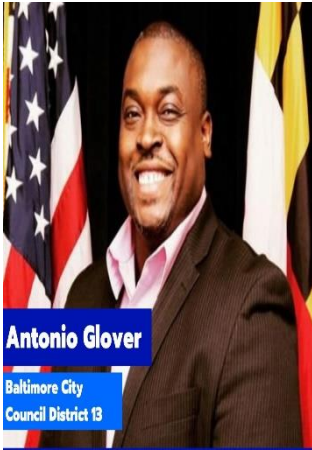


the DOORWAY

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GROW WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED



The Door's Food and Resource Distribution, along with our Boys & Girls Club, continue to play an integral part in our community engagement programming. During our service, we had the opportunity to spend a day with Councilman Antonio Glover who represents Baltimore City's Council District 13. This is the district where The Door is located.

Councilman Glover was born and raised in Baltimore City. He attended The Door's summer camp from ages 13 to 18 years old. The experiences that he remembers the most are arts & crafts projects, the construction training apprenticeship program, and performing at a fundraiser sponsored by Mr. Joe Ehrmann, Mr. Johnny Unitas, and Mr. Lenny Moore, all former Baltimore Colts football players. This special performance helped fuel his aspirations to be a rapper, but God had other plans.

Councilman Glover credits The Door with not only having a significant impact on his growth as a teenager, but also on his life. "The Door was a safe haven for me and my friends during the summer when we didn't have school. It was at The Door that I was taught about my civic responsibilities as a community member and, I learned the importance of giving back. At The Door, all the staff led by example, and I am grateful to have had this kind of guidance in my life as I was growing up."



YOU CAN HELP

Help from caring people like you is always critical to the ongoing support of our programs. When the economy is slow and tight, it is very challenging to obtain funding and donations. Your support, in any capacity, is greatly appreciated so that we can continue to serve the community of The Door. 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. www.thedoorinc.org

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During Councilman Glover's visit to The Door, a familiar face that he reunited with was Coach Thurman 'Ro' Johnson. Coach Ro, who is the Club Manager for the Boys & Girls Club at The Door, coached Councilman Glover in basketball and football at the Highlandtown Boys & Girls Club. Coach Ro remembers Councilman Glover (a.k.a. "Moochie") as being a talkative and playful kid who was always willing to help where he could and give what he had to others. "This is why I am not surprised that he ultimately became a Councilman and continues to show his unconditional love for East Baltimore. It has been an honor and privilege to be associated with such a great young man for the past 30 years."

The Door is always proud to see youth who have come through our youth program grow up and give back to our community with their time, resources, and financial investments. Councilman Glover is a great example of our vision and mission.



PROGRAM UPDATES

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Door's Food and Resource Distribution program continues to grow and expand. We operate every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Restoration Community Church and Ministries (RCCM) continues to assist us with serving our community both physically and spiritually.

In 2023, The Door distributed over 338,500 pounds of food. We were able to reach this accomplishment with the help of:

- Baltimore City which provided us with 100 produce boxes from Common Market every Tuesday.
- The Maryland Food Bank (MFB) which supplied us with bulk produce on the 2nd Thursday of each month and made affordable food items available for purchase through their agency. The MFB also contributed to our effort to distribute 216 holiday dinners for Thanksgiving.
- The MFB Retail Recovery program which allowed us to add meat, bread, desserts, produce, dairy, prepared meals, and non-food items to our distribution. It consisted of the following retail stores:
 - Giant
 - Safeway
 - Aldi
 - Balducci's
- The South Ellwood Community had a winter holiday food drive and donated non-perishable items to The Door.



| 2023 Food Distribution | |
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| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Pounds of Food</u> |
| Maryland Food Bank (Pantry on the Go) | 144,000 |
| Maryland Food Bank (Orders) | 82,909 |
| Common Market | 41,600 |
| Safeway | 39,448 |
| Giant Food | 18,460 |
| Balducci's | 6,074 |
| Aldi | 5,258 |
| South Ellwood Community | 759 |
| TOTAL | 338,508 |

We would like to thank the employees of the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) for volunteering with The Door's Food Distribution during National Volunteer Month in April 2024. We appreciate their time and assistance!



YOUTH PROGRAMMING

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF METROPOLITAN BALTIMORE

The Boys & Girls Club Metropolitan Baltimore (The Club) at The Door has completed another successful afterschool program. During the 2023-2024 school year, The Club was 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 introducing its students to new experiences and activities.

The Club's after-school program operated 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.

Some of The Club's highlights include:

- **Fall Festival:** We had a great time introducing The Door and our BGC program to the community. We were fortunate to have Enoch Pratt Library, The NAACP, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and other community organizations in attendance.
- **Thankful Thanksgiving:** We had our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with our members and their parents. During dinner, we each spoke about what we were thankful for.
- **STEM Contest:** Our members created miniature robots and were judged based on the functions of each robot.
- **Financial Literacy:** We set up a make-shift store that the members ran so that they could learn how to conduct a business, to create an inventory of supplies, and to handle money when working a cash register (making deposits and giving back change).
- **Zen Time:** We started a new wind down program called "Zen Time." During this time, we allowed the members to select a space in the big room and just lay back and relax. We played Zen music to help them wind down from the vigorous activities of the day and prepare them for dismissal with their parents.
- **Christmas Party:** Our Christmas Party was sponsored by a great company, Access Holdings. They made sure that each one of our members received at least three things from their Wish List; the smiles on their faces and the excitement was priceless. They also provided the members with pizza, wings, drinks, and snacks and engaged with the members on planned activities! It was an awesome day.
- **Professional Art Class:** The Door received a grant from The Gutierrez Memorial Fund which assisted us with renovating much of the artwork throughout the building. Based on these renovations, we had the professional artists who completed the work come in and tell The Club about their project and assist them with creating reflective pieces of their own. More information about these projects and art classes is found in the attached insert.

The Boys & Girls Club has started its 2024 Summer Camp. This summer we were able to increase our enrollment from 45 to 60 students. We look forward to the programming, field trips, and comradery with the other Clubs that this summer will bring.

If you have a youth, between the ages of 6 to 12, who is interested in participating in future programs, please contact us at BGClub@thedorinc.org.

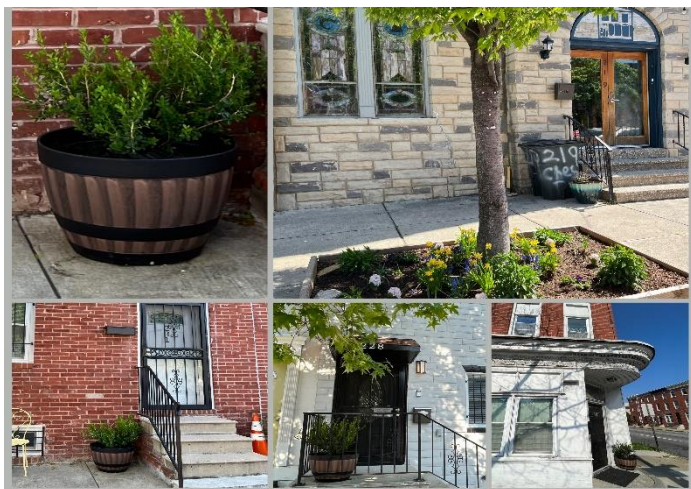
COMMUNITY RELATIONS BALTIMORE ORIOLES BASEBALL GAME

The Door thanks the Baltimore Orioles for donating tickets to the baseball game on June 12th against the Atlanta Braves. We were joined by many Orioles fans from The Boys & Girls Club, Restoration Ministries, and our community. The Orioles won, the weather was great, and we all had fun! It was a great day to be at Camden Yards!



COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

The Door received a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to work with our neighbors in the beautification of our community. With this grant, we were able to provide every resident, who desired one, a planter with a boxwood plant for the front of their property. 40 planters were distributed.



COMMUNITY BIKE AWAY

The Door received a donation of 10 bicycles from Huber Memorial Church. This donation was made possible through Ms. Nannett Swanson, who works with Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg. This organization restores pre-owned bikes and gives them to children and adults in need. The Door was able to give these bikes to our community residents. We are thankful for both organizations' generosity.



RESILIENCY HUB

The Door continues to increase its capacity as a Baltimore City Resiliency Hub. As a Resiliency Hub, we provide resources to our community during extreme hot or cold weather conditions, or whenever the city of Baltimore declares a state of emergency. To assist us in equipping our facility to be more energy efficient and to provide more electrical accessibility to our residents, we received the following grants:



Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. provided us with funding to: 1) change all of our thermostats to programmable Wi-Fi thermostats, and 2) install plexiglass over our exterior stained glass windows. These projects allow us to have more control over our energy usage throughout the day and reduce our energy costs throughout the year.

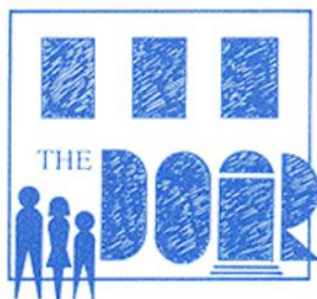


BGE An Exelon Company provided us with funding to add additional electrical outlets throughout our building and specifically in our main hall. These extra outlets allow us to accommodate larger events with varying layouts and give our residents more options for charging their electronics.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, LIFE AND COMMITMENT



- **Mr. Robert Thomas** – Thank you for your service on The Door's Board. We appreciate your time and commitment and we wish you the best with your future endeavors.
- **Ms. Emily Johnson and Family** – Thank you for your financial support and prayers for The Door during your life. Your family will continue to be in our prayers.
- **Ms. Frances M. Surowitz and Family** – Thank you for your work with our youth programming. You were an asset to our organization and we appreciate your life, generosity, and support. Thank you Mr. Sinibaldi for your kindness and commitment to fulfilling your sister's wishes.



The Door would like to thank the following for their generous support through financial contributions, volunteers, and in-kind donations: The Jim Davenport Family | The State of Maryland | The City of Baltimore | Councilman Glover and Staff | Johns Hopkins | The Maryland Food Bank | Baltimore City Police Department | T. Rowe Price Foundation | The Rockefeller Foundation | The Abell Foundation | United Way | Boys & Girls Clubs Metropolitan Baltimore | 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 | 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