

**The Mission of
Susanna Wesley
House, Inc.
is:**

- (1) to provide a safe, clean home;
- (2) to assist women in need and their dependent children; and
- 3) to ensure there is a viable program for the residents to obtain independent living.

A partnership with the Women's Housing Coalition (www.WomensHousing.org) provides program services for the residents of Susanna Wesley House.

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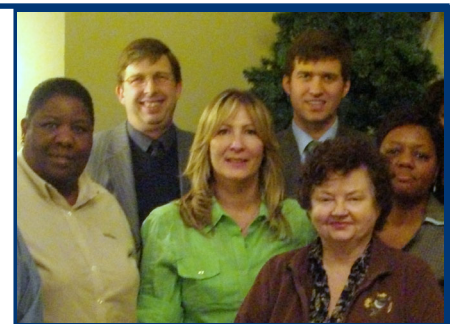


In this newsletter we look forward to events planned for 2011, welcome our new board members, and thank our volunteers and donors for a wonderful 2010. Susanna Wesley House received many types of donations throughout the year. Not everyone has the means to give money, so we include our wish list on our web site and encourage others to volunteer their time. To remain a viable organization, we also need the monetary gifts to pay for repairs, licenses, etc., which are needed to keep the building functioning as a safe, warm home for our residents. Currently we are getting estimates for a very costly roof repair. Last year we began to receive more funding by individuals giving through United Way. Although we are not a designated organization within United Way, many give through their employers and designate SWH. We try to recognize each and every one of you, but some prefer to give anonymously. In this newsletter, I especially want to recognize Victoria Stewart for her generous donation, in honor of Peg Millender, through United Way. Victoria served on our Board from 2007-2009, where she generously gave her time. In 2008, she was elected Treasurer due to her experience and expertise in finance. Although she is no longer on the Board, she continues with her support to SWH. Thank you, Victoria, for everything you have done to improve the lives of the women and their dependent children at Susanna Wesley House and for inspiring others to follow in your footsteps.

**SWH Welcomes
New Board Members**

We are excited to announce the addition of five new board members, and one ex-officio member. Pictured from left:

- Judy Brown, Rev. Jay DeMent, Susan Goldsmith, Eric Hamrock, Nancy Randers-Pehrson, Rosalyn Stewart.**



Together, they present quite an impressive line-up of skill, experience and passion for helping those in need. As a Construction Manager for Heery International, **Judy Brown** saw a unique opportunity to blend her talents and a passion for helping children, and has jumped in as Chair of the Property Committee. **Rev. Jay DeMent** also brings with him a diverse skill set; he spent 20 years in electrical construction prior to answering the call to serve as a Pastor. (Idlewylde and St. John's UMC). His great passion for the poor has led him to SWH, and numerous other missions. Jay believes *"If the church fails to see the poor who live on its doorsteps, then it denies the very Savior it professes to follow."* **Susan Goldsmith**, a Recruitment Specialist at Johns Hopkins Health System (JHHS), learned of SWH through board President Bonnie Windsor. She is excited to be part of the SWH team, and hopes her strong administrative skills and 20+ years in Human Resources will help bring creative new ideas and support to achieving our mission. **Eric Hamrock** became interested in the needs of Baltimore City working with community organizations through his church. A Project Administrator at JHHS, he was also inspired by Bonnie, particularly her reports of how SWH helps homeless women and children by providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to create new beginnings. **Nancy Randers-Pehrson** begins an Ex-Officio position as President of the United Methodist Women of the Baltimore Washington Conference (UMC). Nancy holds a

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Thanks to all who contributed (8/1/10 - 1/31/11)

Ager Road UMC
 Alberta Gary UMW
 Ament, Gladys
 Ames Memorial UMW
 Annapolis District UMW
 Anonymous
 Ashton UMC
 Backof, Amanda
 Bailey, Mary L
In honor of Gwynn Oak UMC
 Baltimore Metropolitan UMW
 Baltimore Suburban Dist. UMW
 Baltimore-Washington Conf UMW
 Battle, Janis
 Benfer, Carolyn K
 Bethany UMC
 Bethany UMW
 Birkmaier, Harry
 Blanton, Walter F
 Bollin, Lois J
 Bowen, Kenneth E
 Bragg, Lloyd
 Brannan, Nancy
 Brown, Eleanor W
 Brown, Judy
 Browning, Kathleen
 Bunke, E L
In memory of Mildred Hurd
 Cameron, Linda & Dennis
 Candeloro, Linda
 Candlelighters
 Cates, Colleen F
 Central Maryland District UMW
 Chapman-Barnes, Brenda E
In memory of Ida Eley
 Chilcoat, Jeannette
 Christ UMC UMW
 Church Women United of Gr Balto
 Clayton, Nancy W
 Cochran, Sara
In memory of Dayton & Mary Willoughby
 Cokesbury Memorial UMC
 Coonts, John J
 Cooper, Shirley R
 Cooper, Wesley
 Coveleskie, Rev. Linda J
 Crowe, Elaine W
 Cullum, John W
In honor of Ruth E. Knight
 Cumberland/Hagerstown UMW
 Davidson, Terry L
 DeLong, Edwin C
 Dillon, Bennett R
In honor of Peg Millender
 Dream Cruisers PT Car Club
 Drenning, James C
Dedicated to J. William & Sara T. Drenning
 Dublin UMC Friendship Circle
 Ebenezer UMC
 Ellerslie UMW
 Emanuel Church UMW
 Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Ch.
 Evans, Kathryn C
In memory of Eugenie Dooley
 Frames Memorial UMC
 Frederick District UMW
 Gaskins, Verna R
 Glyndon UMW
 Good Shepherd UMC
 Good Shepherd UMW
In memory of Shirley Lee Smith
 Grace UMC Benevolence Fund
 Grace UMC
In honor of Linda Coveleskie
 Grace UMW
 Graceland UMW
 Greater Washington District UMW
 Greenmount Mary & Martha Society
 Hampden UMC Womens Guild
 Hanna, John L
 Harris, Freda J
 Harris, Samuel H
 Harwood Hse - Damascus UMC
 Hereford UMC
 Hess, Maxine M

High, Shirley F
 Hiss UMC
 Hiss UMW
 House, Jeanne
 Hughes UMC
 Insurance Women of Baltimore
 Ivey, Christy G
 John Wesley UMC UMW
 John Wesley UMW
In memory of Edna Russell
 Jones, Jennifer A
In honor of Shirley Jones
 Jones, Robert N
In honor of Shirley Jones
 Jones, William L
 Kapeta, Kazembe
 Kerr, Dolores P
 King, E. S
 Kirby, Louise
 Konrad, Jacquelyn
 Kopp, Dave
 Lange, Ethelyn
 Ledford, Betty
 Lehmann, Barbara L
 Loch Raven UMC
 Loch Raven UMW
 Lopez, Judith V
 Love, Claire G
 Martin, M. A
 McCallister, James D
In memory of Joyce McCallister
 McCrea, Mary L
 McLearn, Mary S
 Messiah UMW
 Millender, Peg
 Miller, Catherine A
In honor of Gladys Marshall, Ruth Turnbaugh, Bobbi Lou Franklin, Mirna Wolfe, Mrs. Marley Duncan
 Mongold, Gregg A
 Monkton UMC
 Monkton UMW
 Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
 Mt. Vernon Place UMC
 Mt. Zion Hill Baptist Church
 Mt. Zion UMW
 Mueller, Adele B
 Murray-Holt, Colleen A
 Myers, Candy
 Nichols Bethel UMW
 Northrup Grumman Law Depr.
 Obert, Isabelle
 Palmer, Chris
 Palmer, Connie
 Pasadena UMW
 Paulk, Pamela D
 Penhallegon, Margaret P
In honor of Peg Millender
 Pettitt, Alex
 Providence UMW
 Rae, Ellen
 Rafferty, Robin L
 Roeper, Frederick J
 Ruf, Sharol F
 Salem UMC
 Salem UMW
 Schaefer, Elaine & Bob
 Schaefer, Karen
 Schweiger, Alison E
 Sharp Street UMW
 Shook, Johanna F
 Slowe, Amy
 Smetana, Laverna
 Spriggs, James R
In memory of Joyce McCallister
 St. James Memorial UMW
 St. John's IMP Church
 St. John's UMC
 St. Paul's UMC
 Stewart, Rosalyn D
 Stewart, Victoria
In honor of Peg Pearce Millender
 Stubbs, Dorothy B
 Summerhill, Diane
 Symancyk, Daniel F
 Tay, Stella S

Texas United Methodist Church
 Thompson, Doris R
 Thompson, Evelyn M
 Titus, Marion
 Tom's Creek UMW
 Towers, D. Romaine
In honor of Isabelle Obert, Linda Coveleskie
 Towers, Robert G
In honor of Romaine Towers
 Trinity UMW
 Union Memorial UMC
 Union Memorial UMW
 Van Billiard, Elizabeth A
In memory of Grace L. Cornell
 Walker, Kay
 Wallace, Laverne M
 Warren, R. P.
 Warren, Virginia
In honor of Virginia I. Warren
In memory of Daisy I. Parker
 Washington East District UMW
 Weller, Rosalie
 Wesley Chapel UMW
 Wesley Freedom UMC
 Willis, Delores
 Windsor, Bonnie S
 Wiseburg UMW
 Young, David B
 Zion Of Shipley UMW

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 Peg & Dan Millender for putting up and taking down Christmas decorations;
 Robert Willats, Chris Palmer, Amanda Backof and Romaine, Robert, Scott, Griffin & Burkett Towers for moving furniture donated by the BWC-UMC;
 everyone who made the Fall fundraiser a success; the volunteers from Wesley Freedom UMC who hosted a great Halloween Party for the residents; and everyone who made Christmas such a special time for our residents!

Give To Susanna Wesley House Through United Way

Don't forget to designate SWH when you make your United Way commitment! Our number is 887175 (2799 for the MD Employee Campaign).

United Way
 of Central Maryland



Volunteer Spotlight: Sabrina Edwards White by Colleen Cates



Sabrina White has been active with Susanna Wesley House (SWH) since 1999, serving as Board Member, Vice President, President and volunteer. She is currently an Ex-Officio member of the board because she is the President of the Northeast Jurisdiction of United Methodist Women.

What got her interested in SWH? A United Methodist Woman, Jane Federline, saw her spirit for missions and encouraged her to volunteer. Sabrina lives and works in Harford County, but distance does not stop her from volunteering and serving the needs of women and children.

She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc serving as first Vice President. The sorority visits

high schools to offer tutoring services and distributes scholarships for higher education. She often participates in the March of Dimes Walks and is on the Reading Program Committee for Women's Division (UMW). She is active in her local church, Gwynn Oak UMC, currently serving on the Program Committee and Spiritual Growth Coordinator in her UMW local unit.

How does she encourage others to volunteer or become a board member at SWH? As one of many cheerleaders for SWH, she excitedly tells the stories of women who have passed through the doors in whatever setting she finds herself. She tells about how the Board works diligently to live up to the SWH mission statement. She encourages everyone to volunteer one hour a week to see how the SWH really services the needs women and children.

Sabrina, thanks for all the time you have devoted to Susanna Wesley House!

Visit www.SusannaWesley.org

for more ways you can help support the mission of Susanna Wesley House, make a secure donation, get the latest news, find our current wish list, learn about our history, and more.

With Gratitude

We rely on the generosity of a variety of individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations to help us maintain our facility. At over 150 years old, and with nine families, including 15 very active children, calling her home, Susanna Wesley House is in constant need of attention. We extend our sincere thanks for the following recent major donations/grants:

Former board member **Victoria Stewart**, for making a \$10,000 donation through United Way. This extraordinary gift is made in honor of **Peg Pearce Millender**, "who helped me through the difficult years of my young life and does the same for the Susanna Wesley House!" Vickie hopes her gift will inspire others to designate SWH as the recipient of their United Way donations, made through their employer. (see opposite page)

Elaine & Bob Schaefer, for making possible the replacement of both the intercom system and the first floor washer/dryer unit.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, for a gift of \$3,500 to replace the mini-blinds with more durable faux wood blinds.

The Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries for the award of a \$25,000 Call To Prayer And Self-Denial Property Grant, toward new HVAC systems and other improvements.

Future needs include replacing a section of the roof, masonry work, exterior trim painting, and moving our office to the basement to make more livable space available. All of these improvements and repairs benefit the families who live here, and we appreciate your help in ensuring we can provide a home for women and children for years to come!

Resident News

Four more families make successful moves from SWH toward independence:

Ms. LT and daughter (age 5);
Ms. MF, 2 daughters (15, 12) and son (3);
Ms. DB and son (5);
Ms. TA and son (8 months)

We welcome three new families:

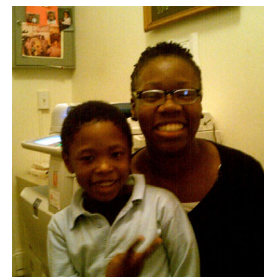
Ms. SB and son (2);
Ms. SA, 3 daughters (9,12,14), and son (2);
Ms. TG, 2 daughters (10, 8ms), and son (7)
Ms. TG's family was reunited as a result of obtaining housing at SWH.

Special accomplishments:

Ms. AC earned her GED.
Ms. MG enrolled in GED classes and driving school.
Ms. TG obtained employment as a temp.

Three of our teens participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Our school aged children participate in the BCPSS after-school tutoring program.





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Susanna Wesley House:
A Home for New Beginnings

New Board Memembers, continued from front cover

M. Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary and has experience in hospital, prison and fire department chaplaincy. **Rosalyn Stewart** first heard about us when a request for a Silent Auction donation came across her desk at the National Aquarium, where she is the Community Programs Coordinator. Memories of the struggle to find housing as a single mother of three have made her determined to assist families with affordable housing and the support they require to achieve independence. We are delighted to have all of you on board!

Shop to help at
www.SusannaWesley.We-Care.com

One simple download automatically and securely allows a percentage of eligible purchases to benefit SWH every time you shop at a participating merchant, at no additional cost to you! Just follow the link to our We-Care site from www.SusannaWesley.org. or go directly to www.SusannaWesley.We-Care.com.



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Save the Date

**Saturday
September 17, 2011
11:30am**

Inspired To Serve

Annual Benefit for Susanna Wesley House

**Great food
Great fun
Great Deals
Great Cause**

This year's event will be held at the beautiful new Conference Mission Center of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church in Fulton, MD (about 5 miles South of the Mall in Columbia, near the intersection of 29 and 216).