

Caroline Center's Annual Fund

If you have not had the opportunity to make your Annual Fund gift to Caroline Center, or if you would like to increase your gift, there's still time – and, it's easy to do. Our current class of trainees is counting on you, on all of us, to help provide critical funding that will support the scholarship-based career skills training and education that Caroline Center offers and that Baltimore-area employers value so much.

Here's how you can help. Throughout the year, you may choose any or a combination of all the giving options below. *To make your generous gift before the 2017 Annual Fund year closes on June 30, please consider the cash, online, or stock donation options below.*

- **Cash** donations are always welcome and can be mailed to Caroline Center attn: Development Office, Caroline Center, 900 Somerset Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.
- **Online** donations are convenient and secure. Simply go to www.caroline-center.org, and click on the Donate Now button on the homepage to either make or add to your Annual Fund gift.
- **Periodic Online** donations allow you to use your preferred credit card to make monthly or quarterly donations to the Annual Fund. Simply send an email to the Development Office at mcrook@caroline-center.org to get started.
- **Automatic Pay** donations through your bank are easy to arrange and help to keep the Caroline Center program strong year around.
- **Stock donations** to the Annual Fund can provide you with significant tax advantages. If you donate stock that has appreciated in value, there is no tax on the gain and your itemized deduction is at the fair market value on the day you donate.

Any Annual Fund gift may also be a tribute gift. Please tell us your name as you would like it listed in the Annual Report and the person's name whom you are honoring or memorializing.

If you have questions about making your Annual Fund gift, please contact Development Director Mitch Crook at 410-563-1303 x31.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

June 30

RECENT GRANTS

With deep appreciation, Caroline Center would like to share that we have received recent grants from the following foundations, organizations, funds, and trusts: **Baltimore City Foundation; Bank of America; Kenneth S. Battye Charitable Trust;** and, **School Sisters of Notre Dame Gospel Fund.** Generous grant commitments, such as these, help to ensure that Caroline Center can continue to offer its program to capable women who are seeking positive change and opportunities for career and academic advancement through the education and skills training the program provides.



Caroline Center Grant Writer Brigid Kernan, Caroline Center Executive Director Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, Bank of America Market President Sabina Kelly, Caroline Center CNA/GNA Candidate Shawntavia Holmes, and Caroline Center Development Director Mitch Crook

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Congratulations to Caroline Center alumna JAMIRE McELVEEN-MERRICK, BSW, a recent graduate of Coppin State University's School of Social Work, May 2017. Ms. McElveen is pictured with husband Patrick Merrick, Jr.



ALUMNAE NEWS



Congratulations to Caroline Center alumna BISOLA EWETUSA BUTLER, BSN, a recent graduate of Notre Dame of Maryland University's School of Nursing, May 2017

Thank you for supporting a more sustainable Caroline Center! Your Annual Report will be coming to you on the web this fall at www.caroline-center.org.

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

Scrubs on a Mission: A Festive Evening of Culinary Delights, Wine Pairings & Music,

which was held at The Engineers Club in Mt. Vernon on April 28, 2017, was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for the more than 350 guests in attendance.

A beautifully prepared menu; wonderful wine pairings; the grand rooms of the Garrett-Jacobs Mansion; and, music provided by pianists Rita Bueche, SSND, and Dave Waite added to the ambiance and helped make the evening an occasion for many wonderful conversations among old friends and new.

We were delighted that a number of Caroline Center graduates were able to attend the event, which highlighted the important contributions women in the healthcare professions are making to the quality of life in Baltimore.



Rhoda Sye, Mayor Catherine E. Pugh, and Jamire McElveen-Merrick

Caroline Center was thrilled to welcome Mayor Catherine E. Pugh to *Scrubs on a Mission*. Mayor Pugh had the opportunity to meet and speak with Executive Director Patricia McLaughlin, SSND, and Caroline Center Board President Mary Anne O'Donnell as she graciously greeted guests and took time to have a photograph or two taken with Caroline Center alumnae.

With special thanks to Caroline Center's Board of Directors and the *Scrubs on a Mission* Annual Benefit Committee, special events during this past year garnered nearly \$45,000 in support of Caroline Center's tuition-free educational program.

If you were not able to join us this year for *Scrubs on a Mission*, we hope that you will be able to celebrate with us in 2018. *Turn to pages 2 & 3 to see pictures of this year's event.*

Scrubs on a Mission!

A Festive Evening of Culinary Delights,
Wine Pairings & Music

A Memorable Night on the Town
was held on April 28, 2017 at
the Engineers Club at the
Garrett-Jacobs
Mansion



Colene Matthews, Charles Zeiler,
Rhoda Sye, and Jamire McElveen-Merrick



Lynne Damon and Lizann Prosser



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LaWanda Edwards and Anthony McCarthy

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On May 5, Director of Social Work **Victoria Cofield-Aber, LCSW-C**, was recognized by Coppin State University as the 2017 Department of Social Work Field Instructor of the Year.

On April 27, Caroline Center volunteer **Karen A. Armacost, RN, MSA**, presented the 4th Annual Karen A. Armacost Lecture Series at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Caroline Center Nursing Coordinator **Barbara Gough, RN, MSN**, and Caroline Center graduates **Nicole Caldwell, CNA, GNA, Denise Rabey, CNA, GNA**, and **LaJonnetta Sutton, CNA, GNA**, were part of a distinguished panel that included Dr. Peter Rabins, author of *The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for People with Alzheimer's Disease*. The Karen A. Armacost Annual Lecture is given in memory of Cynthia Steele, RN, MPH, "a tireless educator and advocate, who helped caregivers better understand and provide care for persons with dementia." Ms. Steele served as a faculty associate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and she was the co-director of JHU's neuropsychiatry clinic for 15 years. As a senior consultant at Copper Ridge Institute, she was responsible for establishing the institute's Dementia Care Skills Lab.

On March 9, Caroline Center welcomed Ms. Freda Catheus and Ms. Maureen Plaisimond from the **SSND-Beyond Borders Partnership in Haiti**. BlueJeans technology allowed more than 75 Caroline Center trainees at our program sites in East and West Baltimore to participate in the informational program about the efforts of the partnership to end child slavery in Haiti, most specifically on the island of Lagonav. In the week following the program, **Caroline Center trainees** and staff organized a bake sale that raised nearly \$200 for the group's initiative.

On April 26, Caroline Center, Gibbons Commons/St. Agnes Hospital Program Director **Dawn Lewis** attended a meeting of Business Volunteers Maryland to share the work and mission of Caroline Center with potential program volunteers.

On May 9, Executive Director **Patricia McLaughlin, SSND**, served as a panelist for the Baltimore Women's Giving Circle Grantee Connect initiative.

On May 3, Director of Social Work **Victoria Cofield-Aber, LCSW-C** and Social Work Intern **Isabelle Collins** (Coppin State University) represented Caroline Center at the Housing Authority of Baltimore City's Office of Resident Services' Skills Training Fair.

On May 1, Caroline Center welcomed **Brigid Kernan** as the new grants coordinator at Caroline Center, Somerset Street. In welcoming Brigid, we wished a fond farewell to **Lynne Damon**, who served Caroline Center so ably in this position during the past two years, enabling Caroline Center to substantially strengthen its grants funding. We also wished a fond farewell to **Ann Cunningham** as she retires from Caroline Center after 12 years, having served most recently as the center's special projects director. Ann shared her many talents and skills - from technology to graphic design and from teaching to program administration, and so much in between - so generously, and she will be missed.

On March 30, Executive Director **Patricia McLaughlin, SSND**, was a co-presenter with the **Baltimore Women's Giving Circle** about the mission and work of Caroline Center to members of the Women's Club of Roland Park. Subsequent to the presentation, the Women's Club of Roland Park held a children's book drive, and the books were donated to the children of Caroline Center Class 66 trainees in April.

On March 5, Caroline Center graduates **Phyllica Adams, CPhT, Brittany Johnson, CPhT, Colene Matthews, CNA, GNA**, and **Morgan Smith, CNA, GNA** joined Executive Director **Patricia McLaughlin, SSND**, for two separate presentations at the Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation. Sr. Pat and the graduates presented on "What It Takes: Women, Work, and Economic Justice."

On March 2, Executive Director **Patricia McLaughlin, SSND**, participated in a Maryland Workforce Development Roundtable. The roundtable brought together workforce development professionals to explore ways to enhance collaboration and to effectively advocate on issues affecting low-wage workers around the state.