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Caroline Center Receives Workforce Development Grant

\$75,000 grant will prepare more women for work in health care

August 8, 2012 – Caroline Center Executive Director Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, recently announced that a \$75,000 grant from the Baltimore Integration Partnership (BIP) will help to make the center’s innovative and successful education and employment program available to more underserved women in Baltimore City.

Caroline Center, which is located in east Baltimore, offers health care education, work and life skills training, and a GED instructional program for low-income women in the city to prepare them for careers as Certified Nursing Assistants, Geriatric Nursing Assistants, and Pharmaceutical Technicians. The center’s comprehensive 15-week college-level program, which is offered three times a year, also provides career counseling and placement services. Caroline Center has served more than 2,000 women since its founding in 1996.

The recent Caroline Center award was made possible through a competitive process for funding from the Baltimore Integration Partnership (BIP). Funded by Living Cities and housed at The Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers, BIP is a collaborative initiative working to unify workforce development with capital investment in targeted Baltimore City communities to improve opportunities for area residents.

“The award to the Caroline Center provides a strong vehicle to connect area residents with comprehensive training in medical fields better positioning them for employment opportunities in Baltimore’s robust health care sector,” said Kurt Sommer, director of the Baltimore Integration Partnership. The Caroline Center joins other area organizations that have recently received funding to provide training in the areas of career coaching, biotech training, green demolition, retail and hospitality, and pre-apprenticeship construction.

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