EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S LETTER

Adaptation and creativity were the watchwords of the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. Change was a constant and everyone from our supporters to our guests rose to the challenge with extraordinary grace. Now, what we thought was a short-term sacrifice has become a way of life. We have learned to manage the unexpected.

One thing that the pandemic has illuminated is that we are not in this alone. We are partnering more than ever with other neighborhood-based and city-wide organizations to enrich the services people can get when they come to Paul's Place. For example, they can connect with a volunteer lawyer from Maryland Legal Aid to battle an eviction or fight for their rights as an essential worker. Meanwhile, we are distributing many of our grab and go lunches to organizations that have the ability to reach people who can't travel to 1118 Ward Street.

It is also clearer than ever that nothing provides stability like a quality job. Work on Groundwork Kitchen, our new training facility for careers in food services, continues. We are on track to welcome our first students in 2021. Looking beyond the pandemic, the food service industry will continue to need our graduates while being an attainable career and sustainable career for those with many barriers to employment. We look forward to someday welcoming you for a meal in the beautiful new space so that you can directly participate in the transformation of our students' lives.

When I look back at the last few months, I'm so proud of what the Paul's Place community has accomplished despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. If you're reading this, you're an essential part of that community! Each small act, from dropping off donated clothing to sharing our post on social media, means we can continue to be here when people need our help. I invite you to make Paul's Place an ongoing part of how you give back to Baltimore, however that might look for you.

Thanks for reading! Check out the rest of the newsletter for more updates on the impact that Paul's Place is having.

Sincerely,

William J. McLennan, Executive Director

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From Paul’s Place’s Photo Album

Our Pigtown neighbors SPARC have been joining us on Wednesdays for curbside services since May. SPARC provides the guests of Paul’s Place with STI testing, immunizations, and information. Paul’s Place also provides SPARC with lunches and food boxes to support their outreach.

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We will provide updates on changes as they happen. Please follow us on social media or visit our website to receive updates.

PRA Spotlight

Paul’s Place is now offering Peer Recovery Advocate Services!

What does that mean? Peer Recovery Advocates use their personal experiences with recovery from substance use disorders or mental health challenges to be a resource to our guests in starting or continuing their journeys. PRAs are not only supportive listeners, they can connect guests to services and supports that help them focus on recovery.

“Peer Recovery work at Paul’s Place is unique. People aren’t mandated to be here the way they are in some recovery programs, and once they leave after services we don’t necessarily know where to find them. That’s why it’s so important that they know that we are there for them when they are ready!” — LACEL PARHAM, PEER RECOVERY ADVOCATE

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