



In the Spirit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
our mission is:  
to work with our neighbors to build  
a hopeful future.



DAUGHTERS  
of CHARITY  
PROVINCE of ST. LOUISE

## *Caring and Compassionate Services For Those In Need*

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### **NOT JUST GETTING BY ANYMORE**

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Seton Center was blessed and proud to share in the graduation of the second Getting Ahead with Seton Center group. Eight Investigators became graduates of this program that is changing future stories in northern Frederick County.

The graduation ceremony was well attended by community leaders, friends and families of the graduates. Each graduate was presented a graduation certificate and an official citation of achievement by Julianna Albowicz, a representative of Maryland U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen's office. It was an evening full of excitement, opportunities and relationship building.

Getting Ahead with Seton Center has seen a total of 14 Investigators graduate since its beginning in 2015. As a result, we have seen these talented and amazing individuals take monumental steps towards their dreams. One graduate secured a good paying job and was able to purchase a vehicle. Another graduate recognized that the lack of public transportation was a particular hardship for low-income individuals in our area and initiated a petition for Frederick's TransIT to add another stop in Emmitsburg. Yet another graduate started her own small business and is making huge strides towards self-sufficiency. Each of the graduates has grown in confidence and has built significant relationships that will help them reach their goals.

Released in early January, Aha!Process' first national report of Getting Ahead outcomes tracked program Investigators have experienced a 62% reduction in the use of benefits, a 74% decrease in total debt, and a 38% increase in monthly income!

Seton Center is privileged to be a partner with the graduates as they achieve their aspirations and make our area a place where everyone can live well. The support of the community is vital to this program, and its Investigators, and we thank you for your partnership. Your meal donations, prayers, monetary contributions, time, effort and relationship building are a large part of what makes this program successful.

A third group of Investigators will begin their work in early April, however, applications for Investigators are always welcome for future groups. Our current funding (needed for books, incentives and meals) will see this third group through to graduation. But new funding sources are needed for the fourth group to begin sometime in September. If you would like to support the hope and life-changing mission of this program by sponsoring meals or providing monetary support for incentives and supplies, please contact Facilitator Kelly Mays at 301-447-6102, ext. 17.



Group 2 Graduates: Robert Riley, Rosemarie Bateman, Alexandria Lowe, Wendy Bowers, Maryesta Mosely, Karen Stackhouse, Allaina Smith, and Bonnie Rexroth (not pictured)

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

### “The More You Know...”



This familiar NBC slogan precedes their public service announcements. We at Seton Center sometimes use this slogan to encourage and provide for all who want to learn new and better ways of negotiating the many complicated issues of everyday life. We are never too old to learn something new. Continued learning enables us to go beyond the

routine ways of doing things to see the wider horizon of new relationships and resources. It only brings regret to find ourselves saying, “if only I had known that.”

To that end, our FREE Build Your Resources program presents relevant, interesting and enlightening workshop topics to answer questions that may be on your mind too. And the FREE MyBudgetCoach™ program can help folks from all economic backgrounds learn more strategies to stretch their paycheck beyond just paying the necessary bills. Seton Center is always looking for ways to learn and improve our programs and services. Feel free to share your ideas!

Sister Martha Beaudoin, D.C., LSW  
Administrator

## SHORT-TERM CASE MANAGEMENT

During the months of December 2016, and January and February of 2017, our Outreach Office provided non-financial assistance to 159 households as demonstrated in the infographic below.



## FAMILY STORE

### HOURS OF OPERATION

#### Outreach Office

Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
(closed daily noon to 1 p.m. for lunch)

#### Seton Family Store

Tue – Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Family Store Donation

Tue | Sat 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Seton Center will be closed in observance of:

Good Friday (April 14)  
Holy Saturday (April 15)  
Memorial Day (May 29)



### EVENTS AND SALES

#### April –

Easter Basket Drawing, March 21- April 8<sup>th</sup>. Drawing on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

There will also be a coloring contest. Children may enter a picture colored at the Family Store to win a prize! Winners will be chosen from 3 age categories (2-4, 5-8 & 9-12).

#### May –

Mother’s Day Drawing, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>. Drawing May 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

#### June –

Father’s Day Drawing, June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>. Drawing on June 16<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Gift cards are available for purchase from \$5 to \$500. Stop by and check out all our new spring merchandise.



Congratulations to Brent Taylor, the winner of our Valentine basket. The true recipient, Brent’s sweetie Sally Grossnickle, enjoyed a wonderful Valentine's Day.

## PROGRAM UPDATES

### HELPING HANDS

One hundred and three families experienced the dignity and joy of celebrating Christmas through the Helping Hands program. Many thanks to all our generous neighbors who donated funds, gift cards and time to offer a more hope-filled holiday celebration.

Sponsors are needed to provide the Easter food cards (in increments of \$25 please) and Easter basket supplies that will be distributed on Friday, April 7. For more information or to offer sponsorship, please call Tina Lamont at 301.447.6102, ext. 13.

### NEW DENTAL PARTNER

We are excited and grateful to welcome Monocacy Health Partners Dental Clinic in Frederick as a collaborating DePaul Dental provider. With a Memo of Understanding now in place, we are able to refer program participants to them for care.

This partnership expands our network, decreases our expenses and helps to relieve some pressure from the faithful providers who have long-supported dental health in our area.



### BUILD YOUR RESOURCES



The Build Your Resources program workshops include:

*Credit Repair 101* by Pam Bolin of PNC Bank - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

*Protecting Yourself in an On-Line World* by Dan Keller, IT Director for Daughters of Charity-Ascension Health - May 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

*Dress for Success on a Budget: The Ins and Outs of Professional Dress for Less!* by Mary Ellen Mitchell - May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m.

*Positive Money Mindset* by Jane Helm of The Money Mentor Group - June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m.

Registration for all workshops is required by visiting the Build Your Resources page on our web site or calling 301-447-6102 ext. 17.

The insert included with this newsletter highlights our collaborative partnership with the Frederick County Office of Aging to provide their Planning for Peace of Mind series at the Emmitsburg Senior Center throughout April.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

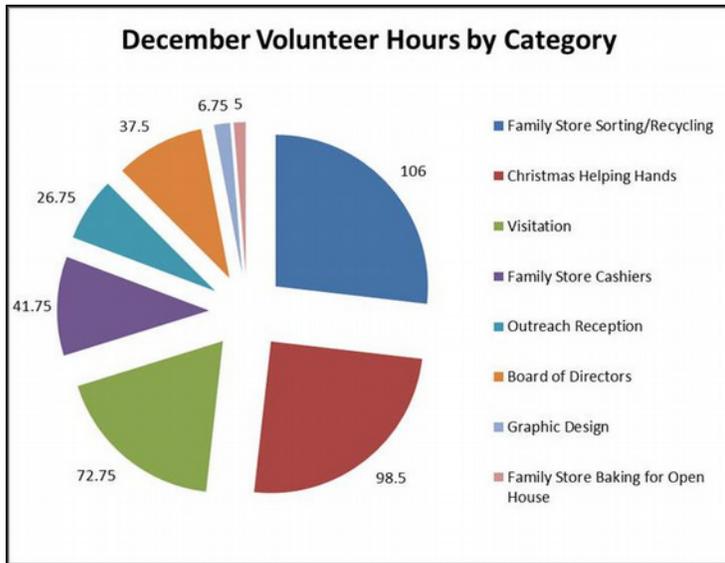


LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN FAITH AND HOPE

The programs at Seton Center are indeed serving those in desperate need and creating more opportunities for changed lives. But continued support is needed for the on-going work of building better future stories for our communities and neighbors.

If you want to join us on this exciting journey, you can mail your gift via the enclosed giving envelope or give through the Donate page on our web site at [www.setoncenterinc.org](http://www.setoncenterinc.org).

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



Seton Center volunteers are multi-talented. They increase our capacity to serve the community in at least eight different ways as the chart illustrates the talent offered last December. We could not be as effective or efficient without the many gifts they give so freely.

The 2017 volunteer appreciation dinner will be held on April 18th from 6-8 p.m. at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. We're looking forward to sharing an evening of fun and recognition with those who have actively served with us over the past year. Be sure to check out the July-September edition of this newsletter to see how our "Happy Campers" enjoy this time together.

Gonzaga High School students will once again visit our area during the last two weeks of June. Know of someone who could use help with yard work, moving furniture, painting, cleaning? Please contact us by May 26<sup>th</sup> if you or someone you know in our area could benefit from the students' desire to serve.

For more information about the Gonzaga High School project or general volunteering through Seton Center, please call 301.447.6102, ext. 18.

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

In February, United Way of Frederick County's President and CEO Ken Oldham, Director of Community Impact Malcom Furgol and Intern Charlotte visited Seton Center to discuss the results of the recent A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report and share their alarm concerning the rate of poverty in northernmost Maryland. Did you know that 11% of Emmitsburg residents are living below the federal poverty level and 44% earn less than a survival income?

With this challenge set before us, our conversations renewed a sincere and mutual desire to collaborate in empowering local residents to do more than just get by. The United Way's Prosperity Center in Frederick will support this collaboration by presenting a seminar on their Prosperity Savings Account program at Seton Center on May 2 from 2-4 p.m. The Prosperity Savings Account program provides a \$3 match to every \$1 saved for participants wanting to attend college, start a business or buy a house. To purchase a car, savings are matched dollar for dollar. By providing northern Frederick County residents an opportunity to learn about and enroll in this program at Seton Center, the barrier of traveling 25 miles to Frederick to participate has been eliminated. This resource will also offer an additional financial incentive to those we refer to Second Chances Garage for the purchase of a used vehicle or participating in the Maryland CASH Campaign's MyBudgetCoach™ program hosted by Seton Center.



If you have questions or are interested in attending The United Way's Prosperity Account seminar at Seton Center, please call us at 301.447.6102, ext. 17

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