A Dream Come True
The Children’s Home (TCH) has been selected as WMAR-TV’s Built Upon A Dream project. When the station inquired about our need for such a program, three projects were submitted: a. an extreme Kitchen and Dining Room makeover, b. rebuilding the Picnic Pavilion, and c. a new gymnasium. The initial answer was a positive response to ALL THREE projects. Completion of these projects will have a monumental impact on the quality of life and programming for TCH residents.

WMAR-TV solicits support from local contractors and suppliers to donate their expertise and resources. In the past few weeks, the campus has been visited by roofers, remodelers, window specialists, flooring specialists, and interior designers – eager to contribute to the project.

“We are proud to be working with so many outstanding companies who have joined our ‘Built upon a Dream’ team bringing much needed improvements to The Children’s Home this year,” said Bill Hooper, Vice President and General Manager, ABC 2. “This project will help The Children’s Home continue to provide both long and short term services to youth 13 to 21 years of age who have experienced abuse, neglect, violence, abandonment and/or in need of supervised care.”

To look at a previous project of Built Upon A Dream, go to the address below: http://www.abc2news.com/marketplace/built-upon-a-dream/summit-school-gets-a-makeover

The construction is scheduled for early summer with a July date for the broadcast of the project on WMAR.
“So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.”  — Christopher Reeve

During 2016, two words have come to the forefront of our operational strategies to shape our efforts and inspire necessary progress in fulfilling our mission - dreams and awesome. When these two words come together the results are amazing.

I am delighted to announce that The Children’s Home has been chosen to benefit from WMAR’s “Built Upon A Dream” makeover project (details in the cover story). Friends of the Home referred our organization to the executives at WMAR. The station has conducted “makeovers” for nonprofit organizations with the assistance and donations of many contractors and suppliers in the region. We are looking forward to construction and celebration in early summer.

Along with physical improvements, we are accelerating efforts on many initiatives including the completion of a cottage kitchen makeover project. We are developing an extensive summer camp program with the inclusion of STEM and literacy programs. The Home is also enjoying a blossoming music program – working with The Elville Center for the Creative Arts.

Dreams, innovations, initiatives, and effort lead to effectiveness in programming and provide the inspiration necessary to triumph over adversity. It is our goal to instill in all of the residents at the Home the value of dreams, awareness of the amount of work involved, and the confidence to move forward. As improvements to the campus and program services take shape, our belief in the power of dreams will grow. It motivates each resident to become part of the movement to Unleash Your Awesome!

As always, we look forward to your awesome support and assistance to meet the critical needs of the children, youth, and families.

Andre G. Cooper
UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, May 7th
5K Community Walk for Children & Families
9:00am to 12:00noon; Check-in begins at 8:00am
PLUS – Moon Bounce, Horse Rides, Games, Food, DJ, and more

The annual Community Walk is intentionally scheduled for a beautiful spring morning. All the walkers start with a bounce in their step, eager to enjoy all the day has to offer. That joy fights through any fatigue at the finish line when we remember that each step is a gift to the future. Although we walk by our own power, the power is transformed into hope for others. It is an opportunity for all of us to unleash our awesome!

The best way to enjoy the Community Walk is with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Teams of 5 or more get a discount on registration fees. The Registration Fee is $30 before the event and $35 on the day of the event.

Proceeds support nine weeks of Summer Camp for our residents – sports & fitness, art & music, horseback riding & swimming, field trips & cookouts, reading & gardening – days of adventure, learning and achieving.

JUNE 16, 2016
THE CHILDREN’S HOME
ANNUAL MEETING
Matthew’s 1600, 1600 Frederick Road, Catonsville, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Keynote Speaker, Ms. Allyson R. Solomon, President, The National Guard Youth Foundation
The Children’s Home Annual Meeting is a gathering to remember who we are as an organization with our mission firmly focused on the well-being of children, youth, and families. It is an opportunity to recognize community support from individuals, organizations, corporations, and families that elevates our endeavors. The evening includes an account of the past, a clear depiction of the present situation, a look into the future, and our perpetual gratitude.

October 28, 2016
FACES 2016
Unleash Your Awesome!
Baltimore Museum of Industry, 6:00 – 10:00pm
410-744-7310; www.thechildrenshome.net
Gourmet Food, Wine, Live Music, Original Artwork by TCH residents

Expression, enlightenment, and encouragement
The Baltimore Museum of Industry is ideal for the 2016 edition of FACES. The exhibits on the walls or hanging overhead tell the story of a city that grows from the innovation and hard work of its citizens. In the midst of Baltimore’s story, we tell the stories of individuals who overcome extreme difficulties to shine like the bright lights around the Inner Harbor. Through the FACES event we see struggles, perceptions, and hope of our youth expressed in art. Enjoy fine wine and gourmet food while joining a discussion on youth advocacy with like-minded individuals.
Cameron’s Story

For the fortunate, there comes a turning point when opportunity, reality, and wisdom intersect to create a life-altering, positive attitude. Cameron left a restrictive facility with feelings of aggression and anger, using manipulation as a tool to cope. Behaviors of the past were impeding his dreams.

“Upon my arrival, (at The Children’s Home) I thought it would be one of the worst experiences I’d ever been in. My mindset changed immediately after a few days. I saw a lot of opportunity.”

Cameron spoke about what he liked best at the Home: “My freedom and encouragement to do my best. The recognition for doing good things has helped me to stay positive and handle my business the right way.”

The signs of maturity and responsibility are many:

• Cameron has risen to leadership positions at McDonald’s and Noodles & Company.
• He saved money and bought a car – a first for a resident on campus
• He joined the Track Team at Catonsville High School.
• Cameron is known for his impeccable sense of style worthy of a “Best Dressed Award”

“My plans consist of going to college and becoming the best man I can be in every sense. I plan on studying business and medicine.”

Another change from the past is his ability to reach out to family members. He is building a relationship with his mother, who was absent most of his life, and his brother.

Cameron has advice for others at the Home (and all of us): “Keep an open mind and stay to your program. Handle your business and keep it moving. Don’t get caught up in the foolish, immature behavior that other kids portray. Try to hear something new every day and explore new possibilities.”
A Day at Days End
Residents look forward to Thursday afternoons for a session of horseback riding with City Ranch. An interest in horses has led to a new level of learning about the equine industry. Last winter, a group of residents from the Home visited the Days End Farm Horse Rescue operation in Lisbon, Maryland. Days End Farm receives 100 to 150 horses annually from animal protection authorities. A program of rehabilitation prepares them for adoption. Residents gained insight in the care of horses from the rescue perspective. As a follow-up activity, two residents took a day of spring break to intern at the Farm.

Black History Month at The Children’s Home
Thank you and congratulations to all the residents who participated in the Black History Month Celebration.

Residents, staff, and guests were enlightened by song, poems, essays, and dance—a wide variety of talent from nine TCH residents including the tribute to Jimi Hendrix (right).

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED
The Children’s Home Treatment Foster Care and Respite Programs are recruiting full-time and part-time nurturing individuals to care for teens with special emotional needs. Training, support, and monthly stipend provided.

Classes forming soon!
For additional information call: 443-636-5456
www.thechildrenshome.net

FREDERICK ROAD FRIDAYS
Friday nights are filled with music in the heart of Catonsville, “Music City Maryland.” The Children’s Home will benefit from the proceeds of Frederick Road Fridays as a nonprofit participant on July 22nd while listening to the music group, D’Vibe & Conga.
Volunteers from the Home will help conduct the event and share the profits. Volunteers are needed to help that evening during one of three shifts (4-6pm, 5-7pm, 7-9pm). For more information, contact the home at 410-744-7310 or email: bvandervort@thechildrenshome.net.
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Successful Starts Kitchen Makeover

On a winter afternoon before the big storm, the newly remodeled Successful Starts Kitchen was all set for its official public viewing. Guests were greeted, and were instantly amazed at the kitchen transformation, as well as the contemporary upgrades in the living room area. “This makeover represents a tremendous milestone and opportunity for TCH residents transitioning to adulthood,” said Gail Lee, Director of Development. A few of the older residents proudly co-hosted the Open House celebration. Liam and Trey, unleashed their cooking skills, preparing cucumber tomato bites, ham and Swiss sliders and granola apple bites under the instruction of local nutritionist, Mellissa Woods.

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Boot Camp Fitness Program

Mary Moore, Executive Assistant, led a voluntary, five-week fitness course for residents and staff to develop flexibility, strength, and cardio wellness. The course established fitness goals, worked on exercise skills, and gave advice on maintaining a fitness routine. In a nation with a childhood obesity crisis, the Boot Camp provides a way to manage weight and practice good nutrition.

#GI♥INGTUESDAY

GROWING STRONG

Friends of The Children’s Home donated over $2,000 to support the TCH Garden and other life skills programs on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Planting has started for the garden of 2016.

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