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Family Center
HAMPDEN

Did you get a taste?

The Family Center was hopping on October 20 for *A Taste of Hampden*. With more than 200 people in attendance, the place was overflowing with supporters. Guests had the privilege of sampling a variety of cuisines from 18 participating restaurants. From tuna tartar to steamed mussels, Indian curry to Maryland crab soup, baked ziti and meatballs to tacquitos, no one left hungry. Several guests remarked that the food was delicious and plentiful! Wine, beer and soft drinks were graciously provided by The Wine Source, and music by Ridiculous Entertainment.



Guests mingled with friends in a convivial atmosphere, delighting in the beautiful fall mums from the Village Flower Mart and admiring the newly renovated storefront window space! Some lucky winners departed for the night with raffle prizes in tow thanks to the generosity of local businesses that donated items for our "Mystery Boxes" (see box below for details).

Sincere thanks to the many restaurants that participated this year. It was a tremendous success due, in no small measure, to the big hearts of the local establishments that joined us for an evening of food, fun, wine and music. Your generosity and support of the Family Center is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the wonderful **restaurants** that participated in *A Taste of Hampden*: *13.5% Wine Bar, Alchemy, Angelo's Carryout, Asian Taste, Bella Roma, Café Hon, Common Ground, Corner BYOB, Daniela's Pasta and Pastries, The Dogwood Restaurant, Fraziers on the Avenue, Grandview Penthouse and Restaurant, Holy Frijoles, Ma Petite Shoe, Rocket to Venus, Royal Farms, Stone Mill Bakery, and The Verandah*. A special thanks to *The Wine Source* for their wonderful choice of wine and beer, and generous assortment of beverages.

Thank you to *Cynthia Shea* for her help with the **Mystery Boxes**, and to the **Mystery Box donors**: *Antique Exchange, Atomic Books, Breathe Books, Corner BYOB, Double Dutch, Jenny Ehrhardt, LMT, Debbie Falkenhan, In Watermelon Sugar, K Staton Boutique, Kiss N Makeup, Milagro, Party Dress, Soft and Cozy Baby, Urban Baby, Woodberry Kitchen, and Zensations Apothecary*.

Backpack and School Supply Giveaway

Thanks to Peggy Utermohle and the outreach committee of St. David's Church, the center was able to distribute 30+ backpacks to Hampden children before the start of the school year. Using the official school supply list distributed by Hampden Elementary/Middle School, St. David's parishioners began collecting for Pre-K through 4th graders back in June. Those in need received a backpack brimming with all the school supplies they would need. This was an invaluable contribution to the children and families in the community.

Expanding Partnerships

This year, the Family Center is fortunate to be working with the University of Maryland's School of Social Work (UMD) and the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). We are pleased to welcome Margot Allen, John Crouch and Jess Kingdon (all interns from UMD). The interns are working in various capacities with current programs and designing new programs to be offered. Ally Moore is an AmeriCorps member of MICA's Community Art Collaborative Program and working towards her MFA in community art. Ally's focus is to foster youth expression and voice through artistic projects. She has formed an "art club" and will be working with seniors on art projects of their choice and have them work with children in the after-school program.

New Board Members

The Family Center is pleased to welcome new Board members: Jennifer L. Bowers and Larry Catron, Jr.

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Christmas Party 2011

Santa Claus! The Oriole Bird! Christmas presents galore. Holiday crafts, gingerbread houses, you will not be bored. Of lunch and sweets, delicious treats— We really do implore...For you to come December 10th at 11 in the morn'.

Annual Christmas Party:

Saturday December 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Tickets must be reserved in advance due to limited space. Enjoy a visit with Santa, lunch, craft activity, small wrapped present and much more. Stop by the Family Center to register.

Donations of small toys for children (ages infant to 12 years, especially for ages 6-12) are needed. If you'd like to donate a \$10 gift, please drop it off to the center or call 410-467-8710 for more information.



Call for Christmas Angels!

Sponsor a Hampden child for Christmas and make your holiday complete! We are looking for individuals filled with the holiday spirit to "adopt" a child and purchase three presents from their holiday wish lists. In addition to making you feel warm and fuzzy inside, you would also be providing a child with an unforgettable Christmas morning.

Each year, in collaboration with St. David's Church and volunteers from the community, the Family Center sponsors the Christmas Angel Program, and we rely on people like you to make it a success!

For more information, please stop by the center or call 410-467-8710.



Community Events through Union Memorial Hospital

Health Fair: Despite an earthquake, a hurricane and torrential downpours, the skies were bright and clear the morning of September 10, just in time for the health fair held in partnership with Union Memorial Hospital. More than 100 community members benefited from the health fair. The most popular exhibitor was the blood pressure screening, and attendees also had access to nutrition counseling, heart health education, orthopedics and sports medicine information, an eye-opening hand-washing tutorial and diabetes education (just to name a few). The team of exhibitors and nurses could not have been more welcoming.



Blood Drive: On October 12 from 3–7 p.m., the center held a blood drive in partnership with MedStar Health Blood Donor Services. Despite a downcast and soggy day, we were quite pleased with the number of donors who came through the doors. Blood collected that day went directly to MedStar blood banks servicing their hospitals and thus staying in the Baltimore metropolitan community. Plans are already underway for another blood drive to be held in January.

Flu Shots: On October 27, the center was happy to work with Union Memorial Hospital to provide free flu shots to the community. More than 100 residents received their flu shots, and will hopefully enjoy a flu-free year. We are thankful that Union Memorial Hospital subsidized these flu shots, as many residents are uninsured and unable to afford one.

These events are just the beginning of a burgeoning partnership with Union Memorial Hospital. Later in the year, we are pleased to offer various health screenings, here, at the Family Center, which will be facilitated by Union Memorial Hospital staff.

J. McLaughlin Sip & Shop

*Enjoy refreshments and beautiful clothing for a cause!
15% of proceeds from November 17th through 19th
will benefit Hampden Family Center.*

*KICK-OFF: Thurs., Nov. 17th, 3-7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 18th, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 19th, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*

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