

News Release

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Baltimore City Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young Visits with Caroline Center Trainees

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, City Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young visited Caroline Center for an open conversation with the women who are currently enrolled as trainees in the Pharmacy Technician and Certified Nursing Assistant programs at Caroline Center. Council President Young grew up and currently resides in east Baltimore, near the Caroline Center building. He is a former chairman of the City Council Public Safety and Health Committees (2007-2010), and is a fourteen-year veteran of the council. Council President Young has played a major role in passing legislation that has increased funding for education, crime prevention, and development; and, he is a strong advocate for making mixed-income communities possible throughout Baltimore City.

During Council President Young’s visit, he spoke briefly to the women, emphasizing the importance of continuing higher education as a support for “following one’s dream” in life. He stressed that achievement and success were entirely possible when people dreamed big and set goals for themselves. He allowed a very generous amount of time for questions from the women. Lively and informed conversation continued for about an hour on topics ranging from education and the environment to economic development and the overall quality of neighborhood and city life. Questions came from long-time city residents as well as newcomers to Baltimore City, and there was high interest in restoring or creating new programs that would serve the city’s children and youth – from

summer camps and after-school programs to job training and recreational opportunities.

Council President Young encouraged the women in Group 55 to stay in touch with their council representatives, to be active in their neighborhood associations, and to think about how they might serve Baltimore City in the future. Council President Young concluded by saying that he “liked work more than talk, liked being of service to the people of Baltimore City, and liked getting the job done.”

Thank you, Council President Young, for visiting Caroline Center and for appreciating the work Caroline Center is doing to help create a stronger city for everyone.

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