



Inspiring Hope Campaign

Serving Women and Children in Need

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Inspiring Hope Women's and Children's Center
at 1216 E. Baltimore Street

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\$51,570,976

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\$9,429,024

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Dear Friends of Helping Up Mission,

Have you ever considered what can grow from a small seed?

We were recently at a Farmers Market and were amazed at the bounty and beauty of the vegetables and fruit for sale. All of which started from a small seed. It gives us hope. The seed for developing a Women's and Children's Program at Helping Up Mission is starting to come to life. We are at 85% of our Inspiring Hope \$61 million campaign goal having raised \$51 million so far. Almost there!

And, like a seed, parts need to die before growth can be seen. The existing building at 1216 E. Baltimore has come down and we plan to break ground on the new building on Thursday, October 24. This has only been possible because so many of you have planted your seed of resources to make this a reality. Thank you.

We are grateful and we trust the Inspiring Hope Campaign will be complete soon so we all get to see the fruit from the seeds planted.

With sincere appreciation,

Gayle & Frank III

Gayle & Frank Kelly III
*Helping Up Mission – Inspiring Hope
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Inspiring Interview with Bob Smith

Bob and Terri Smith discovered a great opportunity to give back through their mutual love of books and poetry. Before retiring as an Executive Vice President for T. Rowe Price in downtown Baltimore, Bob had established a connection to Helping Up Mission (HUM). Ted Wiese, a former T. Rowe Price co-worker and HUM board member, asked Bob and Terri if they might be interested in a faith-based non-profit that sought to turn the lives around of those experiencing homelessness and addiction.

Bob and Terri had never visited HUM, but were very interested in the services the mission provided to the spiritually broken. "We both have had alcoholism in our families; I have a brother who has had a substance abuse problem," Bob explains. During the time Bob was approached by his co-worker, HUM was undergoing a major expansion and renovation. *"And so my wife and I prayed on how we could be of service and were led to the library," Bob said.*

Before Bob and Terri came to HUM, the library was located in the basement. But due to some renovations and expansion, space became available on the fourth floor, which included tremendous south and east views of the Inner Harbor, Little Italy, Fells Point and Johns Hopkins Hospital. Even the Francis Scott Key Bridge can be seen from the new library location.

Everything inside the library including the books, computers, and furniture were gifted by Bob and Terri. "The money really came from God," Bob says with a smile. Having grown up in Baltimore, both feel fortunate they ended up with good careers (Terri is a reading specialist at a private school) that enabled them to help others.

The monthly poetry group that meets in the library is a way Bob continues to stay connected to the guys at HUM. Both Bob's mother and grandfather wrote poetry and Bob credits them for his passion for it. "My grandfather

died when I was nine, so I really didn't know him. I learned a lot about him over the years through his poetry," Bob says. Bob's grandfather was a functioning alcoholic who was a successful engineer, but because of his drinking, his relationships with his children and family suffered. "But he truly was a wonderful man," Bob remembers.

When asked to run poetry night, Bob thought what a great opportunity to promote healing and help others get out of dark spaces. HUM clients write and share their own poetry on those evenings. "There's an obvious healing component when a group of men come together and realize they are not alone. I think it's a beautiful part of our souls," Bob shares.

Bob and Terri are continuing their support of Helping Up Mission by making a gift to the Inspiring Hope Campaign for the new Women's and Children's Center. They are funding the library in the new building with the hope of getting the souls of women involved in the same manner they have helped men. The Inspiring Hope Campaign has brought this dynamic couple full circle to their mission of encouraging reading (and writing of poetry) to HUM men and women as a tool on their road to recovery.

Thank you to Bob and Terri for helping to save and change lives and make Baltimore a better place!

- written by Kedrick Keys, Helping Up Mission SRP Graduate



Message from Margo, Program Manager, Chase Street

I am pleased to announce the September 2019 opening of HUM's Women's Spiritual Recovery Program (SRP) located at our Chase Street facility.

The Women's SRP offers spiritual life classes, substance abuse groups, and life enrichment activities. HUM's community partners provide access to mental health counseling and primary care. The Women's SRP is modeled after our successful, long-term men's SRP located at our East Baltimore Street campus.

The 20-bed residential facility launch is a milestone step in preparation for the larger 250-bed building for women and children at 1216 East Baltimore Street. This building is currently under construction with a projected opening of late 2021.

Chase Street Ribbon Cutting & Coca-Cola



"We appreciate Coca-Cola's commitment to our community in Baltimore and especially for their commitment and generous gifts to support the Helping Up Mission family."

- Gayle Kelly



On August 14th, we held a Ribbon Cutting and Open House event to celebrate the new outdoor space at our Women's Center on Chase Street. We had the honor and privilege to partner with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated based out of Charlotte, NC who designed, created and constructed an outdoor pavilion (She Shed) and new landscaping for our clients to enjoy in a safe and healing environment.

"Helping up Mission transforms lives in the Baltimore community every day. That's why Coca-Cola Consolidated teamed up with Arts and Parks to refresh outdoor spaces at HUM's Women's Chase Street Center to show appreciation for the amazing work being done. We're honored to serve this community and humbled to play a small role in supporting Helping Up Mission."



*- Christi McGee,
VP of Community Advocacy,
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated*

Financing and Project Summary

The project priority is to build a 145,000 sq. ft building in which we will provide professional services for women and children within a nurturing, supportive environment where life transformation and rebuilding of families can occur.

Building	\$47,200,000
Property	\$2,625,000
Furnishings and Equipment	\$2,325,000
Start-up Operating Funds	\$9,000,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$61,150,000

New Women's & Children's Center site progress



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