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## The Future Conway Center Takes Shape on Benning Road, NE

Construction is well underway on the future Conway Center at 4430 Benning Road, NE! It will take approximately two years to complete the mixed-use, green facility. You can watch a live feed of the construction at [capitalcampaign.some.org/live-feed/](http://capitalcampaign.some.org/live-feed/).



*Construction at the Benning Road, NE site of the future Conway Center, which will combine affordable housing, job training and health care.*

General contractor Bozzuto is currently digging three stories underground to create the building's parking lot, sheeting and shoring. In March, Bozzuto will begin pouring concrete for the seven-story structure. Topping off is scheduled for November 2016.

## Shoebox Gifts!



Thank you to all of the individuals, churches, schools and companies who donated beautiful shoebox gifts for homeless children, women and men. Over 2,000 thoughtful gifts

were distributed to folks in our Dining Rooms and our rehabilitative and residential programs. Donors were so generous that even after providing a gift for each person who needed one, we had some left over, which will be used throughout the year to supply those we serve with toiletries and clothing.

## How You Are Helping Those in Need

In 2015, with the help of Provide-A-Meal volunteers, SOME served **241,106 nutritious meals** to hungry children, women and men in our Main Dining Room and our Dining Room for Women and Children.

## Housing the Homeless

With your support, safe, dignified, affordable housing is provided for 146 formerly homeless families with children and 545 single women and men, including senior citizens and those with special needs.

## You Were Amazing in 2015

Over the past 45 years, you, our donors, volunteers and supporters, have consistently provided the generous support needed to fulfill SOME's mission. In 2015, you went even farther, enabling us to provide a record number of holiday meals and shoebox gifts to poor and homeless children, women and men.

Thanks to you, we provided four times more Thanksgiving dinner baskets - about 800 total - to vulnerable individuals and families, including 48 seniors, distributed 2,164 beautiful, bountiful shoebox gifts, and over 200 toys for children living in our affordable housing.

This was all in addition to the more than 1,000 daily meals and wraparound services that you support all year long. Thank you!



*Ben, Matias and Isabella enjoy a special holiday meal provided by Del Frisco's Grille.*



**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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All comments are welcomed.

## Hypothermia HOTLINE

If you see a homeless person in the District WHO NEEDS HELP in weather that is very cold, please call the hypothermia hotline at **1.800.535.7252**.

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

## Program Wish List

**Material Donations** - New socks and underwear for men and women. Seasonal men's clothing. Sugar packets for our Dining Room.

**Leland Place** - SOME's transitional housing program for men in recovery is in need of 25 twin sheet and comforter sets, 12 electronic alarm clocks, 12 table lamps, 12 space heaters, six irons and three ironing boards.

**Isaiah House** - SOME's therapeutic day program for men and women experiencing homelessness and severe and persistent mental illness is seeking the following items: ponchos, travel pillows, towels, XL and larger belts, a large stockpot, a heavyweight can opener, spoons and forks.

**Senior Services** - Gift cards for Safeway/CVS to help purchase food supplements and medicine, Ensure and Glucerna, incontinence supplies (L and XL pull-ups and Chux).

*Please visit our Amazon Wish List at [amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/10AX1YCWX0OWS](http://amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/10AX1YCWX0OWS) to view our most urgently needed items and have them sent directly to SOME.*

**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 Stephanie Shallah at [donations@some.org](mailto:donations@some.org) or at 202.797.8806, ext. 2104.**

## Your Stories

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

Dear Fr. John,

It is my pleasure to be in the position to give back. I was homeless in Washington, DC. It was a cold winter and I was not native to the area.

I noticed how much time and effort it took to take care of the homeless. Homelessness is not easy, but I understand that the organization would not be there if there were not finances available to manage everything.

I told myself I would never forget this place. It was set up in a lovely setting and it really just helped me to forget that I was homeless...even if it was for just one moment.

Thank you for being there!

Love,  
Stacy

Dear SOME,

In 1990, Georgetown University Dental Alumni were disheartened when our school closed after 99 years of treating patients in the DC area. The closing of our alma mater's dental clinic meant losing our "home base."

Luckily, we treated patients at SOME's Dental Clinic during our training and, for most of us, it was the first time we truly understood the power of our skills and what they meant to those in need. I believe it is this charitable understanding that Georgetown dentists and SOME have in common.

We find comfort in knowing SOME continues to provide free dental care in the D.C. area. Last year, your clinic performed 4,177 dental procedures during 2,763 visits.

With proceeds from purchasing Georgetown fleece jackets and Dentalopoly games, our dental alumni are donating two ultrasonic scalers and \$1,000 toward the purchase of two Piezon Master Surgery Complete Basic Systems. With this donation we uphold Georgetown's tradition of "making the world a better place" one patient at a time.

Karen DeSimone, DDS

Dear SOME,

This is my second time donating and I want to say that I really like donating to you because I know the money I send will help people who are hungry.

Sincerely,  
Max, age 6

## Success Stories

For the first year of her life, Heaven often coughed up blood and stopped breathing. Her panicked mother Maya rushed her to the hospital dozens of times.

This would have been difficult for any young mother. It was even harder because Heaven and Maya were homeless.

One year ago, they were one of 27 families – many from DC General Shelter – that moved into affordable apartments at SOME's Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Building.

Since then, Heaven hasn't been to the hospital once. She has her own room where she now sleeps peacefully under a Cinderella comforter.

With a stable place to live and improved health, Heaven is now in preschool, where she has "really, really grown" – in speech, development and interactions with other kids.

The change in Heaven is remarkable, and it is thanks to you. Your support makes it possible for us to provide safe, affordable housing that enables kids and families to become healthy and whole.

Watch a video about Heaven and Maya at [some.org/about/success-stories/](http://some.org/about/success-stories/)



Heaven and Maya enjoy story time in their apartment.



Dear Fr. John,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for saving my life. SOME gave me hope, faith, love and respect for myself. That was my first step to success.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie

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## 45th Anniversary Gala

Friends of SOME gathered at our annual Gala on November 14, 2015 to honor the 2015 Humanitarian of the Year, Phebe Novakovic, for the outstanding support that she and General Dynamics provide to those in need.

The Dinner Gala and the Silent and Live Auctions raised over \$1 million for SOME's services and for the Building Hope Capital Campaign to complete the future Conway Center on Benning Road in NE, DC.

To learn about naming opportunities at the Conway Center and sponsorship of SOME's 2016 Gala, please contact SOME's Chief Development Officer Linda Parisi at 202.292.4413 or [lparisi@some.org](mailto:lparisi@some.org), or visit [capitalcampaign.some.org](http://capitalcampaign.some.org).



2015 Humanitarian of the Year Phebe Novakovic with (left to right) Fr. John Adams, SOME President; the General Dynamics team; and Linda Jo Smith, SOME Board Chair.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Tasya Arrington

Tasya Arrington, a *SOME* volunteer since 1990, is one of the many dedicated volunteers and supporters who make *SOME*'s mission possible. She shared her reasons for volunteering, and what keeps her coming back to help the homeless at *SOME*.



My compassion comes from a very young age. I grew up in a single parent home. There were many times when the food was short and maybe the utilities not paid, rent not on time, or a vacate notice, but we never went hungry. Our mother never wavered. Her love and hard-working ethics and faith showered our home.

We never knew the drastic struggle she went through to provide for us. We thought our lives were great, in a home full of love. I know now, when mom would hand money to a person on the streets, or provide a sandwich to a homeless person, that she was giving from faith that our God would provide.

She was taking from what little she had for us at home and shared it with the strangers, as if we were rich, maybe not in monetary means but we were rich with that love and compassion to help others. With just pure love and enjoyment of seeing someone eat that day. So as I look back and hold onto those memories, I knew from seeing, feeling it, and embracing that one day this [helping others] would be a passionate spot in my life.

It's been so long that I can't quite remember when *SOME* found its way into my life. I'm often on the Saturday morning 6:15am shift and most holidays in *SOME*'s Dining Room. I do it from the heart, not for show or recognition. That's why I've been a part of this for over 25 years - the JOY of fullness of GRATITUDE.

At the end of a volunteer shift I feel honored, peaceful in mind, humbled in my spirit and blessed in my heart, and am always mindful in my daily life to never turn my back on anyone because the unthinkable can happen when we least expect it.



"They [*SOME* CET staff] lifted me up, saying 'You can do this.' [*SOME* CET] showed me how to be accountable. It showed me integrity... If I fall, I get back up and don't let nothing tear me down."

-LaShawn, *SOME* Center for Employment Training graduate

## 13th Annual *SOME* Junior Gala Co-Chairs: Patrick Brennan • Alden Denny • Zack Dugan

*SOME*'s 13th Annual Jr. Gala will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. A wonderful evening featuring live music, dancing and cocktails, the Jr. Gala benefits *SOME*'s affordable housing programs for families. Last year, 800 young professionals attended the sold out event. To purchase tickets, or for more information, please visit [some.org](http://some.org) or call Ingrid Feigenbaum at 202.797.8806, ext. 1129.



2015 Jr. Gala Board members with Fr. John.

## Fall 2015 Center for Employment Training Graduation

On December 3, 2015, 45 men and women graduated from *SOME*'s job training program with the skills needed to secure living wage employment. After six months of full-time training, they are prepared for jobs in the health care and building maintenance sectors. Max Insulation was honored as the Employer of the Year, and Marcel Jackson and Keonia Anderson addressed their fellow graduates. Also celebrated at the graduation were the 25 previous graduates who have retained their employment for at least one year. Congratulations, graduates!



## 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 Rooms.

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\*Provide-A-Meal Founding Member

Would you like to help the hungry in this way? We are in need of Provide-A-Meal groups on the following days:

**Breakfast:** 5th Monday of each month • 5th Thursday (shared with another group)

**Lunch:** 1st Monday (shared with another group) • 1st Wednesday (shared with another group) • 2nd Wednesday (shared with another group) • 2nd Friday (shared with another group) • 4th Tuesday • 5th Monday • 5th Thursday

## In Loving Memory

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

<p>Elinor Ahern Catherine Baker Chris Barr Louise Beall Clifton Bent David Black William Briggs George V. Broderick Alice Coffman Maurice Conley, III Anthony Coyle Joseph L. Deering Mark Edwards Sr. Mary Ellen Ford, SSJ Jeanne D. Forte Nellie M. Gardner John Gearrity Bruce Gibson Stanley Goldstein Paul Gravatt Jeremiah Harrison Ranger Ingersoll</p>	<p>Rebecca Jefferson Dorothy Johnson Alyssa Kennedy Potratz Bernadine Kmetz Gertrude Levin Elvira Lulli Donald Melton Gene Moore Margie Peyser Dorothy Rudzik Charlotte Schaefer David Schryver Keith I. Settles Marian Sharpsteen Russell Shope Vincent Tagliarino Lisa Timchalk Joveliano Trinidad, Jr Clint Wheeler Barbara Willet Dr. Nicholas J. Willson Mary Wolfskill</p>
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## Bequests as Living Memorials

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

<p>Dorothea B. Artis Joyce E. Fried Peggy A. Grant Barbara H. Kemp Grace E. Watson</p>	<p>Suzanne Campagna John Gearrity Donald R. Hilleary Robert G. Sewell</p>
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## 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](mailto:lparisi@some.org). Thank you.

## EMPTY BOWLS 2016



**Monday | March 14 | 6pm - 8pm**  
**St. Ann Roman Catholic Church**  
**5300 North 10th Street, Arlington, VA**

**Tuesday | March 15 | 6pm - 8pm**  
**The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
**3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington, DC**

Join SOME as we once again partner with the Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, local potters and pottery groups to host our annual Empty Bowls soup suppers.

A much-loved annual event, Empty Bowls raises funds for SOME's food programs while promoting hunger awareness in our community.

Each Empty Bowls guest selects a handcrafted bowl, is served a soup supper and, when the meal is through, takes their bowl home as a reminder that there are those in our community whose bowls are empty.



Guests browse at the 2015 Empty Bowls.

The cost is \$25 per bowl. Potters donate the handcrafted bowls and local restaurants contribute delicious soup, bread and dessert.

If you are a potter and are interested in donating bowls, or if you are a local restaurateur or caterer and would like to donate soup or other food, please contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at [rpotts-dupre@some.org](mailto:rpotts-dupre@some.org) or 202.797.8806, ext. 1131.

## Daryl Wright Brings New Flavor to the Dining Room

Daryl Wright began his career in marketing and finance, working in both the private sector and in the nonprofit world. He later joined the SOME staff and worked in our Behavioral Health Clinic.



However, Daryl has enjoyed cooking and creating recipes for his entire life. When the opportunity to run SOME's Dining Room came up, he knew it was where he belonged.

"I am a visual person. I want food to be an experience – we eat with our eyes first," Daryl says. He creatively plates the food served in the Dining Room so that it is aesthetically appealing, as well as nourishing.



A recent lunch of fish, potatoes and mixed vegetables in SOME's Dining Room.

Daryl's time in the Behavioral Health Clinic gave him an understanding of our guests' health issues that enables him to create healthy, satisfying meals. He uses fresh ingredients in every meal and encourages the Provide-A-Meal groups that generously prepare and serve meals at SOME to do the same.

He also prepares fresh salads, complete with protein, so that if a person can't eat what is on the menu, we are able to offer a nourishing alternative. He believes that showing our guests respect and dignity begins with a high-quality, healthy meal.

The skills that Daryl developed in the marketing and finance industries have also translated very well in his new position. He uses them to ensure that SOME is able to feed over 1,000 people each day, every day of the year, in our Dining Rooms and in our rehabilitative programs.

## Addictions Program Graduation

On October 15, 2015, 23 formerly homeless men and women officially completed SOME's 18-month addiction recovery program. A beautiful graduation ceremony was held at the Church of the Epiphany, in front of a joyful crowd of friends and family members. One graduate speaker said, "SOME gave me a new life."

Congratulations to the graduates and their loved ones.



Fall 2015 graduates with Fr. John.

## Homeless Vigil and Memorial Service



Councilmember David Grosso (second from left) and others gather to remember those who passed away while homeless.

On December 17 and 18, SOME co-sponsored the Homeless Vigil and Memorial Service to remember the more than 41 individuals who passed away during the year while homeless. An overnight vigil was held on Freedom Plaza, followed by the Memorial Service at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. At the service, Mr. Matthew Doherty, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, said, "We need to have an even greater sense of urgency."

## Thank You, Trotters!

On Thanksgiving morning, 10,000 runners and walkers from the area and across the country gathered in downtown DC for the 14th Annual Trot for Hunger 5K. By the end of the race, new records had been set, including a new Trot fundraising record of over \$650,000!

The top male finisher was Tai Dinger (15:19), and the top female finisher was Madeleine Meyers (18:22). Councilmembers David Grosso and Elissa Silverman both participated.

Presenting Sponsor General Dynamics had the largest team for the second year in a row, with over 90 team members. The General Dynamics team was led by Amy Gilliland, Sr. Vice President, Human Resources and Administration.

Thank you to General Dynamics and each individual and organization that participated in and supported this fun and meaningful community event.



Young Trotters take off at the Trot's One Mile Fun

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