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On April 25, seven individuals, all connected in some way to Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, performed an organized act of kindness in the economically-challenged west side of Baltimore. As the pilot volunteer group in Bon Secours’ “Day of Caring” program, the team arrived at the crack of dawn to take on the task of beautifying one of the most sacred, but worn, spaces in the hospital: a corridor leading to a tiny room. The “Good Shepherd” room, the group learned, is where families of scarce means are provided the opportunity for a final good-bye with their just-departed loved one.

Large gatherings often overflow into the hallway, where the walls have been bruised by errant stretchers and runaway wheelchairs. This space, many feel, is as deserving of beauty and serenity as the room where the body of a loved one lies in state.

“It is difficult enough to lose a loved one, but even more so to be unable to pay for a funeral,” one team member observed.

The project, organized by David McGinnis, a vice president at Whiting-Turner and a member of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System Foundation Board, was the first of its kind at the hospital.
Joining the volunteer team that day were several Bon Secours executives, including CEO Sam Ross.

“Bon Secours serves an economically challenged population, whose families struggle with the unimaginable from day-to-day. We offer them the Good Shepherd Room to honor their dignity and support their emotional and spiritual needs during this difficult time,” offered CEO Samuel L. “Sam” Ross.

Long known for its civic and community service, Whiting-Turner’s employees jumped at the chance to serve when the request was made to help in some small way by enhancing the passageway to a destination for prayerful closure.

McGinnis now encourages other organizations to consider the same by contacting Bon Secours, and looks forward to returning again for another project.

For more information about Corporate Days of Caring, contact Julie Mercer, Vice President/Philanthropy at 410-362-3090 or by email: julie_mercer@bshsi.org
HISTORIC ST. MARTIN’S CHURCH WILL OFFER 
EXPANDED WELLNESS SERVICES

To a community challenged with serious health, economic, and educational deficiencies, the former St. Martin’s Catholic Church will represent a proverbial gateway to good health—and Good Help® from Bon Secours. CEO Sam Ross, M.D. recently revealed the impending purchase of the facility, which is located across the street from Bon Secours’ premier social services agency, Community Works.

The acquisition will allow Bon Secours to expand its primary care and social services programs, as well as its ability to partner with multiple non-profit agencies and clinical specialties on the expansion of healthcare to the community. Renovations are expected to begin in January 2016, with completion targeted by Fall of that year.

Grants from government as well as private foundations account for the majority of Bon Secours’ philanthropic revenue. These recent awards are among those that address the social determinants of health in the community Bon Secours serves:

- $418,997 for mental health services to supportive housing residents
- $213,030 for eviction prevention & financial coaching services
- $114,271 for youth & adult career development; financial education & services
- $90,000 for HIV Testing
- $87,814 for youth summer programs
- $32,500 for neighborhood beautification
- $29,590 to West Baltimore CARE to promote healthy living
- $20,020 for health insurance enrollment education & assistance
- $20,000 for an employee wellness initiative
- $20,000 for day shelter services for women who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness

Since the September, 2014, the Foundation has generated over $1.3 million in grants for Bon Secours’ clinical, social services & housing programs.
With last year’s record breaking *On the Green* Golf Outing, exciting new sponsorship opportunities have been added to this year’s mix. Premier benefits have been added to sponsorships at the $10,000 and up range, and several exclusive packages are also being offered. Here is a summary of this year’s levels. Visit our website and click on the Golf Outing banner for complete list of benefits and to register.

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Sister Act

BON SECOURS’ SISTERS FEATURED IN HOWARD COUNTY PUBLICATION

The Sisters of Bon Secours lost their connection recently. The Wi-Fi wasn’t working, perhaps the result of the morning’s high winds. Those who needed a reminder of their duties for the bi-monthly potluck were distressed to discover they couldn’t check online. Somehow, the meal came together.

Appetizers and bits of news. New photos of nieces passed around and admired. Sister Bernie passed out a prayer the six women read together, each adding personal words of gratitude. Then came the shared meal, a bit of teasing and laughter. This is sisterhood.

It wasn’t always like this. Back in the 1960s, when many of these women entered religious life, their days were rigidly structured. They worked long hours, mostly as nurses at Bon Secours Hospital in Baltimore, and returned exhausted to the home they shared with dozens of other sisters. They ate meals in silence and turned in early. The emphasis was on obedience to their superiors, not relationships with each other.

This article is excerpted from Heather Kirk-Davidoff’s article GOOD HELP: THE SISTERS OF BON SECOURS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE COMMUNITY; it is reprinted below from the March/April 2015 issue of Her Mind, a publication of Custom Media Options in Howard County, Maryland.
This isn’t something you could do on a whim,” Sister Bernie explains. Formation, the period of study and discernment that precedes a formal commitment to the community, can take between seven and 10 years.

“Without a sense of call, a life like this just wouldn’t make sense,” Sister Bernie laughs. “I mean, why else would anyone want to go through all of this?” By the mid-70s, the Sisters of Bon Secours were in crisis. Many women were leaving religious life and those who remained considered dividing the order into a progressive group and a conservative group. After an extended period of spiritual discernment, the Sisters decided to continue as a united community. “We’ve had years of really having to work through hard stuff,” according to Sister Elaine Davia.

Unlike most of the other Sisters, Bernie joined the order later in life. She arrived in Marriottsville just eight years ago. “It was a little daunting,” she admits. “How do you break into a group with that much history together?” The Sisters, she says, gave her tasks within the community. “They allowed me to use my God-given gifts,” she says.

**In addition to the Sisters featured in this reprint, Bon Secours Baltimore Health System is served by Sisters Alice Talone, Patricia Bowling, and Nancy Glynn (the latter, who is currently on assignment in Paris, France, where the original Community of Bon Secours was founded).**
BBJ Honors Muldrow for Board Leadership

Local System Board Chair Ackneil Muldrow, II, was named by the Baltimore Business Journal in May as one of eight Outstanding Directors for 2015. The event, recognizing honorees for providing exceptional service, leadership and guidance his/her organization.

Mr. Muldrow has served as chair of both Bon Secours’ Foundation and Baltimore Health System boards—the latter, since 2014. In an interview with the BBJ (May 8-14, 2015), he said he accepted an invitation to join the Board because “it is treating some of the most critically-ill people in the City.” As Board Chair, he believes it is important to define his role “and stay in [my] lane” to get things accomplished. He has been described by local System CEO Sam Ross as “a secret shopper,” because he often dines in the hospital cafeteria and walks the halls to observe and improve customer service.

Mr. Muldrow has been a fixture in Baltimore civic and community leadership roles for more than three decades, and shows no signs of slowing down.

Hail to the Chiefs!

Health System CFO named Best in Finance

Janice Burnett, CFO of Bon Secours Health System, Inc. (the local system’s headquarters operation in Marriottsville), considers working for a non-profit health system a “calling”, in which the patient is always front and center. On April 17, 2015, she was honored by the Baltimore Business Journal as one of eight regional finance professionals, recognized for implementing change, adapting to regulatory challenges, and for exemplifying the well-rounded CFO. During her tenure, Burnett has led the finance function during the most dynamic of times in healthcare, punctuated even more so by a major revision in the way hospitals are reimbursed. That “calling”, she feels, has allowed Bon Secours to remain patient-focused. “There are some decisions not-for-profits make that are best for the community and may not necessarily be best for the bottom line,” she offered.
Since March, nearly 80 light poles have been adorned with banners, and every Bon Secours building with matching signage. On multi-facility campuses, this kind of initiative is known as “way-finding”. At Bon Secours, it represents both pride in the community it serves and an extra measure of safety for our neighbors.

The row homes of residents of Bon Secours’ 119 housing units also bear Bon Secours address markers to provide greater visibility to emergency responders and in the event of an emergency.

A visitor was recently over heard saying, “I didn’t realize the magnitude of Bon Secours’ housing program until I saw all of those address signs up and down Baltimore Street. It’s impressive.”
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A LEADER with a VISION

FOR STARTERS, TRIPLING INVESTMENT IN YOUTH

Talib Horne is a man with a vision. For the past 90 days, he has been pounding the pavement of west Baltimore to learn what’s on people’s minds. On that fateful night in April, just blocks from the epicenter of mayhem, he knew what had to be done, and it had everything to do with change.

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Bon Secours will enhance & expand Community Works’ youth initiatives

Among them...

• **Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship Program**, a job skills program, which will expand by three weeks and increase participants’ compensation by more than 50%

• **Clean & Green**, an established neighborhood revitalization & job skills program, which will be increasing its marketing efforts for paid internships to area youth.

• Aggressively marketing **Community Works’ G.E.D. training programs** to reach capacity attendance.

• Expanding **Community Care Team Scholarships** for teens and young adults wishing to pursue healthcare careers.

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youth. While disproportionately greater than that of its local peers, “it isn’t enough,” he lamented. “Our neighbors are crying for after-school programs, recreational activities, job skills and employment opportunities, and they need them now.”

Almost in answer to his prayer, Community Works was recently awarded a transformational gift from the mission fund of Bon Secours’ parent company, and he now plans to triple its already-robust investments in youth development programs.

“We must act immediately to address the disparities in our neighborhood,” he said. And he is encouraged by the early support he has received from local foundations and corporations. “With programs for youth already in place, we don’t need to waste time inventing programs; we simply expanded and enhanced them.”

Coming from Living Classrooms, a nationally-reputed non-profit which began in Baltimore, he sees no reason Community Works cannot become one of the top non-profit organizations in the country.

He finds people are surprised that a health system would invest so much in housing, education, job training, parenting skills, and financial counseling—services not necessarily associated with a health system’s mission. But the mission, he admits, is the very reason he came to Bon Secours.

To donate to youth programs at Bon Secours’ Community Works, see remittance envelope in centerfold or contact: Julie Mercer at 410-362-3090; julie_mercer@bshsi.org.
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is to bring compassion to health care and to be Good Help to Those in Need.® As a system of caregivers, we commit ourselves to help bring people and communities to health and wholeness as part of the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.