 1M

Saturday, November 11, 2017
Carroll Park Golf Course
2100 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

CHECK IN: 10 a.m.
5K RACE TIME: 12 p.m.
1M RACE TIME: 1 p.m.

Register at www.PaulsPlace5K.com

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