

Housing Matters

United Ministries, Inc. Newsletter



Twenty Years of New Beginnings

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December 13 commemorated the 20th anniversary of the opening of Earl's Place. Thanks to you, more than 350 men have found a (temporary) home here at Earl's Place and the majority have gone on to permanent housing and positive, productive lives.

Last fall, I had the privilege of working with photographer, Andrew Magnum. Andrew took portraits of former residents from the past 20 years. Those photos along with a brief story have been compiled into a book, *Portraits of Lives Transformed, 20 Years of*

New Beginnings. Here is Greg's story.



Greg S.—2000
Photo credit: Andrew Magnum

For eleven years, Greg bounced between 30-day detox programs and jail. In 2000, he found Earl's Place and a new way of life.

Earl's Place felt like home to Greg. This program helped him learn how to deal with others and how to be responsible by having a curfew and chores. He was able to make good friends who were on the same level as him, trying to stay clean from drugs. Recovery taught him how to live a good life in society. Like many of the men

in the program, he reunited with his formerly estranged family and now enjoys a good relationship with his two daughters and his four grandchildren.

Greg says his greatest success at Earl's Place was being tapped to be the live-in resident manager. He went on to attend Baltimore City Community College earning an Associate's Degree in counseling. Today he owns his own business, Greg's Sportswear, in Essex. He looks forward to having a bigger store and helping anyone he can.

Earl's Place
1400 E. Lombard St.
Baltimore, MD 21231

Prospect Place
8720 Philadelphia Road
Baltimore, MD 21237

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

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From the Director

On October 4, more than 200 people joined us to celebrate the lives of the men at Earl's Place, past and present. Thanks to them and you, men who had little hope for the future have found a new beginning at Earl's Place.

Recently, one of the men said, "This time last year I was homeless and sleeping on the street. I have done more in the last two months than I did in the last ten years." He recently began working on reinstating his driver's license, he is working part-time, and is thinking of enrolling in GED classes and pursuing a trade.

Many of the men we work with, while they have made some bad decisions, also had a deck that was stacked against them. Poverty, poor schools, a lack of good role models are some of the things that often contribute to the challenges they face.



Donyae is one of our current residents. He shared a little of his story at the dinner and shared his tag line for Earl's Place. "Earl's Place, it's not just a place, it's a home".

While here he has obtained his GED, is working part-time and is exploring his options to begin an apprenticeship as an electrician.

These last 20 years and the many doors that were opened could not have happened without you. You are making a real difference in the lives of the men we work with.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheila".

Board Member Spotlight

Nathan Barbo

Nathan joined the Board of United Ministries in 2016. When not volunteering with us, he is busy, working, eating, or running and biking around Baltimore.



Nathan, was elected to the Board Chair position in May 2018 after serving as a Board member and volunteer for several years.

Nathan first learned about United Ministries when he participated in the annual Resolution Run. He lives near Earl's Place and wanted to get involved with an organization that directly impacts his neighborhood and the local community. He began by tutoring men as they worked toward their GED or college education and progressively became more involved.

He says that the mission of helping men experiencing homelessness is important because stable housing is the foundation for any improvements you try to make in your life. It's extremely difficult to pursue education, rebuild relationships or keep stable employment if you're constantly worrying about where you'll sleep.

Serving on the Board has given Nathan a much stronger appreciation of the work it takes to run our programs. He is continually surprised and impressed with how so much can be done with a small staff, limited resources and a committed Board of Directors.

When asked why others should consider joining the Board, Nathan replied, "Board involvement is a great way to put your ideas and passion into action. Being involved with the Board allows you to see how impactful you can be in the lives of so many. Each contribution of time, talent, or experience is sincerely appreciated and we are constantly reminded of that by the impact on the men in the program.

You can find Nathan's entire interview on our website, www.umhousing.org.

Would you like to serve along with Nathan and change the lives of men experiencing homelessness? Please visit our website or contact Sheila Helgerson at 410-522-0225 or Sheila@umhousing.org.



Although the list of Friends and Supporters was carefully compiled, something went very wrong with our database. I apologize for the errors. Below is an updated list. Please let me know if you notice an error. Sheila

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**Your gift, no matter what size,
will help change a man's life
forever.**

Holiday Adopt a Resident

You can help make the holidays brighter for a man at Earl's Place or Prospect Place.

Each year the Earl's Place residents complete a wish list of items they need/would like to receive. They are encouraged to think about things they can use when setting up their own homes as well as current needs they have. Prospect Place residents appreciate gift cards from the local Walmart.

If you are interested, we will send you a resident's list and you may provide the items as you are able. Gifts and gift cards may be delivered to Earl's Place, 1400 E. Lombard Street by December 14.

Please feel free to contact Sheila Helgerson at 410-522-0225 or Sheila@umhousing.org if you have any questions, need more information or would like to request a wish list.

Thank you so much for your continued support and the men who are working so hard to turn their lives around. We wish you a peace-filled and happy holiday season.

We are always pleased to speak to your congregation or organization. Call or e-mail Sheila at sheila@umhousing.org or (410) 522-0225 to schedule a time.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Resolution Run 5K Run and Walk

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 2 p.m.
Patterson Park

See our website, umhousing.org or call 410-522-0225 for sponsorship opportunities.

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