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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

Hyperthermia HOTLINE

If you see a homeless person in the District who needs help in very hot weather, please call the hyperthermia hotline at **1.800.535.7252.**

Harvest House - SOME's transitional housing program for women in recovery is seeking business clothing and shoes that residents can wear to job interviews. The program is also seeking twin sheets and blankets, alarm clocks, clothing hangers and 64" long curtains.

Medical Clinic - The Medical Clinic is seeking one or two IV pumps, as well as volunteer doctors, nurse practitioners, dieticians and registered nurses.

Senior Services - One of the seniors whom SOME serves through the Homebound Senior Program is bedbound and is in need of a Hoyer Lift.

Isaiah House - SOME's day program for adults experiencing homelessness and mental illness is

seeking a badminton set, frisbees and a soccer ball and pump to use during summer picnics. The Sound Empowerment group is seeking rhythm instruments, guitar, violin and brass instruments. We are also seeking a volunteer to tune the Isaiah House and Dining Room pianos.

Please sign up for AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com and visit our Amazon Wish List at amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/10AXIYCWX0OWS 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, or contact Stephanie Shallah at donations@some.org or at 202.797.8806, ext. 2104.



SOME is honored to be a *Washington Post* Top Workplace for a second consecutive year. SOME was awarded a Top Workplaces designation based on feedback collected from staff through an anonymous survey.



SOME's Spring Road property, which we will renovate to house homeless families, was awarded support through the District's 2015 Consolidated RFP.

Family Homelessness in the District Rises by 31.8%

An annual survey revealed that family homelessness has increased by 31.8% in the District over the past year. There are now 1,941 homeless families with 2,722 children, representing a 46% increase since 2012.

The primary cause of this alarming trend is DC's lack of affordable housing. SOME is working with partner non-profit organizations and the District to address this need for safe, dignified housing.

We currently provide affordable apartments for nearly 150 formerly homeless and extremely low-income families, including 350 children, and are in the process of developing housing for 67 additional families, including 37 apartments on Spring Road, NW (shown above).

How You Are Helping Those in Need

With the help of Provide-A-Meal volunteers, SOME served **98,363 nutritious meals** to hungry children, women and men in our Main Dining Room and our Dining Room for Women and Children from January through May.

Housing the Homeless

Thanks to your support, nearly 150 families with over 300 children and 545 individuals, including senior citizens and those with special needs, are safely housed in SOME's dignified, affordable housing.

Laying the Foundation for The Conway Center

In May, Bozzuto Construction began pouring the foundation for SOME's Conway Center, our soon-to-be 320,000 square foot building. Following months of excavation when crews burrowed three stories underground, this marked the beginning of the construction phase of the facility that will excite and inspire Benning Heights residents and visitors.

Please see page four to learn how SOME Center for Employment Training students are involved in the project.



A tower crane looms over our excavated construction site on Benning Road, NE.

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 Father John,

The staff at SOME never ceases to amaze me. St. Alban's Church delivers casseroles to SOME the third Sunday of every month. SOME staff members and volunteers always greet us with friendship. You have an organization of which to be proud. SOME does God's work in Washington, DC and St. Alban's is proud to be part of your work.

Peace+,
Martin

Fr. John-

What a great and dedicated staff you have!! Thank you for all the good work that you and your staff do to help those that are less fortunate and are in need.

As a federal employee, I was on loan to the CFC for approximately a year during 2003/4. Some of my responsibilities included giving presentations to other federal employees regarding the benefits of giving to the CFC. I always used SOME as an example of the organization that I personally gave to and as an example of an organization that did a super charitable job for the needy and also kept their administrative expenses low.

I retired in 2007 and continue to donate to SOME. I am proud to donate to such a wonderful and caring charity.

Thanks for all you do,
Walter

Dear SOME,

Hi, our names are Alexandra and Helene. At school, we have an annual Market Day, where we bake goods, make crafts and sell them. We raised \$25.10 to send to your organization. We hope our donation helps you in your work.

Sincerely,
Alexandra (10) and Helene (10)

Success Stories

Dear Fr. John,

I just want to thank you, Father John, for being there for me in March of 2002. Since that day, my life has made a 360 degree turn for the best and I am so grateful for that.

My Mom had always told me that before she left this earth, she wanted to see me get myself together. She passed away on October 26, 2015, and, through the grace of God, she had seen her son clean for 13 years.

Thank you again and may God keep on blessing you and others to help other people like me get their lives together.

Sincerely,
James

Dear Fr. John,

When I came to Kuehner Place (for Abused and Neglected Elderly), I weighed 90 pounds, and now I weigh 114 pounds. My doctor gave me a big hug and told me he was proud of me. I'm not stressed out anymore and I'm at peace, so now I feel better.

Sincerely,
Clarice

Dear Fr. John,

I entered into SOME's Safe House on February 3, 2015. From there I went to SOME's West Virginia (the Miracle Mountain). I didn't know what to expect! Those 90 days at the Mountain is where I found all the answers to all my struggles. Where I reconnected to my Higher Power.

Upon returning to DC, I went to SOME's transitional housing (Harvest House for women). I started going to school at SOME's Center for Employment Training (SOME CET) where I took the Medical Administrative Assistant course.

Then I was in SOME's Jeremiah House where I stayed for approximately three months. Then I moved into my own one-bedroom apartment and got an AA sponsor.

Today, I am a SOME Center for Employment Training graduate and certified Medical Administrative Assistant, living life on life's terms.

Sincerely,
Asia

THANK YOU Dining Room Volunteers

Over the last few months, SOME's Dining Room has undergone unforeseen plumbing repairs due to underground pipes that are 70 years old.

The repairs caused our volunteers and Provide-A-Meal (PAM) groups to alter their normal routine. Despite the inconvenience, our volunteers came together on a daily basis to ensure that all of SOME's Dining Room guests were fed and treated with dignity and respect.



With the support of SOME volunteers, the Dining Room has continued to serve daily meals during recent repairs.

Every day, close to 1,000 homeless men and women count on us for nourishing meals, private showers, clean restroom facilities and dignified space where they can recuperate from the stress of living on the streets. We would not have been able to maintain those services during repairs without the time and determination of our volunteers. We are most grateful for all of our volunteers' continued support and dedication to SOME's mission of restoring hope and dignity one person at a time.

We also appreciate so many of you telling us what a wonderful, welcoming and dedicated staff we have in our Dining Room.

AmazonSmile

What's easier than shopping on Amazon? Helping SOME while you do it.

You sign up for AmazonSmile using your existing Amazon.com account. Once you designate SOME as your charity of choice, 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases will be donated to SOME. These small donations don't cost

you anything and add up quickly to help the homeless at SOME.

To sign up, visit smile.amazon.com. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at rpotts-dupre@some.org or 202.797.8806 x 1129.

Harvest House Anniversary

In August, Harvest House, SOME's transitional housing and job readiness program for women in recovery, will hold a celebration to mark its 20th Anniversary. Since 1996, women have come to Harvest House after completing SOME's 90-day residential treatment program in West Virginia.



Harvest House

Save the Date: Upcoming Events

Dinner Gala and Silent Auction
National Building Museum
Saturday, November 19, 2016

Fr. Horace McKenna Humanitarian of the Year
Linda Jo Smith, Chair of SOME's Board of Directors

Dinner Chairs
Allison Shay and Matthew Shay, President & CEO
National Retail Federation

Silent Auction Chairs
Suzanne Clark, Executive Vice President
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

SOME's Annual Dinner Gala and Silent Auction celebrates our work, allows us to recognize the SOME McKenna Humanitarian of the Year and raises support for our programs, including SOME's Building Hope Capital Campaign.

For more information, please visit some.org/events or call (202) 797-8806, ext. 1129.

Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger
Freedom Plaza
Thursday, November 24, 2016

The Trot for Hunger is a 5K timed run and family walk. We anticipate 10,000 runners and walkers will participate on Thanksgiving morning. The Trot raises awareness of poverty and homelessness and generates support for SOME's programs. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at (202) 797-8806, ext. 1131 or rpotts-dupre@some.org.

SOME Jr. Gala
The National Museum of Women in the Arts
Friday, February 10, 2017

The SOME Jr. Gala is an opportunity for 800 young professionals to come together for a fun evening of cocktails and dancing. The event raises awareness about SOME as well as funds for a selected SOME program.

Celebrating 30 Years of Isaiah House



Staff and participants in their best 1980's accessories.

In 1986, SOME opened Isaiah House, a therapeutic day program for men and women experiencing both homelessness and severe and persistent mental illness. Thirty years later, Isaiah House is going strong, providing services and a community for approximately 40 men and women each day.

Isaiah House members and staff celebrated this exciting anniversary with a 1980's-inspired Costume and Dance Party on May 13. Everyone enjoyed dressing up and grooving to Michael Jackson and Madonna.

Mark, a senior member of Isaiah House, spoke about the changes that he was able to make in his life with the support of the program. He got a job, overcame an addiction and became a trusted friend for other Isaiah House members. Many other members and staff also shared the impact that Isaiah House has had on their lives.



SOME was honored to host DuPont Brass in the Dining Room as part of International Jazz Day on April 30.

Addiction Program Spring Graduation

On Monday, April 18, 17 men and women officially completed SOME's year-long addiction recovery program, which includes three months of residential treatment in West Virginia. Joyful family members, friends and SOME staff were on hand to cheer the graduates as they crossed the stage. We are very happy for these individuals who have truly transformed their lives.

Graduating class of Spring 2016.



"Since I came into the SOMEs program, I am a new person. I have self-respect, people respect me and want me to be around. I am now employed. And most of all, I like and love the person I am today."

-Jasmin, Spring 2016 Addiction Program Graduate

SOME Alumni Association

SOME has an Alumni Association for women and men that was established in 1991 with the mission of providing support for the clients who have completed SOME's Addiction Program. The members meet every third Friday of the month to discuss Alumni business, plan events and fellowship. About 25-30 members attend the meetings and another 75 members attend Friday Night Step Meetings on a regular basis.

The Alumni members give back to SOME as regular volunteers for events such as the Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger, Empty Bowls and the Annual Alumni Picnic. The members visit all of SOME's affordable housing for families during December dressed as Santa and his elves, taking pictures with children and passing out gift boxes. The Association also sponsors an annual Christmas Dinner for the Alumni and their families. In addition, members support the Advocacy Department at rallies at the DC City Council and Council Chambers Meetings.

SOME Volunteer Remembered Ellen Marie McSweeney Dombroski February 7, 1914 - March 17, 2014

Ellen Dombroski told her family that she would live to be 100, and she was right. She passed away on St. Patrick's Day, which she always celebrated by baking Irish soda bread for everyone that she knew.

Her life was full of adventure, love, kids and friends. She volunteered in SOME's Dining Room for the Homeless beginning in the 1970's. Through her caring bequest to SOME, she continues to provide for those in need.

A proud member of the Greatest Generation, she graduated from college, joined the Navy and started the library at Paul VI High School, which is named in her honor. She had six children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In Loving Memory

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

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| Thomas Bello | Emma Hyatt |
| Brinton Brown | Grace Keilman |
| Lawrence Burman | Arlene W. Kelly |
| Marie Clark | Donald Kimmel |
| Sharon Clark | Art Korff |
| Anthony Colutta | Jane Larsen |
| Bryan Croaker | Linda Loyd |
| John C. Delta | Harold Lowe |
| Elizabeth Di Mola | Corinne Magee |
| Pasqualina "Esther" Donatello | Cecelia Fitzpatrick Maloney |
| Gloria Donnelly | Dorothy Bigbee Martin |
| Donald G. Ehr | Robert "Bob" McGlotten |
| Catherine Ergener | Donald McMullin |
| Margaret "Peggy" Federighi | Tracy Miller |
| Daniel A. Fields | Wallace Oates |
| Joel Fried | John Francis "Jack" O'Malley |
| Claretta Gamble | Martha Poling |
| James Garrity | Margaret Purcell |
| Stephen Gibert | Sandra Simmons |
| Arlene Girod | Catherine Traina |
| James Hammil | Craig Windham |
| John Harrison | Dr. Fred Wolfram |
| Barbara Flaherty Healy | Jan Yohman |
| Edith Hill | Alan Youkeles |

Teawna and Aniyah's Story

A veteran of the Army, Teawna served our country proudly and faithfully. However, despite her best efforts, with employment sporadic, homelessness became a reality. Teawna and her five-month-old daughter, Aniyah, found themselves homeless. A VA social worker reached out to her and put her in touch with SOME.

In a desire to stabilize her life and Aniyah's, Teawna began the process of applying for housing in SOME's affordable housing program for veterans, Fendall Heights. By this time, Teawna was struggling with significant depression, but with the support of the Fendall Heights staff, she was able to secure an apartment for herself and her daughter.

With a stable place to live, Teawna completed a job training program and is now fully employed at a job with benefits. Her goal is to eventually get a house of her own. Aniyah is in a day care program while mom works, and participates in the SOME Place for Kids children's program at Fendall.

The change in Teawna and Aniyah 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.



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.

Vida M. Baugh
Ellen Dombroski
John J. Gearrity
Peggy A. Grant

Elizabeth A. Marshall
Martha A. Pratt
Ronald G. Vardiman

SOME CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING STUDENTS LEARN ON THE JOB AT THE CONWAY CENTER

As construction progresses at The Conway Center, students from SOME's Center for Employment Training (SOME CET) will be placed with the project's electrical, plumbing and concrete subcontractors. Participating in paid, on-the-job training will be invaluable to our students and will literally help us to build The Conway Center. Soon, 300 low-income students will be training in the expanded SOME CET that current students helped construct.



SOME CET students and staff at the July 2015 Conway Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.

National Aging Leaders Celebrate Nutrition Programs at SOME Senior Services

SOME Senior Services was honored to host Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee in celebration of the anniversary month of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Programs.

Greenlee was joined by the leaders of three national organizations dedicated to fighting for the health and wellbeing of seniors: Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America; Bob Blancato, Executive Director, the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) and James Firman, President and CEO, the National Council on Aging (NCOA); DC Councilmember Vincent Orange and Laura Newland, Acting Executive Director of the DC Office on Aging (DCOA).

At SOME's Independence Place, we recently caught up with Demarco and his sister Jasmin, who live in a safe, affordable apartment with their mother. Demarco just returned from his first year of college to spend the summer with his family.

Thank you for helping us provide youth like Demarco and Jasmin with the stability and support to realize their potential!



Advocacy Successes

On June 7th, the DC City Council voted unanimously on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget. Largely because of the advocacy of SOME supporters, the work of our partners in the community and city-wide coalitions, the Council passed a budget that included:

- \$6.8M for Permanent Supportive Housing for 425 single men and women.
- \$5.8M for Targeted Affordable Housing for 200 families and 144 individuals.
- \$100M for the Housing Production Trust Fund to help develop affordable housing throughout DC.
- A one year extension of TANF (Temporary Assistance for needy Families).

While it is important to acknowledge these modest wins — and it is a success to sustain funding for each of these programs — we have much more to do if we are to meet the overall needs of DC's low-income communities and the thousands of individuals and families waiting for affordable housing. We will continue to update you with opportunities to support our low-income and homeless neighbors.

Hope and Dignity Restored Terrance's Story

Terrance is employed by SOME. But this was not always so.

For many years Terrance struggled with addiction, lived on the streets or in various city shelters, and took many of his meals in our Dining Room. Life seemed without hope.

While living in his last shelter, he began the slow process of healing and recovery. One day, he read an ad posted on a bulletin board for a position opening in SOME's Dining Room.



Terrance went from Dining Room guest to Public Safety Officer Supervisor.

"I took the risk of applying, and they called me for an interview," recalls Terrance. "Here I was working in the very place that fed me!"

Terrance's dedication led to him being named Employee of the Month, then Employee of the Quarter, and eventually a promotion to his present position.

"Having been on the other side, not having a place to live, feeling hopeless, not knowing where or when I would eat, I can understand the frustration our guests feel. I want to love them until they love themselves."

SOME seeks to restore hope and dignity one person at a time. Reflecting on this, Terrance says, "Restoring hope for me is getting guests to go across the street for SOME's services." Terrance has walked many guests "across the street."

"My experience of being homeless and on the street is the best thing for me as I can really understand the struggles of our guests."

Today, Terrance lives in a SOME residence, hopes to have his own home and, eventually, start his own business. Hope and dignity restored, one person at a time.

SOME CET Graduation!



Graduate Helena Peters landed a job earning \$30 per hour!

The SOME Center for Employment Training (CET) Spring Commencement Ceremony was held on Friday, June 3. **Forty-five graduates** were honored, as well as **24** of the previous graduates who retained their employment for one year.

Councilmember LaRuby May congratulated graduates and encouraged them to give back to the community, stating: "Service is the greatest privilege in life."

Guests were treated to inspiring speeches by **Building Maintenance Service Technician Class Speaker Helena Peters** and **Medical Administrative Assistant Class Speaker Temeka Royster**.

Ms. Peters, who had been chronically unemployed, shared that she is now earning \$30 per hour!

Ms. Royster told the crowd that she pushed herself to succeed for her son. "People of substance have a place to be and a reason to be there," she said. "And we all are people of substance."

The **Employer of the Year, Smithsonian Facilities Management**, was recognized for creating an internship placement for SOME CET students. The **Volunteer of the Year, Tony Fleming**, was honored for his dedicated, weekly service at SOME CET.

Stephen Glaude, Executive Director of CNHED, delivered a powerful keynote address. He reflected on his own journey and told graduates: "We honor you today because you made a choice – to choose progress over failure. You've made a more powerful choice than you know."

The graduates joyfully accepted their diplomas from SOME President Fr. John Adams. Six graduates received two diplomas, having completed both the Medical Administrative Assistant course and the Electronic Health Records course.

The event closed with a prayer by **Deacon Tim Tilghman of Our Lady of Perpetual Help**.