

the DOORWAY

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

JAN 16, 2023 | 2:45 - 4:00PM
219 N. CHESTER ST., BALTIMORE, MD 21231
INDOOR/OUTDOOR EVENT | BRING ID

**THE FIRST 50 GUESTS
WILL RECEIVE A
\$50 WALMART GIFT CARD.**
WE WILL HAVE A COMMUNITY FOOD AND
HOUSEHOLD ITEM DISTRIBUTION
(TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS,
DETERGENT, CLEANING WIPES,
LIGHT BULBS AND MORE)



COME JOIN US ON MLK DAY AND MEET
THE INCOMING FIRST LADY OF MARYLAND
MRS. DAWN MOORE AND MS. JOY MOORE

The Door had a wonderful start to the year 2023. On Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s observed holiday, we had a day of service for our east Baltimore community. The Door partnered with Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore Corps, Maryland Food Bank, Hungry Harvest and Chesapeake Employer Insurance to provide fresh produce, household items, personal care items and Walmart gift cards. It was an honor to have Mrs. Dawn Moore (1st Lady of Maryland) and Ms. Joy Moore (the Governor's mother) join us for our distribution. We also had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Redonda Miller, the President of Johns Hopkins Hospital to our community. This event was supported by many other non-profit organizations and political and community leaders as well.

The Door continues to be blessed as we fulfill our mission to facilitate the transformation and holistic growth of youth, families, and communities through collaborative partnerships, direct service, capacity-building, and resource development.

We are extremely grateful to our supporters and donors for assisting us as we serve as a pipeline in our community. We have been able to partner with institutions and organizations throughout our city and state, and use the resources that they provide to help the residents in our community and beyond who are in great need.



YOU CAN HELP

Help from caring people like you is always critical to the ongoing support of our programming. When the economy is slow and tight, it is very challenging to obtain funding and donations. Your support in any capacity is appreciated so that we can continue to be part of the foundation that the community we work in really needs. There are several ways for you to donate!

DONATIONS

- Via our website:
www.thedoorinc.org
- By sending a check to:
The Door
P.O. Box 13447
Baltimore, MD 21203

THANK YOU

Your donations make our programs possible. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Additional information about any of our programs can be found on our website.

PROGRAM UPDATES

FOOD DISTRIBUTION



The Door has been blessed to continue and even expand our food distribution program which takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00am – 12:00pm. With an increase in the number of residents who attend our distribution, Restoration Community Church and Ministries (RCCM) has faithfully stepped in to assist us with serving our community. RCCM starts each distribution with prayer and graciously serves each individual and family until all the resources have been distributed.

We are thankful to Baltimore City for providing us with 100 produce boxes from Common Market every Tuesday and to the Maryland Food Bank (MFB) for providing us with bulk produce on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We are also grateful for our enrollment in the MFB retail recovery program. This program allows us to pick up food and other food related items from grocery and retail stores and add them to our food distribution. These items consist of meat, bread, desserts, produce, dairy and prepared meals. Our retail partners who have been a great addition to our programming are:



RESILIENCY HUB

As a Baltimore City Resiliency Hub, we provide resources to our community during extreme hot or cold weather conditions, or if the city of Baltimore were ever to be in a state of emergency. In having a mild winter and a calm spring this year, there were no weather-related emergencies which we needed to address. However, we were able to distribute information regarding weather conditions, winterizing homes, fire safety, food resources and child care to our community residents.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Door entered its 39th year of youth programming and its 3rd year of youth programming in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club Metropolitan Baltimore (The Club). Under the leadership of Coach Thurman Johnson (Club Manager), Nia Taliferrio (Club Coordinator) and Nicole Sharpe (Lead Youth Development Coordinator), The Club continues to implement its core curriculum while incorporating new and different initiatives into its exceptional programming.

The Club's after school program operates Monday-Friday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. It reached its maximum enrollment number of 45 students and their ages ranged from age 6 - 12 years old.

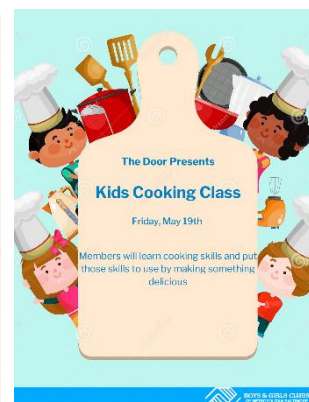
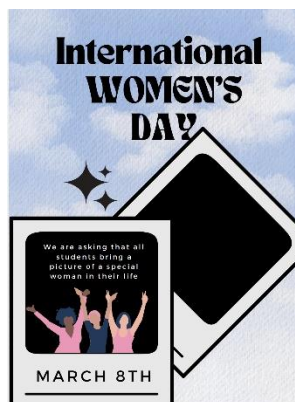
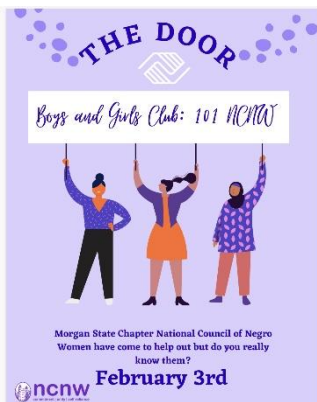
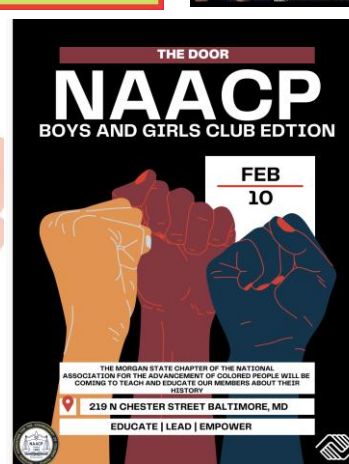
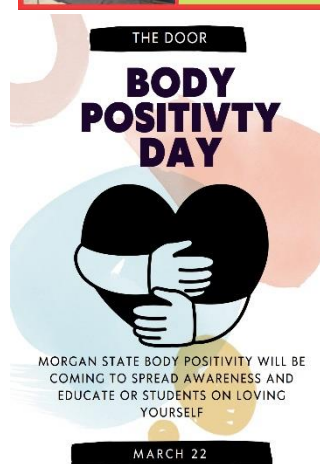
This year The Club focused on its core developmental curriculum which included:

- **Power Hour**– helps young people achieve academic success by providing homework help, tutoring, and high-yield learning activities and encouraging young people to become self-directed learners.
- **SMART Girls**– provides health, fitness, prevention/education, and self-esteem enhancement for girls.
- **Passport to Manhood**– teaches responsibility to boys with sessions that focus on specific aspects of character and manhood through highly interactive activities.
- **Triple Play Healthy Habits**– emphasizes good nutrition, regular physical activity, and improved overall well-being.
- **SMART Moves**– focuses on building key social-emotional skills (e.g. self-regulation, impulse control, and stress management) that young people need to make healthy choices about substance use, sexual activity, violence, and other risky behaviors.

When engaging our participants for feedback about programming, a common sentiment was the value of Power Hour. Many youth shared the sentiments of this student, “I don’t like when I don’t finish my homework here and I have to do it at home.” This reflects their desire to do well in school and shows how completing their homework is a priority for them.

This year we were also able to incorporate workforce readiness into our programming. Club members dove right into differentiating between a job and a career. Various jobs and careers were focused on by the students and the many paths that could be taken to achieve their dreams.. The Club also explored various businesses, colleges, trade schools, and straight-to-work opportunities.

The Club has done an excellent job in reaching out to other organizations throughout the city of Baltimore to bring fresh ideas, life perspectives and activities to the youth in our community. Below are some of the activities and events which added to our youths’ wonderful experience during our 2023 afterschool program.



The Boys & Girls Club is currently seeking to expand its programming to include youth between the ages of 13-18 years old. If you have a youth who is interested in participating, please contact us at BGClub@thedoorinc.org

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

BALTIMORE ORIOLES BASEBALL GAME



The Door would like to thank the Baltimore Orioles for donating tickets to the baseball game on May 13th against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Many Orioles fans from our community were able to attend the game and be a part of this winning season!



BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

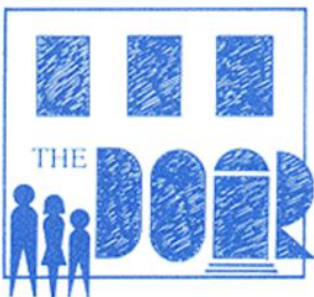
The Baltimore City Police Department Northern District Neighborhood Coordination Unit supported our community distribution efforts through the donation of shelf-stable food items and “winter warmth” gift sets which consisted of hats, scarfs, gloves and socks. Each gift set was unique and colorful with many of the items being crocheted and handmade.



PATTERSON PARK CHARTER SCHOOL SHOWS THEIR SUPPORT



We are grateful to the staff and students at Patterson Park Charter School (PPCS) for including The Door in their community give back fundraiser activities. The students of PPCS donated \$1 to have a uniform-free day. Many students who were not able to make a donation were supported by their friends who could afford to give a little extra. PPCS raised over \$700 for The Door. This effort was lead by Mr. Keyshawn Watkins who was a former participant in The Door’s youth programming.



The Door would like to thank the following for their generous support through financial contributions, volunteers, and in-kind donations: Mr. Jim Davenport and Family | The State of Maryland | The City of Baltimore | Councilman Glover and Staff | Johns Hopkins | The Maryland Food Bank | Baltimore City Police Department | The Rockefeller Foundation | The Abell Foundation | United Way | Boys & Girls Clubs Metropolitan Baltimore | Preservation Maryland | Merritt Properties | Chesapeake Employers Insurance | Restoration Community Church and Ministries | Huber Memorial Church | Baltimore Orioles | C.A.R.E Community Association | Gayle Adams Community Committee | First Baptist Church of Pimlico | Patterson Park Charter School | Commodore John Rodgers | Mitzvah Fund for Good Deeds | Children’s Fresh Air Society | Gutierrez Memorial Fund | Healthy Neighborhoods | Target | Terraza Custom Glass Design | USA Energy | Common Market | Giant | Balducci’s | Safeway | Aldi’s | Donors | Staff | Volunteers