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**SOME** exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing, and health care. We help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness.

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## Program Wish List

*Please sign up for AmazonSmile at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and visit our Amazon Wish List at [bit.ly/SOMEwishlist](http://bit.ly/SOMEwishlist) to view our most urgently needed items and have them sent directly to SOME.*

**Center for Employment Training** - SOME's CET is in need of new or gently used scrubs in sizes S-3XL.

**Medical Clinic** - SOME's Medical Clinic is in need of a 16 cubic foot medication reffridgerator to provide safe storage for reffridgerated medications (total cost: \$2,400) as well as a 5.2 cubic foot vaccination storage reffridgerator (total cost \$1,500).

**Vehicle Donations** - Are you thinking of buying a new car? Donate your existing vehicle to SOME instead of trading it in. We'll pick up your vehicle, process your generous donation and provide you with all the necessary tax documents for your 2017 deduction. We accept all types of vehicles including motorcycles, boats, ATVs and motor homes and accept donations from all 50 states. Call 844-SOME-AUTO or visit <http://some.careasy.org/HOME/html>.

For more information about making a material donation to SOME, please visit our website at [some.org/donate-goods](http://some.org/donate-goods), or contact our Non-Monetary Donations Dept. at [donations@some.org](mailto:donations@some.org) or at 202.797.8806, ext. 2104.

## Hypothermia HOTLINE

If you see a homeless person WHO NEEDS HELP in very cold weather, please call the hypothermia hotline at **202.399.7093**.

When you call the hotline, please be prepared to describe the location and clothing of the person who needs help.

## You Were Amazing in 2016

As we reflect on 2016, I want to thank you for your support of SOME and let you know that I'm not alone in my gratitude. No one is more thankful than the 140 families with 350 children and the 600 women and men who now have a safe, dignified place to live. They—as well as the hundreds of others who come to SOME daily—are the beneficiaries of your thoughtfulness and support.



*A Provide-A-Meal volunteer prepares lunch at SOME.*

In 2016, SOME's dining rooms provided more than 1,000 meals daily with the help of Provide-A-Meal groups (see page 7) and our many other volunteer groups and individuals. We also continued to provide the comprehensive services you support all year long.

Thank you for joining us in SOME's mission to restore hope and dignity to DC's poor and homeless. With your support, we are more committed than ever to addressing the growing needs in our city. Homelessness among families alone has risen 34% in the District this year—the need is great.

On behalf of everyone here at SOME, I extend our warmest wishes for a happy and healthy new year to you and your loved ones.

Thank you,

Fr. John Adams

## Making the Holidays Bright

As you can imagine, the holiday season can be a tough time of year for formerly homeless families and single folks living in SOME's housing. Your support and generosity brightened the holiday season in so many ways for folks who have so little.

## How You Are Helping Those in Need

In 2016, with the help of Provide-A-Meal volunteers, SOME served **243,615 nutritious meals** to hungry people in our Main Dining Room and our Dining Room for Women and Children.

## Thank You for Housing the Homeless

With your support, SOME provides **140 safe, affordable apartments for families, including 350 children**, and **600 efficiencies and private rooms** for single women and men. With safe and supportive housing, SOME residents work toward greater independence.



*A guest in SOME's Dining Room receives a Holiday Shoebox Gift.*

Thanks to you, we collected and delivered over 6,000 holiday shoeboxes beautifully decorated for the season and filled with essential items, including hats, gloves and toiletries, as well as toys for children.

In addition, we provided 300 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner baskets to hungry men, women and families in our programs thanks to our generous donors.



*Thank you to The Carlyle Group for donating 200 Shoebox Gifts!*

## Your Stories

*SOME is grateful for its many dedicated and caring supporters. Here are stories and letters from folks who contribute their time, talent and donations to SOME.*

“Volunteering really brings people together for the greater good. We’re blessed to have the opportunity to work with SOME. The services they provide for those in need are truly remarkable and we’re glad to support them in any way that we can. The camaraderie that is built among the Cassaday team through volunteer efforts is truly special, and the passion and excitement towards making a difference in our community is radiant and contagious! I look forward to it each and every year.”

Kristen Cunningham, Director of Marketing & Communications at Cassaday & Company



Cassaday & Company volunteering in SOME’s Dining Room.

“I came along with my group from Florida International University to volunteer at SOME and serve breakfast. It was by far the best experience I have ever had. It was eye-opening and truly a blessing serving all the hungry and homeless people. I was so impacted by SOME and the entire week of working with the homeless that I am currently trying to figure out how we can incorporate ways to help those less fortunate in Miami. Thank you.”

Demi, volunteer

“So far my experience has been heart wrenching and frustrating at times, but the joy I get when I can see the positive impact I am making is priceless and overshadows those moments of difficulty. I am learning so much about the complexity of poverty.

All the SOME employees show compassion and devotion to their work that is truly inspiring. I feel blessed to be given this opportunity, as well as to gain more insight into how I can treat the underserved as an aspiring physician. It is an experience I will carry with me.”

Savannah Roy, SOME Volunteer Corps Member

## Success Stories



Jerell Brown via *The Washington Post*.

Recently, *The Washington Post* profiled Jerell Brown, a graduate of SOME’s Center for Employment Training. Jerell decided to get his life on a better track after narrowly escaping serious jail time.

“After I heard ‘five years,’ [the maximum sentence] in my mind, I was already a changed person,” he said. Ultimately, Jerell served one month in jail and two years probation; his record has been expunged.

Jerell now owns his own thriving landscaping company, currently in its third year of business. *Save My Lawn* has five employees and over 80 clients—including SOME, where Jerell maintains the grounds on 15 of our properties.

Sandra struggled with homelessness and alcoholism for years before learning about SOME. She was given her first drink at six years old. By 15, she had dropped out of school, never having learned to read.

Sandra found SOME while on her journey to sobriety and decided to accept help from SOME’s addiction treatment program.



Sandra.

Today she is enrolled in a kitchen training program and working towards becoming a cook.

Sandra is an outstanding resident at SOME’s Bedford Falls long-term housing where she is a role model to her fellow residents. She credits SOME for providing the structure and stability that is enabling her to rebuild her life.

“Without SOME, I would be dead,” says Sandra. “My life now couldn’t be better. Having my own place is like winning the lottery.”

## Provide-A-Meal Groups

We would like to thank the wonderful faith communities, corporations, schools and other organizations that regularly provide meals in our Dining Room.

Abi & Family	(Neighborhood 15)*
Albright Memorial United Methodist Church	St. Benedict the Moor
Andrews AFB Chapel Community #1	St. Bernadette Catholic Church*
Arcola United Methodist Church	St. David Episcopal Church
Beth Shalom Congregation	St. Dominic Church*
Booz Allen Hamilton	St. Dustan’s Episcopal Church
Bradley Hill Presbyterian Church	St. Elizabeth Catholic Church*
Brookfield Methodist Church	St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
Carnegie Institution of Washington	St. John Baptist De La Salle*
Catholic Community of Greenbelt	St. John Neumann Catholic Church
Christ Church Georgetown	St. John the Evangelist*
Church of the Annunciation	St. John’s Episcopal Church*
Church of the Higher Power	St. Luke’s Catholic Church
Church of the Nativity	St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church*
Congregation Olam Tikvah	St. Mark’s Church-Oakton
Cresthill Baptist Church	St. Mary’s Episcopal Church-Arlington
Ebenezer Ministry	St. Mary’s of Sorrows
Edison Electric Institute	St. Mary’s/Social Concerns*
Eichberg Construction	St. Michael’s Church
Ernst & Young	St. Patrick Catholic Church/Social Concern Community*
Florin United Methodist Church	St. Patrick Episcopal Church
Fort Myer Memorial Chapel	Saint Peter & Saint Paul
Foundry United Methodist Church*	St. Peter’s Catholic Church, DC
Friends Meeting of Washington	St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Olney*
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church	St. Peter’s Episcopal Church-Arlington, VA
Holy Comforter	St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Church
Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish*	St. Pius X
Holy Trinity Catholic Church*	Scully Capital Services
Kirkwood Presbyterian Church	Shiloh Baptist Church*
Marc Carey and Friends	Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament*
McLean Baptist Church	Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church
Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Kelly	Temple Emanuel
Mt. Calvary Catholic Church	Temple Shalom
Our Lady of Good Counsel	The Croke Family
Our Lady of Lourdes*	Tifereth Israel Congregation
Our Lady of Mercy*	Trinity Episcopal Church
Our Lady of Victory*	Trinity Presbyterian Church
Our Lady Queen of Peace*	Watkins Partnership
Quadel Group Consulting	Westmoreland Congregational UCCI*
Sacred Heart*	*Provide-A-Meal Founding Member
St. Alban’s Church	
St. Andrew’s Apostle Catholic Church*	
St. Anthony of Padua*	
St. Augustine Catholic Church	
St. Bartholomew’s Church	

*SOME would like to acknowledge the passing of Anne Tonrey, a longtime volunteer in our Dining Room through her participation with Sacred Heart’s Provide-A-Meal group.*

## In Loving Memory

We would like to acknowledge friends of SOME who have been remembered by their loved ones through memorial contributions to SOME.

Rosemary Barbella	Cheryl Mayer
Paul Barry	Linda Miltz
Frank Bautz	Sheila Mae Minor
Margaret Biniak	William John Morin
George O. Bizzigotti	Santha Pankaj
Edna Carmichale	Velora Avis Jernigan-Pedrick
Thomas Earle Chakalakis	Roy Popkin
Waybe Chandler	Wilfred Renuart
Nancy DePlatchett	Wylene Summerlin Roan
Rosemary Donnelly	Cyli Rockman
James C. Falcon	Vincente Rodriguez
James Gallemore	Rita Schwietzer
William Hubert Gilligan	Elaine Sloand
Rita Gillis	Mary Jean Smith
Greg Gregory	Jane Sneed
Mary-Ellen Griffin	Jeremiah Sullivan
Eric Eugene Grant	Lynn Strike
Christine Halston	Robert Swart
Adlai Stevenson Hardin, Jr.	Joseph Tesoriero
Emmanuel Hawkins	James Thompson
John Heller	Joe Timpane
Paul Lanahan	Colonel Norbert Corcoran
Lina Leboffe	Treacy
Annemarie Maguire	Lenora Sharon Umberger
Hope Marindin	Constance Vegega
A. Genevieve Martin	Rob Walmsley

## Bequests as Living Memorials

SOME honors the memory of individuals whose generous bequests will help SOME to continue our work. We are deeply grateful for their thoughtfulness in providing for the homeless and poor children, women, and men in our community whom they supported during their lifetimes.

Joseph R. Barager	Richard Kronheim
Ellen M. Dombroski	Elizabeth A. Marshall
Joan I. Field	Sheila A. Morgenstern
Peggy A. Grant	Margaret W. Pratt
Burton H. Grodnitzky	Jack A. Schaeffer
Rosemary Gwynn	Suzanne Warshaw
Barbara H. Kemp	Jeanne Zeydel

## Legacy of Hope

“I wish I could do more,” is the comment we most often hear from friends of SOME. Through a bequest or planned gift, you can provide a level of support that ensures SOME’s ability to help future men, women, and children in need. With thoughtful planning, your gift can provide both the greatest assistance to SOME and the most attractive benefits for you and your family. For more information, please consult your tax advisor or attorney. If you would like to receive our complimentary booklet, *Legacy of Hope*, please contact SOME Chief Development Officer Linda Parisi at 202.292.4413 or lparisi@some.org. Thank you.

# SOME THANKS YOU: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger



Runners take off from the start line at the Trot for Hunger.

What an incredible 15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger! **More than 8,000 people participated** in the Trot, raising over **\$580,000!** Proceeds will help SOME to continue to provide comprehensive services for thousands of homeless men, women and children in the District.

Looking out at all of the friends and families that came together to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community was a beautiful sight. All of us at SOME thank you for making a difference in our city.



A team at the Trot for Hunger start line.

We want to recognize all of our participants, volunteers and sponsors for making this event possible. A special thanks to our **lead sponsor General Dynamics** for their outstanding sponsorship and their Trot team of more than 200 participants!

Thanks also to sponsors Mix 107.3, DCW50, Chasenboscolo, MCN Build, AT&T, New Light Technologies, National Retail Federation, PepsiCo, Bigelow and the Fernandez Foundation.

## 2016 Harvest Gala

Friends of SOME gathered for our Harvest Gala at the National Building Museum on November 19, 2016, to honor our 2016 Father Horace McKenna Humanitarian of the Year award recipients, Linda Jo Smith and Raul Fernandez, for their extraordinary work improving the lives of District residents living in poverty. Learn more about our recipients at [some.org/news](http://some.org/news).



Gala Chair Allison Shay, 2016 McKenna Humanitarian of the Year Raul Fernandez and Linda Jo Smith, SOME President Fr. John Adams and Gala Chair Matthew Shay at the Harvest Gala.

### SOME THANKS

THE GALA LEADERSHIP, THE SOME CORPORATE ADVISORY BOARD AND OUR SPONSORS!

**DINNER GALA CHAIRS**  
Allison and Matthew Shay

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## Health and Wellness in SOME's Housing Programs

When Molly Zwelling, a SOME staff member in our adult housing program, was tasked with developing a health and wellness initiative for our residents, she began by running focus groups, asking them what barriers there are to making healthier choices. Out of those focus groups came guest speakers, activities and resources on topics like self-care, healthy cooking, giving back, physical activity and more.

"Giving our residents health education information is key to helping them change unhealthy behaviors to healthy ones," says Molly. "This allows them to manage chronic diseases, like diabetes or heart disease, and improve their general quality of life."

The Health and Wellness Initiative is already having success. Thanks to support from healthy activities at SOME's Marian's House, a resident suffering from a condition that causes significant back pain lost 20 pounds, leaving her with less pain and more energy.



A SOME resident attending October's health fair picks up a bag of fresh produce to take home.

The initiative's signature event is the annual health fair, which in 2017 will be held in collaboration with SOME's family services. In 2016, the 75 residents who visited the fair were offered guided meditation, an exercise class, tips on how to shop for healthier food items on a budget and the opportunity to talk with various healthcare providers. Arcadia Farms, Hungry Harvest and the Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild donated 500 pounds of fresh produce to help our residents get started on eating healthy!

Molly is also working with SOME's non-monetary donations and dining room teams to create new, healthier guidelines for meals we serve and the food pantry items we distribute. Download our Healthy Pantry food drive flyer at <http://bit.ly/SOMEHealthyPantry>.

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### SOME Volunteer Corps Members

SOME is more than just our services, we welcome all with a friendly smile that lets the people we serve know that they are seen, that they are heard, that they are valued.

SOME would not be possible without our volunteers. We are so grateful to the thousands of people who give of their time every year in our programs. Their work enables us to provide services and support to every person who comes to us for help. Thanks to our volunteers, no one is turned away.

One of our more unique volunteer programs is our SOME Volunteer Corps, a year-long, full-time, residential program for single adults. SOME Volunteer Corps members provide direct service to individuals and families who are marginalized, oppressed, homeless, or otherwise in need. SOME's long-term volunteers live simply and communally in Gandhi House, located near Catholic University in northeast Washington, DC.



2016 Volunteer Corps members (clockwise from bottom left): Rabia, Elly, Derek, Savannah and Brian.

Currently, there are five members in SOME's Volunteer Corps:

- Savannah Roy, from New Jersey, is working in the Medical Clinic.
- Rabia Mirza, from Florida, is working with Senior Services and in the Medical Clinic.
- Elly Vos, from Hawaii, is working in SOME's Transitional Housing and Center for Employment Training.
- Derek Dissell, from Ohio, and Brian Huynh, from Virginia, are working in Isaiah House, SOME's day program for homeless people suffering from chronic and severe mental illness.

Says Elly Vos, "Programs at SOME can change lives, and it has already changed mine." To learn more about SOME Volunteer Corps, visit [volunteercorps.some.org](http://volunteercorps.some.org).



SOME staffer Dionta King with Volunteer Corps members Rabia and Savannah at SOME's health fair in October.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia! Their knitting and prayer group knits warm hats and scarves and delivers them to SOME throughout the year. The warmth provided is much appreciated by the recipients!



## 2017 EMPTY BOWLS SOUP SUPPERS



Beautiful handcrafted pottery at Empty Bowls.

**Monday | March 20 | 6pm - 8pm**  
**St. Ann Roman Catholic Church**  
**5300 North 10th Street, Arlington, VA**

**Tuesday | March 21 | 6pm - 8pm**  
**The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
**3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington, DC**

Join SOME in March for our annual Empty Bowls soup suppers. Proceeds from the Empty Bowls events help SOME continue to provide more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry and homeless District residents.

Empty Bowls guests select a handcrafted bowl made by a local artist, are served soup and, when the meal is through, take the bowl home as a reminder that there are those in our community whose bowls are empty.



SOME President Fr. John Adams with volunteers serving soup at Empty Bowls in 2016.

We give special thanks to our partners the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design for handcrafting 500 of the 1,000 bowls needed for the events and The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and St. Ann Roman Catholic Church for the use of their wonderful facilities. They, along with the many individual potters who donate fine wares and the local restaurants that donate soup, bread and desserts come together to create a memorable evening. Gather your family and friends and join us.

Tickets, which may be purchased online at [some.org/events](http://some.org/events) or at the event for \$25, include a handcrafted bowl and delicious soup supper.

*If you are a potter willing to donate bowls or a restaurateur willing to donate soup, bread or dessert, please contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at [rpotts-dupre@some.org](mailto:rpotts-dupre@some.org) or 202.797.8806, ext. 1131.*

## 14th Annual SOME Junior Gala

Co-Chairs: Alden Barsness • Patrick Brennan

SOME's 14th annual Junior Gala for young professionals will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, from 8:00 pm to midnight at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. A wonderful evening featuring live music, dancing and cocktails, the Junior Gala benefits SOME's affordable housing programs for homeless and very low-income families. Last year, 800 attended the event.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, please visit [some.org/jrgala](http://some.org/jrgala) or call Ingrid Feigenbaum at 202.797.8806, ext. 1129.



Guests enjoy the 2016 Junior Gala.

## Thank You North Carolina A&T Alumni!



On Christmas Eve, SOME received a generous donation of much needed goods from the North Carolina A&T Alumni Association. Two trucks rolled up to SOME filled with clothing, toiletries and food items.

Thank you to the A&T Alumni Association for helping to refill our pantry warehouse following a busy season of providing meals to the hungry and homeless!

## SOME IS WELL ON OUR WAY TO 1,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In 2005 we launched our Affordable Housing Development Initiative with a goal of creating 1,000 new units for homeless families and individuals in the District, building upon the 250 units SOME already had in place. Under the leadership of Initiative Chair Bill Conway, we currently have an additional 706 units either completed or under development. And we have more planned!

### Under Development: THE CONWAY CENTER

Currently, SOME is developing a 320,000-square-foot site on Benning Road, NE that will provide 202 units of affordable housing, job training and healthcare—all under one roof. As of this writing, The Conway Center has three levels of underground parking completed and we are now building above ground with the third floor framed and concrete poured. Keep track of The Conway Center's progress at [capitalcampaign.some.org](http://capitalcampaign.some.org).

**Capital Campaign Progress:** We have raised more than \$18 million towards our Building Hope Capital Campaign goal of \$20 million to develop this unique facility. Please contact Chief Development Officer Linda Parisi at 202.292.4413 or [lparisi@some.org](mailto:lparisi@some.org), if you have ques-

tions or would like to donate. There are many naming opportunities still available.

### Under Development: ALTAMONT PLACE

In December, we began construction to rehabilitate Altamont Place, which will provide 38 units of affordable, supportive housing for homeless and extremely low-in-



Construction taking place at Altamont.

come men and women, bringing us even closer to our goal of 1,000 new units. Altamont is scheduled to be completed by July 2017.

### Planned: SPRING ROAD and WALTER REED

SOME has additional affordable housing projects in the pipeline. Our project at Spring Road will eventually house 37 families, while our project on the Walter Reed campus will be dedicated to senior housing. Look for updates in the Summer edition of our newsletter.

## SOME's Center for Employment Training Employer Partners

Thank you to all of the companies that partnered with SOME's Center for Employment Training (CET) in 2016! This year we were thrilled to have partnerships with close to 75 companies throughout the DC metro area.

SOME CET firmly believes that the most effective means for job advancement is to bring together employment services with education and training programs so students attain credentials that employers value. Our employer partnerships are critical to helping meet student and employer expectations.

CET's Career Services Department actively works with employers from all sectors to enhance our students' learning experience and better equip them to be successful job applicants. Employer partners participate in on-site recruiting and lend their expertise and talent during Career Days and Professional Development Days. They also serve as host sites for our externship program.

In 2016, SOME was fortunate to expand our partnerships with several employers. Providence Hospital continues to be a great externship partner, accepting multiple externs at a time and always providing our

students with a meaningful experience. Intersolutions, the Smithsonian Institution and Barr Concrete are employer partners who have hired our students upon graduation. Ascensions Psychological & Behavioral Health Services and Health Services for Children (HSC) have also committed to hiring our graduates.



Staff from Providence Hospital give a presentation to SOME CET students.

"SOME is really good at understanding exactly what we're looking for [in potential employees]," said Michael "Max" Grove, owner, Max Insulation, a SOME employer partner.

**Additional employer partners are needed for 2017.** Interested employers are welcome to schedule an open house

visit Monday through Friday. For more information contact SOME's Placement Coordinator Clennie Murphy at 202.797.8806, ext. 1202 or [cmurphy@some.org](mailto:cmurphy@some.org).