ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: A young farmer-in-training, 3 year old Jamal, catches a glimpse of Bon Secours’ official urban farmer, Rich Kolm; chalkboard announces where to find the farm. (PHOTOS BY AMY DEPUTY)

ABOVE: Kaiser Permanente’s Alma Roberts is ready to roll with the Mobile Market (also featured in greater detail above, top right). BOTTOM RIGHT: Neighbors join Kaiser Permanente’s Destiny-Simone Ramjohn (center) at the launch of Bon Secours’ community supported agriculture program in early May on the grounds of the West Fayette Street urban farm.
West side families gain greater access to HEALTHY FOOD

A community supported agriculture (CSA) program and Mobile Market sponsored by Future Baltimore™, a flagship partnership between Bon Secours Baltimore Health System and Kaiser Permanente, was launched in May to bring fresh fruit and vegetables to west Baltimore residents, specifically those living in zip code 21223.

Seventy-five families have enrolled to receive deliveries of fresh produce every other week, most of it harvested directly from Bon Secours’ own urban farm on the corner of West Fayette and North Fulton Avenue. The CSA program, which is supported by a variety of other local partners including the Maryland Food Bank, is designed to ease access to healthy foods for families who are experiencing food insecurity and have limited transportation to grocery stores and other places where fresh produce is available.

Lionel Terrell, Coordinator of Bon Secours’ Clean & Green Neighborhood Revitalization Program, said, “We want to be a part of taking something from the dirt to the dinner table. To be able to provide families with just-picked produce from the urban garden speaks volumes for what working together towards a common cause can do.” The Mobile Market is now on the road because of the generosity of Kaiser Permanente which donated two trucks, and CSX and The Conservation Fund which contributed to the cost of retrofitting them into a refrigerated vehicle and delivery truck with shelving and farmstand-style awning.

Future Baltimore™ was created in 2017 following an initial $1.7m grant from Kaiser Permanente to improve the health outcomes of residents in zip code 21223. Since then, additional partners and like-minded funders have collaborated on a number of new initiatives for the long-neglected west side, including a planned $6m community resource center. Located at the site of the derelict former 31 S. Payson Street library, groundbreaking on the new center is expected shortly.

Bon Secours Community Works’ interim Executive Director Maha Sampath greets neighbors at the May 4 launch.

ABOVE, LEFT: For the fourth consecutive summer, members of Grace Lutheran Church’s Social Ministry in Westminster have performed a week of volunteer service on Bon Secours’ west Baltimore campus. ABOVE, RIGHT: Here, leader Tim Stanton enhances the path on the urban farm the group began to develop on its first visit in 2016. PHOTOS BY SHARON REDMOND.
Sister system in Ireland merges with BSMH

Bon Secours Health System in Ireland and Bon Secours Mercy Health have come together to create an international health care system. A new European Group joins our three U.S. groups to make up our ministry’s expanded footprint. Within the new group is the Irish Market. With this affiliation, Bon Secours Mercy Health will reconnect to its roots in Europe and be positioned to more effectively address the dynamic health care environments in the United States and Europe, according to BSMH C.E.O. John Starcher.

Southwest neighborhood selected for Safe Streets™

The City has selected Bon Secours Community Works to implement a Safe Streets program to proactively address the pervasive gun violence that has plagued the communities surrounding Bon Secours for decades. Safe Streets is an evidence-based violence prevention and interruption program that works to reduce shootings and homicides in high violence areas, with a focus on helping youth ages 14 to 25. The program will be operated by Bon Secours in collaboration with the Baltimore City Department of Health. Outreach Workers and Violence Interrupters will be trained to deescalate disputes that could otherwise lead to violence. Last year, the Baltimore initiative mediated more than 1,000 conflicts, the majority of which were deemed likely to result in gun violence. Because changing the behaviors and norms of those at highest risk for involvement in shooting and killings is also an important goal, individuals will be connected to Bon Secours’ wide array of services, including the “TYRO” life skills training customized for men and women with a history of criminal activity.

New Shiloh Village nominated for housing award

Bon Secours’ New Shiloh Village Apartments has been named a finalist for the 2019 LOCUS Richard Baron Affordable Housing award. Presented on June 23 in Arlington, VA, the recognition was made by members of LOCUS (Latin for “place”), a national coalition of real estate developers and investors who advocate for “sustainable, equitable and walkable development in America’s cities and towns.”

SAMPATH TAKES ON INTERIM EXEC ROLE

Maha Sampath has been tapped by Bon Secours Baltimore President Sam Ross, M.D., as interim Executive Director of Bon Secours Community Works, where she has been working closely on the Future Baltimore™ initiative since its 2017 launch. As E.D. she will oversee operations of the multi-million dollar community development subsidiary of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System until the new director is hired. Sampath, who came to the Baltimore system in 2016 from the organization’s home office in Marriottsville, served as Chief of Staff until her interim appointment in April.
Foundation Board member joins Amazon

Gloria Goins, a member of Bon Secours Baltimore Health System Foundation Board of Directors, was recently selected by Amazon as Global Head of Diversity and Inclusion for its $300 billion Consumer Division in Seattle, WA. Goins joined the local Foundation Board in 2017, and sponsored an annual day of volunteer service in May for alumni of her alma mater, Stanford University. Prior to her appointment with Amazon she served as Chief Diversity Officer for Bon Secours Health System in Marriottsville. Goins remains an active member of the local Foundation Board.
In May, 1881, the first three Sisters of Bon Secours arrived in Baltimore to begin their first ministry in America. On May 23, 2019, a mere 138 years later, Archbishop William Lori hosted a reception in their honor at his home in Mt. Vernon. Among the guests were not only a number of local sisters, but also a robust turnout of community leaders, as well as executives from Bon Secours Baltimore Health System and LifeBridge Health. In February, 2019, an announcement was made of LifeBridge’s plans to purchase the organization’s 100 year-old hospital, which is celebrating its centennial this year. The acquisition is expected to be finalized in the coming months.
Physicians **Sam Ross, Pete Hanna** and **Jonathan Ringo**.

**Rob Matthews, Archbishop Lori** and **Sr. Mary Shimo, C.B.S.**

Attentive honorees and guests.

**Clinton Daly** and **Jim Sellinger**.

**David Krajewski** and **Rebecca Altman**.

**Sr. Elaine Davia, C.B.S., Tom Butler** and **Maha Sampath**.

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