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## A HISTORY OF THE ABELL FOUNDATION

The Abell Foundation, formerly known as The A. S. Abell Company Foundation, was established on December 31, 1953, on the initiative of the late Harry C. Black, philanthropist and then chairman of the board of the A. S. Abell Company, the former publisher of *The Baltimore Sun*. Since its inception as a private foundation incorporated in Maryland, The Abell Foundation has been dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life in Maryland, particularly Baltimore City.

From its beginnings, the Foundation has supported a wide range of community needs. Early records show gifts to hospitals, educational institutions, culture and the arts, and human services, including the Associated Jewish Charities and the United Negro College Fund of Baltimore, Inc.

The Foundation's mission, though shaped early on by Harry C. Black, was given firmer definition over the years by his nephew and successor, Gary Black, Sr. With the passing of Mr. Gary Black, Sr. in October 1987, the mantle of leadership was passed to his son, Gary Black, Jr., who had trained a lifetime for the position.

The Foundation's leadership over the years has been supported by persons of remarkable dedication and community involvement: William S. Abell; W. Shepherdson Abell, Jr.; George L. Bunting, Jr.; Thomas B. Butler; Robert C. Embry, Jr.; Harrison Garrett; Robert Garrett; Benjamin Griswold III; Jacqueline C. Hrabowski; William L. Jews; William E. McGuirk, Jr.; Sally J. Michel; Edwin F. Morgan; Donald H. Patterson; William F. Schmick, Jr.; John E. Semmes; and Walter Sondheim, Jr.

A new generation of leadership has made its impression on the Foundation's mission to act as an agent of change. The mission includes special emphases on public school reform; community development; workforce development; health-related human services, including drug treatment and transitional services for returning ex-offenders; conservation and environment; and arts and culture.

The Foundation's current assets reflect the financial success of *The Baltimore Sun* and the generosity of Mr. Harry C. Black, who left a portion of his estate to the Foundation. On October 17, 1986, the resources of the Foundation were increased substantially by the sale of the A. S. Abell Company, and more recently, the result of private direct investments.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY LAW CENTER/ PUBLIC NUISANCE PROJECT

Vacant properties are one of the greatest challenges facing Baltimore's neighborhoods. As they slowly deteriorate, they depress the value of all surrounding properties, cause disinvestment, and discourage investment in the neighborhood. Many studies have been conducted on the impact of vacant properties on real estate values. Having a vacant property within the same block can reduce the value of an occupied property by up to \$6,700. In addition, many property insurance companies refuse to write insurance policies in blocks of vacant properties due to the high incidence of fires.

Some real estate investors purchase mostly vacant property—at low cost, making no improvements—and allow the properties to deteriorate until another purchaser can be found. These investors pay the taxes and water bills on the properties, as well as the fines for code violations, but they take no action to bring the properties up to code and make them habitable.

Community Law Center (CLC), in partnership with Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA), has worked with Baltimore Housing to identify an out-of-town investor who owns a significant portfolio of properties with Vacant Building Notices, as well as other code violations. This investor purchases and sells these properties without the intention of making them habitable, and has used as many as 36 different LLCs or corporate names to hold title to these properties.

Another project partner is the University of Maryland Carey School of Law's Community Justice Clinic. Students provide research support for the project, and a *pro bono* partner has been secured to help CLC develop its litigation strategy.

CLC has prepared and filed, and is pursuing a lawsuit against this investor, whose properties are mainly in areas where the median sales prices are the lowest in Baltimore City, generally below \$54,000. These properties tend to be in neighborhoods where very little is being invested in residential property rehabilitation, and are concentrated in city neighborhoods with the highest rates of vacant property. Target communities include Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello, Rosemont, Mount Clare, Carrollton Ridge, Operation Reach Out Southwest, and Greater Greenmount.

Further, CLC drafted and secured passage of legislation that went into effect October 1, 2012, amending the Baltimore City provisions in the state Community Bill of Rights statute. Before this amendment, the statute prohibited many Baltimore City community associations from qualifying as plaintiffs in a case by requiring the payment of dues, and by defining the number of households that must participate in the association.

CLC also revealed some legal standing issues for potential community association plaintiffs. Many have lost their corporate status, which disqualifies them from participating as a plaintiff. Some have lost their 501(c)(3) status due to failure to file 990 forms with the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, both CLC and CPHA have worked to restore the good standing of these community associations, which will continue to benefit from this reorganization and rebuilding. Because of this process, communities now possess the knowledge and tools they need to address and solve the problems related to vacant properties.

As for possible remedies for each property, these could vary. In some cases, communities could propose that the investor/defendant pay costs to bring the properties up to code. Other properties may be candidates for demolition. A few may be able to be transferred to a nonprofit or for-profit developer, while some could be held by a receiver until a purchaser can be identified. The Community Law Center filed suit in Circuit Court in April 2013. Although the outcome of this court proceeding is not certain, the six communities that house the 57 vacant properties, which will ultimately become the focus of CLC's work, are committed to pursuing remedies for the negative effects these vacant properties have had on their communities.

#### **EMERGING TECHNOLOGY CENTERS/ ACCELERATEBALTIMORE**

In December 2011, Emerging Technology Centers (ETC) launched AccelerateBaltimore, a program designed to attract technology companies to Baltimore through a three-month plan of accelerated incubator services and investment funding. Modeled after nationally successful accelerator programs such as Y Combinator, Betaworks, and IdeaLab, AccelerateBaltimore targets start-up companies offering pioneering technologies and the potential to commercialize.

Since 1999, ETC incubators have offered office space, as well as program support and services, to help grow the businesses of their client companies. AccelerateBaltimore builds on these assets, and focuses on advising and mentoring companies with high-growth potential for product development and sales. ETC offers each AccelerateBaltimore company six months of free rental space and three months of intensive work with its legal, accounting, marketing, and subject-matter experts, as well as business seminars and trainings. The 12-week program includes a product-launch workshop, a weekly luncheon speaker series, weekly pitch practices, and mentoring by experienced entrepreneurs.

One of the key ingredients for business growth is access to capital. To date, Emerging Technology Centers (ETC) has relied on its connections within private- and public-funding sources to help link its companies to potential lenders and investors. The AccelerateBaltimore program is ETC's first opportunity to be a source of capital, and to offer the accelerated bundle of services, programming, and free incubator space as incentives to attract entrepreneurs to Baltimore.

Seeded with a \$110,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, the first AccelerateBaltimore program competition drew 40 applicants, of which four were selected by a review panel of technology entrepreneurs. All four of the companies launched products that were showcased at a “Demo Day” for investors, and all are currently still in discussions with investors for funding. NewsUp achieved its initial goal of 300 registered users and was invited to present at a “Funders and Founders” start-up event in San Francisco that connects start-ups to capital. NoBad Gift launched an iPhone app, and was accepted into the NewMe Accelerator program in San Francisco. Kithly completed a Groupon, Yelp, and Facebook integration that allows users to take advantage of retailer discounts and connect through spontaneous social-event planning. Unbound Concepts’ proprietary machine-learning algorithm designed to rank books by reading level received a \$75,000 award of funding from the state’s technology business development arm, TEDCO. Further, in October 2012, *The Daily Record* recognized the first AccelerateBaltimore competition with an “Innovator of the Year” award.

The second year of the AccelerateBaltimore competition attracted a three-fold increase in applicant interest, including submissions from France and South Africa. The six companies selected include:

- Allovue: an integrated technology solution to help school leaders budget funds, track expenses, and analyze the impact of spending;
- Artichoke Client Management Solutions: an end-to-end client management and billing solution built from the ground up for the mobile sole proprietor;
- BusyGrad: a web-based tool designed for graduate students to better manage their school schedule and social life;
- PrintLess Plans: innovative mobile applications, drivers, and hardware for large format displays driven wirelessly by mobile devices;
- Rehabtics: an online rehabilitation system for patients to follow and conduct rehabilitation training in engaging virtual environments; and
- SurveySnap: an SAAS offering with a mobile app for design professionals.

Designed to attract the best and brightest technology entrepreneurs and early-stage companies to Baltimore City, the AccelerateBaltimore competition aims to accelerate the product launch and development of businesses with high potential for job creation, and to promote and market Baltimore as a desirable city to locate and grow a technology business. Following completion of the program, ETC will survey each company on a quarterly basis to track number of employees, revenues and funding, and number of patents filed.

## **VENTURE FOR AMERICA/FELLOWS PROGRAM**

Venture for America was created by Andrew Yang, founder and CEO of several technology start-up firms, on the premise that entrepreneurship, business formation, and job growth would be stronger in more cities if talented college and university students were attracted to work in start-up and early-stage companies. While strong career paths have existed for students graduating from top-ranked institutions of higher learning into financial services, management consulting, law school, and medical school, Yang notes that there was no clear path to connect graduating students with a young, growing company and little to connect them to these companies in cities lesser known for entrepreneurial business activity. Because these companies are small and have little internal human-resource capacity for recruiting, students have difficulty locating them and evaluating whether these companies are a good fit with their skills and interests.

Modeled after Teach For America, the Venture for America (VFA) Fellows Program aims to attract the best and brightest college and university students, and encourage them to use their talents working for a start-up or early-stage company following graduation, thereby training the next generation of entrepreneurs. VFA intends to create a clear path for undergraduate student employment in young companies in lower-cost cities by working to identify these promising start-ups and offering a structured recruiting program.

Venture for America began in the fall of 2011 in five cities: Detroit, Cincinnati, Providence, New Orleans, and Las Vegas. These cities were intentionally selected for their lower cost of living and relative lack of identity as entrepreneurial technology communities in comparison to Boston, New York, or San José. According to student surveys, the cities selected by Venture for America are not top-choice destinations after college. VFA has since been approached to expand to a number of other cities, including Philadelphia, Boulder, Newark, New Haven, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh. With a \$150,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, VFA will expand its Fellows Program to Baltimore with the placement of 10 Fellows in the fall of 2013.

Venture for America has developed a rigorous selection process for both the Fellows and the companies. For the first year of the program, student recruiting efforts began in 20 colleges and universities, and have since been expanded to 40 schools, including the University of Pennsylvania, Duke, Yale, Emory, Harvard, Brown, and Wesleyan. In Maryland, VFA focuses recruiting efforts at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University. The Fellows selection process includes the submission of a résumé, essays, transcripts and recommendations, phone and full-day interviews, and group meetings. VFA received 500 student applicants for the first year of the program, 40 of which were selected for the first year of the Fellows Program.

Participating companies are mainly technology companies introduced to VFA through local networks in each city. These companies are interviewed by VFA, must demonstrate they have funding/revenues for at least 18 months, and must commit to pay Fellows salaries of \$33,000 to \$38,000, plus benefits, for a period of two years. Last year, participating companies interviewed three to five applicants each, then narrowed their selection to a single applicant—80 percent of which accepted. When asked to compare Fellows to other new employees, 90 percent of participating companies responded with a high satisfaction rating and ranked Fellows in the top 10 percent; 30 percent of companies ranked Fellows in the top 1 percent.

Fellows receive five weeks of formal training at Brown University, with entrepreneurs and investors orienting Fellows toward the mission of building economic growth and investment in U.S. cities through entrepreneurship. Following placement, Fellows continue to receive program training that includes online webinars, readings, arranged meetings with entrepreneurs and leaders in Baltimore, an annual convocation, visits to other host cities, and a capstone event at the end of the two years.

VFA will evaluate the satisfaction of each Fellow in his/her company placement and host city of Baltimore, the growth of the placement company, whether the Fellow is hired by the company, whether the Fellow becomes a manager or executive at another growth company in Baltimore following the placement, and whether the Fellow subsequently becomes a founder of a start-up company.

#### **WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP OF BALTIMORE, INC./ HEALTHY HARBOR INITIATIVE**

In 2010, the Waterfront Partnership launched the Healthy Harbor Initiative, an education campaign to draw attention to the poor water quality of Baltimore's harbor (the Inner Harbor down to the Middle Branch), and to create a blueprint for action with the ambitious goal of making the harbor swimmable and fishable by 2020. To bolster these efforts, The Abell Foundation has provided a series of grants to support the development of data and analysis of harbor conditions and implementation of an innovative water-quality improvement project—the artificially constructed floating wetlands.

The Baltimore harbor is heavily impacted by polluted stormwater runoff, sewage overflows, and trash that impair water quality, threaten human health, and impede growth of fish and marine organisms. To fully understand the water-quality conditions of the harbor and keep track of progress toward the 2020 goal, the Waterfront Partnership convened numerous organizations and agencies with an interest in water quality and watershed protection to analyze various water-sampling data in the first-ever baseline report of water quality in the harbor. This baseline assessment, funded with a \$55,000 grant issued by The Abell Foundation in 2011, paints a grim picture of the water quality with high levels of trash and contaminants, and highlights the challenges the Baltimore harbor has to overcome.



Collaboration revealed the need to prioritize locations, determine measurable pollution and bacteria indicators, and implement and control the sampling—all to ensure that high-quality data are collected through ongoing monitoring of the harbor. Waterfront Partnership collaborated with Blue Water Baltimore, which has the capability to collect and test water samples, analyze data, and evaluate the health of waterways and watersheds leading into the Baltimore harbor. In addition to ongoing bacteria monitoring in the harbor, Blue Water Baltimore is also observing 30 additional water-quality sampling sites in the harbor and 30 sampling sites upstream in the Jones Falls and Gwynns Falls watershed areas, which will be tested twice a month for a range of pollution indicators.

The product of that collaboration, along with that of EcoCheck—a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Office and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, will be an annual State of the Harbor Report Card to be issued in 2013 and 2014, which will be funded over two years with a \$239,000 grant from The Abell Foundation. Modeled on efforts by other cities and watersheds to annually monitor water quality and measure success of interventions, this report card will analyze water quality at specific monitoring locations, the levels and sources of pollution from discharges and outfalls, and the types of pollutants most prevalent—and then evaluate the impact of that pollution on the Baltimore harbor. Boston’s Charles River has been graded since 1995, and with multiple interventions has seen significant improvement in water quality. The James River in Virginia has been monitored since 2007, and the Anacostia River report card was issued for the first time in 2012.

The report card’s primary goals include not only supporting data-informed policy decisions on sewer-system improvements and discharging permits that could offer substantial impact, but also encouraging projects and programs that reduce and eliminate pollutants that drain into the harbor, thereby improving water quality.

Waterfront Partnership’s first project to test water-quality improvement and engage the public in understanding potential solutions to address pollution impacts is the installation of 2,000 square feet of floating wetlands in the Inner Harbor located near the World Trade Center. Biohabitats, a Baltimore-based consulting firm that specializes in conservation planning and ecological restoration, designed the prototype for the project. Funded in part with a \$31,500 grant from The Abell Foundation, students and volunteers from the Living Classrooms Foundation constructed the wetlands from empty soda bottles retrieved from the harbor along with other recycled materials. An evaluation of the floating wetlands by the National Aquarium of Baltimore found they are capable of supporting a robust and diverse community of native plants, as well as a large and complex sample of aquatic organisms. The Aquarium concluded that floating wetlands can be expected to provide many of the same ecosystem benefits as natural wetlands, and in some cases, a floating wetland may actually be more efficient in providing additional services per square foot than a natural wetland.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

### AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE/ FRIEND OF A FRIEND PROGRAM

In response to the growing problem of violence in prisons, the barriers facing ex-offenders returning to their communities, and the troubling rates of recidivism, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) created a prison-based conflict resolution and mentoring program.

AFSC is a Quaker organization with an almost 100-year history of direct service work related to reducing the prevalence of conflict and violence in the world. Its Baltimore office was established in 1968, and continues to work to educate, train, and advocate on behalf of those living in area communities on issues pertaining to peace building, violence prevention, economic justice, and human rights.

In 2002, AFSC Baltimore established Friend of a Friend (FOF), a conflict resolution and mentoring project for prison inmates at the Maryland House of Corrections in Jessup. Since then, the FOF project has expanded into five different prisons, serving an average of 150 to 200 men per year. These include the following institutions: the Maryland Correctional Training Center (MCTC) in Hagerstown, the Maryland Correctional Institution in Jessup (MCI-J), the Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI), the Roxbury Correctional Institution (RCI), and the Maryland Correctional Institution at Hagerstown (MCI-H). AFSC plans to expand to the federal prison system in 2013.

The goals of FOF are to reduce violence in prison, address barriers facing ex-offenders, and reduce recidivism rates. In 2012, The Abell Foundation provided \$50,000 to AFSC to support ongoing FOF operations. Key FOF accomplishments include the following:

- 95 percent of participants over the last two years remain infraction free;
- All participants released over the last two years have obtained employment or entered school;
- No participants have been re-incarcerated;
- A comprehensive curriculum has been developed by the program director and the men trained as mentors; and
- Prison officials have invited the program into facilities and credit it with decreasing violent incidents.

FOF targets individuals who are at risk of violence or have a history of violence; are gang affiliated; and are aged 15 or older (with a focus on younger offenders), and may be within one year of release. The program has three distinct areas: 1) a six-month conflict resolution training and mentoring project; 2) “Train the Trainer” sessions for new mentors; and 3) a re-entry component. In addition to individual mentoring, FOF trains its mentors to intervene and negotiate between prison gangs to help reduce violence in the prison system.

Inside the prison, mentors not only meet with the mentees individually once a week and in a weekly group session, but they also keep an eye out for them in the institution. Men who have been through the conflict resolution program are eligible to become mentors, and receive training and support by AFSC Baltimore. Mentors facilitate the intervention within the prison, and AFSC Baltimore credits the success of FOF to the fact that the inmates “own” the program. The re-entry component is relatively new, and builds on the mentoring program by targeting former participants being released from prison, offering them ongoing mentoring, resource linkage, and possibly work opportunities within the AFSC office as interns/program associates. FOF has spread to additional prisons as participants are transferred and work to establish the program in their new facilities.

#### **MAYOR’S OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/ CITIWATCH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

During a trip to London in 2004, then Mayor Martin O’Malley was so impressed with the closed-circuit television (CCTV) system used by police in London and other British cities that he set out to create a similar system to combat crime in Baltimore City. Since its inception, Baltimore’s public surveillance program, called CitiWatch, has grown from a pilot project of just five cameras to more than 500 cameras with a centralized control room that enables live monitoring 24 hours per day.

The CitiWatch program has become an integral part of Baltimore’s public safety strategy, and the 24-hour monitoring of the surveillance cameras makes it unique in this country. Jersey City is the only other CCTV system with around-the-clock monitoring; however, civil servants monitor those cameras, whereas retired police officers perform that task in Baltimore. An independent evaluation conducted by the Urban Institute released September 19, 2011, found a 25 percent reduction in violent crime in areas with CitiWatch cameras. The program currently has 526 CCTV cameras, which assisted police in making 1,282 arrests last year: More than 900 were drug related and more than 125 involved violent crimes.

In 2011, The Abell Foundation provided \$53,200 in funding toward the creation of the “CitiWatch Community Partnership,” a registry of privately owned security cameras in support of the CitiWatch program. Through this initiative, the Mayor’s Office of Information Technology (MOIT) will develop a database to collect information about private security cameras throughout the city. Private and community organizations with CCTV cameras will be able to register their cameras with CitiWatch so that police will know the locations of these cameras, points of contact, and camera footage retention time. The database of private security cameras will interface with an internal mapping tool allowing camera operators to immediately identify all registered camera systems within a particular area where a crime has been committed. The CitiWatch Community Partnership has the potential to significantly expand the city’s camera resources, assist the police department in criminal investigations, and strengthen relationships between police and businesses.

## EDUCATION

### **DIGITAL HARBOR FOUNDATION/ EDTECH LINK PROGRAM**

In late 2011, teachers Andrew Coy and Shelly Blake-Plock, began laying the foundation for the creation of a new education technology ecosystem. Based on their work with students and educators (Coy was a high school teacher at Digital Harbor High School and Blake-Plock a faculty associate at the Johns Hopkins School of Education), they developed Digital Harbor Foundation (DHF), a holistic solution in which educators receive high-quality professional development training in educational technology, and students not only benefit from the creation of innovative after-school tech clubs, but also have access to a technology career pipeline in web and mobile app development.

DHF, a separate organization from Digital Harbor High School, is dedicated to innovation, tech advancement, and entrepreneurship through education. The programs offered through DHF solve some of the most pressing needs in education around STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)—namely educator development, student curriculum, and workforce development—all focused on cutting-edge technology innovations.

A \$200,000 grant from The Abell Foundation launched Digital Harbor Foundation's EdTech Link program, which trains teachers in Baltimore City to become EdTech mentors at their schools during regular hours, as well as after-school "tech coaches" at other schools. In its first year, the EdTech Link program collaborated with local technology experts to train 10 teacher Fellows during a summer program and meetings twice a month throughout the school year. These teachers, in turn, commit to create new technology-focused after-school programs within their schools. Thus far, EdTech Link has introduced new after-school programs at six schools and two rec centers, and EdTech Fellows have also provided technology training districtwide for Baltimore City Public Schools' faculty.

The Abell Foundation funding also supports Rec2Tech of the South Baltimore Recreation Center in Federal Hill, and helped repurpose it to become the Digital Harbor Tech Center. This Tech Center serves K-12 students from Baltimore City Public Schools with the expectation that digital literacy coincides with the ability to read, and continues throughout one's life. Students, teachers, and community members all benefit from the digital literacy programs; classes, clubs, and tech challenges operate within the space. Additionally, the funding helps support Digital Harbor Foundation's training staff, and the equipping of a room, as part of a larger community effort centered in the former Liberty Recreation Center in Northwest Baltimore.

The next steps for the Digital Harbor Foundation include continued work on STEM Core—a comprehensive digital literacy and tech workforce classroom curriculum for grades eight to 12, and professional development for teachers, which puts students to work in authentic technology jobs and provides space for ed-tech innovation. Through the sponsorship of Microsoft and Battelle, students at the Tech Center are harnessing the power of technology for schools and building pathways to Baltimore's technology workforce by taking on real workplace projects in tech development and putting Digital Harbor Foundation's entrepreneurial commitment to work.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### ACLU FOUNDATION OF MARYLAND, INC./ REGIONAL HOUSING EQUITY PROJECT

It is well established that families living in distressed, high-poverty neighborhoods struggle against far greater odds than families who live in economically strong communities. Conversely, poor families who are able to move to more affluent communities have access to a wide range of benefits—including high-performing public schools, living-wage jobs, and low crime rates—that are typically unavailable to families in the inner city. Research regarding the landmark 1969 Gautreaux lawsuit in Chicago first showed the benefits of moving from high-poverty to low-poverty neighborhoods. In that case, children whose families moved from public housing in inner-city Chicago to racially and economically integrated suburban neighborhoods were far more likely to succeed in school, and go on to college or full-time employment, than children whose families stayed in public housing. The Gautreaux research also found significant increases in parental employment and reduced welfare dependency among families who moved to suburban neighborhoods.

Since the Gautreaux study, additional research has explored the benefits of housing mobility for poor families. Studies have identified several significant benefits for families who move from high-poverty to low-poverty neighborhoods, including dramatic improvements in neighborhood safety and security, better schools, reductions in childhood asthma and adult obesity and diabetes, and improved mental health for both adults and children. In September 2012, an article in *Science* magazine documented significant long-term (10 to 15 years) improvements in physical and mental health, and subjective wellbeing of adults who moved from high-poverty to lower-poverty neighborhoods through the federal Moving to Opportunity demonstration program. Moreover, research by Heather Schwartz of the Century Foundation found that children in Montgomery County who lived in low-poverty neighborhoods significantly outperformed children from higher-poverty neighborhoods on standardized math and reading tests, and reduced the achievement gap with the school district's non-poor students by 50 percent in math and by one-third in reading.

Based upon the strong research support documenting the benefits of housing mobility programs, in 1995, the Maryland ACLU filed a lawsuit on behalf of African-American residents of public housing in Baltimore City, challenging decades of discriminatory policies that had resulted in Baltimore's public housing being concentrated in high-poverty, racially isolated neighborhoods in the inner city where residents had little or no access to economic or educational opportunities. The goal of the case, known as *Thompson v. HUD*, was to give African-American families who wanted to move to areas of opportunity throughout the Baltimore region a chance to do so. To date, more than 2,000 families have moved to low-poverty, racially integrated neighborhoods throughout the region as a result of the lawsuit, where they enjoy safer neighborhoods, better schools, and increased access to employment opportunities. In addition, many of the families who moved report health improvements for both parents and children.

In 2012, with the support of a \$150,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, the Maryland ACLU successfully negotiated a final settlement of the *Thompson* case. The settlement includes funding for housing choice vouchers and mobility counseling to assist an additional 2,600 families who want to move from high-poverty neighborhoods in inner-city Baltimore to low-poverty neighborhoods throughout the region. In addition, the settlement agreement created a nonprofit regional housing agency to oversee implementation of the mobility program. The ACLU, working with both local and national partners, has been actively engaged in the process of creating the nonprofit regional housing agency, and will continue to be involved in monitoring the implementation of the settlement agreement, which is viewed as a national model for housing mobility programs throughout the country.

### **BALTIMORE MEDICAL SYSTEM/ IMPROVING ASTHMA CARE AND REDUCING ABSENTEEISM IN CITY SCHOOLS**

Asthma is the most common chronic disease in childhood and the leading cause of non-injury hospitalization among children from birth to age 15. Children in high-poverty, inner-city neighborhoods are at particularly high risk for asthma, and asthma rates are far higher among African-Americans than among whites. In Baltimore City, 20 percent of children suffer from asthma, compared to 9 percent of children nationally. Moreover, an African-American resident of Baltimore is six-and-a-half times more likely to have an asthma-related emergency department visit than a white resident, and an African-American child is three times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than a white child. A 2012 report by the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council Health Disparities Workgroup identified pediatric asthma hospital admissions as the third-leading health disparity outcome in Maryland among 13 identified health-care measures with significantly worse outcomes for African-Americans than for white individuals.

A policy statement published by the American Academy of Pediatrics in 2012 highlighted the importance of school-based health centers in coordinating care for children who have poor access to health-care services. The statement noted that outcomes of children with asthma can be improved through care coordination provided by school-based health center staff. Studies have found that access to school-based health centers is associated with reduced hospitalizations, increased school attendance, and improved use of medications for children with asthma.

In an effort to address the serious and widespread challenge of childhood asthma in Baltimore City, Baltimore Medical System (BMS), a health-care provider that operates school-based health centers serving 10 Baltimore City public schools, created a pilot asthma improvement project, funded by a \$110,000 grant from The Abell Foundation. The project was launched at the start of the 2012-2013 school year in four schools where BMS operates school-based health clinics. The pilot project has multiple goals:

1. To develop a system to easily identify children who suffer from asthma, but are unknown to school or school-based health center staff;

2. To ensure that all children with asthma are on appropriate medications and have “asthma action plans” that spell out the care that each child needs;
3. To identify those children who have the most serious, persistent, poorly controlled asthma;
4. To develop a system to manage and monitor the treatment of those children who have the most serious, persistent, poorly controlled asthma; and
5. To track the impact of the intervention on the children’s symptoms and on school attendance. BMS expects that attendance will improve once children are enrolled in the project and able to keep asthma symptoms under control.

The BMS asthma team will work closely with school personnel and with the children’s primary health-care providers to ensure that they are aware of and mutually supportive of the child’s asthma care.

#### **PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MARYLAND/ PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

A July 2011 study by the Guttmacher Institute found that 49 percent of pregnancies in the United States are unintended. While rates of unintended pregnancy have been declining among women with incomes above 200 percent of the federal poverty level over the past two decades, they have risen by 50 percent among women with incomes below 200 percent of poverty level during the same time period. In 2006, low-income women (those below 200 percent of the federal poverty level) had an unintended pregnancy rate five times higher than women with higher incomes, and an unintended birth rate six times higher.

These births are costly, both financially and in human terms. The Maryland Medicaid program pays an average of \$19,000 for each Medicaid-funded birth. Moreover, studies have shown that unintended pregnancies are associated with low birth weight and pre-term births, family stress, child abuse, and maternal depression, among other adverse outcomes. The U.S. Surgeon General’s National Prevention Strategy, released in June 2011, highlighted the importance of family planning services in promoting the health of women and children: “Planning and having a healthy pregnancy are vital to the health of women, infants, and families, and are especially important in preventing teen pregnancy and childbearing, which will help raise educational attainment, increase employment opportunities, and enhance financial stability.”

One key strategy for reducing rates of unintended pregnancy is to increase the use of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception, or LARCs. LARCs are more than 99 percent effective in preventing pregnancy for three to 10 years, depending on the method selected, and they are reversible if a woman decides she wants to become pregnant. Because of their safety and effectiveness in preventing unintended pregnancies, and high rates of patient satisfaction with LARC methods, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has advocated for the adoption of policies and practices to increase the use of LARC methods among women and adolescents.



While LARC methods are safe and highly effective in reducing unintended pregnancies, they also are among the most expensive birth control methods, with a one-time cost ranging from \$200 to \$550. These high costs can pose a significant barrier for low-income, uninsured women. To eliminate the cost barrier and ensure that Baltimore City women have access to LARCs regardless of their ability to pay, The Abell Foundation provided a \$151,750 two-year grant to Planned Parenthood of Maryland to support staff training on LARC methods and pay for LARCs for low-income, uninsured women and teens.

Grant funds will be used to provide LARC methods at no cost to high-need clients. In addition, Planned Parenthood clinical leaders will provide training to key staff on appropriate use of, and counseling regarding, LARCs. They also will develop a data form to collect demographic and other relevant information regarding client contraceptive choices that will be used to assess demand for specific contraceptive methods. Finally, Planned Parenthood staff will actively participate in the Baltimore City Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative and other citywide policy efforts to reduce unintended pregnancies, where they can share findings regarding the impact of the LARC project.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

### **VEHICLES FOR CHANGE/ DONATED-CAR PROGRAM**

According to a National Economic Development and Law Center report, the link between owning a car and being gainfully employed is significant. Studies have shown that not only are those who own cars more likely to work, but they are also more likely to work additional hours and earn higher wages. Interestingly, this impact of car ownership on hours worked and wages earned is greater for low-skilled workers than it is for higher-skilled workers.

Unfortunately, however, having access to a car is unattainable for many of Baltimore's residents. While estimates suggest that some 32 percent of Baltimore's population lack access to an automobile (*The Abell Report*, November/December 2005), that figure jumps to 44 percent for African-American households, based on Brookings Institution data. Further, Vehicles for Change (VfC) reports that some Baltimore residents without cars must often travel more than two hours on public transportation to get to work.

Since VfC's inception in 1999, The Abell Foundation has supported this nonprofit organization that repairs donated cars and makes them available to low-income job seekers in Baltimore City. (VfC also serves Carroll, Anne Arundel, and Montgomery counties; Northern Virginia; Washington, DC; and Richmond, VA.) Throughout the past 14 years, it has awarded more than 3,800 cars, changing the lives of more than 13,000 individuals. Currently, VfC awards 40 to 50 cars per month to families, with six cars a month going to families in Baltimore City.



A survey of 45 car recipients conducted by VfC in September 2011 revealed the following information:

- 75 percent obtained a better job and/or experienced increased earnings averaging \$7,000 a year;
- 66 percent reduced the number of times they were late for work;
- 77 percent reduced the number of days they missed work; and
- 100 percent drove their children to activities, including tutoring, and after-school and athletic activities.

Recently, Vehicles for Change has moved to a new location—4111 Washington Boulevard—in Halethorpe. The 33,000-square-foot facility offers 4,000 square feet of office space and 28,000 square feet of warehouse space, with 1.5 acres of paved parking. This new building also houses the used-car business Freedom Wheels, a subsidiary of VfC. (VfC uses funds generated through Freedom Wheels to continue its efforts to provide services to low-wage families.) A \$100,000 grant from The Abell Foundation supports renovations to the property, including an eight-bay garage within the warehouse area, which will allow VfC to complete 90 percent of all automotive repairs in-house. The additional space will also provide Freedom Wheels with room to sell more used cars, thus increasing the revenue generated for VfC.

## **CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

The mission of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN), the first grassroots organization dedicated exclusively to fighting global warming in Maryland, is to put the state on a path to climate stability. Through its aggressive legal campaign, Maryland Healthy Communities, CCAN has aimed to bring about reforms within the state's environmental enforcement program. Recent efforts include cleaning up Maryland's coal-fired power plants; waste-to-energy incinerators; and offshore wind power and fracking, a high-risk hydraulic drilling practice to extract natural gas.

CCAN's legislative victories date back to 2006, when it rallied support for the Maryland Healthy Air Act, requiring power plants to reduce toxic emissions of mercury, sulfur, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide by 90 percent, 80 percent, and 75 percent, respectively, by 2013 as compared to 2002 levels. In 2007, the Clean Cars Act was approved, requiring all new cars registered in Maryland to meet increased fuel economy standards beginning in 2011. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act, approved in 2009, placed a cap on greenhouse gases, calling for a 25 percent reduction below 2006 levels of Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions.

CCAN also encourages an increased focus on a culture of enforcement at every level. In 2010, it joined forces with the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) to strengthen its campaign. Together, they challenged state regulations of highly toxic coal ash landfill projects, based on CCAN's finding that Maryland's Department of the

Environment had been lax in enforcing existing laws to reduce air pollutants. Targeting aging plants known for toxic emissions, these efforts resulted in a major victory—the retirement of R. Paul Smith power plant, the first of six retired out-of-compliance power plants in the Baltimore region.

In addition, CCAN has prioritized Curtis Bay, an industrialized working class South Baltimore community, for a grassroots outreach and education program that will enable the community to hold polluters accountable to environmental laws. Because of little to no community organizing in the past, Curtis Bay is one of the unhealthiest communities in Maryland with respect to health impacts caused by air pollution.

A New York-based utility company, Energy Answer, plans to build the nation's second-largest waste-to-energy incinerator in the Curtis Bay neighborhood. This plant has the potential to emit high amounts of mercury, ultra-fine particulate matter, and carbon dioxide. In fact, unless highly regulated, these types of incinerators can emit more carbon dioxide than coal combustion power plants. CCAN provided organized citizen environmental workshops, undertook door-to-door canvassing to collect citizen comments, and familiarized the local community about the permitting process so that the local community members could take an active role during the Maryland Department of the Environment's public comment period.

In fact, because of technical comments from EIP and hundreds of affected citizens, the Maryland Public Service Commission strengthened the permits to protect local citizens by removing exemptions for emissions limits during startup, shutdown, and malfunction events; increasing monitoring requirements; and lowering the emissions limits on carbon monoxide. Despite these efforts, however, the final construction permit was issued. CCAN will continue to monitor the situation.

The most recent threat to public health and global climate change is the plan to expand the coal export facilities at the Port of Baltimore. The construction of an “intermodal” facility is in response to the growing demand—upwards of 30 percent—for coal exports to countries like China, South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Projections indicate there will be a doubling of output over the next five years. This prospect of double-stacked, coal-filled rail cars, spilling toxic coal dust along the transportation routes through surrounding communities, has challenged CCAN to demand a rigorous environmental review of the impact of such transports through densely populated areas. CCAN plans to educate and inform local communities about the harmful effects caused by increased coal dust, and will rally South Baltimore citizens to push lawmakers to aggressively regulate these expansions.

Regarding Western Maryland's fracking activities, CCAN has expanded its efforts to advocate for statewide reforms before permits are issued, with the moratorium slogan: “no study, no fracking.” CCAN will continue to work to promote greater safety regulations and ensure compliance with environmental laws and transparent decision-making as the Governor's Fracking Commission develops a comprehensive report on Best Management Practices.

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## EDUCATION

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc..... \$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for continued support of the Baltimore City Education Reform Project, designed to maintain and secure equitable and adequate state and city education funding for all children in Maryland, with particular focus on disadvantaged children. The agenda calls for the reinstatement of the inflation factor in the budget, advocacy for full-day pre-K programs for poor children, interventions designed to increase attendance, and lower suspension rates. The ACLU will also monitor Baltimore City Public Schools to ensure that management and funding reforms translate into effective educational programming and that there is increased family participation in free and reduced-price meal programs.

**American Communities Trust..... \$65,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For implementation of the Baltimore Scholar Athlete Program in three Baltimore City Public Schools. Support is provided through counseling, coaching, mentoring, and SAT preparation. In each school, a dedicated resource space, known as the “Zone,” is equipped with laptops, printers, e-readers, Internet access, mailboxes, calculators, and electronic membership cards for student-scholars to use on a daily basis. Data are collected on attendance; GPA; athletic participation rates; and graduation, college-acceptance, and matriculation rates.

**Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance ..... \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Three grants for continued support and expansion of programs to integrate the arts into the curriculum of Maryland’s public schools. These programs incorporate e-portfolio pilot projects and the arts integration summer training for seven Baltimore City Public School art teachers.

**Baltimore City Community College Foundation, Inc..... \$218,250**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the new Aspiring Scholars Scholarship Program, which provides performance-based scholarships for 75 graduates of Baltimore City Public Schools entering Baltimore City Community College. The scholars are linked to a facilitator who ensures the students are registering for appropriate courses, familiar with their own performance levels, and referred to campus resources for support.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
Baltimore City College High School ..... \$109,698**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For capital expenses to replace window screens and carpeting in the band and choir rooms, repair locker rooms, and install fencing around the football field/track.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
The Mount Washington School..... \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the costs, both salary and benefits, of a coordinator in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme at The Mount Washington School. The IB coordinator ensures a smooth expansion of the program to the seventh grade, and serves 78 seventh-grade students and 90 sixth-grade students. The IB program emphasizes intellectual challenges and development of critical and reflective skills, and focuses on the integration and interrelationships of all content areas in a global context. The goal for The Mount Washington School is to achieve accreditation as an IB Middle Years Programme school by the start of school year 2013-2014.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
National Academic League ..... \$182,028  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2012-2013 National Academic League (NAL), which involves 700 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students from 28 Baltimore City public middle schools in a year-long scholastic extracurricular activity. The NAL games function as competitive events, with after-school team practices two to three times a week under the guidance of teachers. Interscholastic competitions are held every two weeks. First- and second-placed teams compete nationally through video-conferencing. It is intended that participation will increase potential for acceptance into a Baltimore City selective-admission high school.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/SummerREADs ..... \$101,670  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the second year of the 2012 SummerREADs book distribution program and summer reading for 2,000 second-, third-, and fourth-grade students attending high-poverty, low-performing public schools in Baltimore City. The program is designed to prevent literacy loss over the summer months. With support of teachers and family members, participating students are given 12 self-selected books at their reading level to encourage voluntary summer reading. An evaluation by Johns Hopkins University will compare 2011 and 2013 proficiency MSA reading scores among the participants.

**Baltimore Curriculum Project, Inc. .... \$108,142  
Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to the implementation of the City Springs Academic Technology Project, which provides iPads, Internet access, and instruction to 105 City Springs seventh- and eighth-grade students. The objective of the project is to demonstrate the effectiveness of technology in the teaching of reading, writing, math, and computer skills.

**Baltimore Kids Chess League, Inc. ....\$74,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support and expansion of the 2012-2013 Baltimore City Public Schools' Chess Education Project, an after-school program for 1,000 students in 60 Baltimore City elementary, middle, and high schools. The league provides each school with materials, teacher-training programs, supervision of activities, local tournaments, and arrangements for regional and national tournaments.

**Baltimore Reads, Inc.....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of operating costs of the Baltimore Reads Book Bank and Book Exchange. AmeriCorps members will be hired to expand the supply of books that the exchange intends to make available, for free, to more than 60,000 students in schools, and 90,000 students in homes.

**Baltimore Talent Education Center.....\$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of a string music instructional program that serves 400 Baltimore City pre-K to high school students in eight school sites. The program teaches music theory and offers instruction in violin, piano, and guitar.

**Carnegie Institution for Science.....\$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of BioEYES, a science education classroom program serving up to 3,200 third, fifth, seventh, and 10th graders in Baltimore City Public Schools. The week-long, hands-on biology unit uses live zebra fish as subjects and enables students to observe life cycles of fish and embryos. Teachers are trained to provide the instruction in subsequent years.

**CollegeBound Foundation, Inc.....\$81,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To fund the final year of the College Retention Project for Last Dollar Grant recipients at participating colleges. The program provides 280 Baltimore City public school graduates with services that include maintaining contact with students, and providing financial aid, assistance with course selection, and remedial services. Intent is to increase the six-year college graduation rate for Last Dollar Scholars from 50 percent to 60 percent.

**Community College of Baltimore County Foundation .....\$218,250**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the new Aspiring Scholars Scholarship Program, which provides performance-based scholarships for 75 graduates of Baltimore City Public Schools entering the Community College of Baltimore County. The scholars are linked to a facilitator who ensures the students are registering for appropriate courses, familiar with their own performance levels, and referred to campus resources for support.

**The Community School, Inc. .... \$12,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the current GED cohort, and College Support and Dual Enrollment Initiative serving graduates of The Community School. The initiative provides ongoing academic and mentoring support, and limited employment for eight college students.

**Cristo Rey Jesuit High School ..... \$63,285**

**Baltimore, MD**

To provide full scholarships for the remaining years of four existing foster care students, and scholarships for six additional Abell scholars who are either in foster care or are experiencing homelessness.

**Curry School of Education Foundation, Inc. .... \$100,000**

**Charlottesville, VA**

Toward support of Project CYCLE, a tested teacher coaching model, designed to improve performance and retention of teachers in Baltimore City Public Schools.

**Digital Harbor Foundation ..... \$200,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of EdTech Link, a digital literacy and technology workforce program that provides training to Baltimore City teachers in classroom and school integration of technology. Teacher Fellows also host after-school clubs for Baltimore City Public Schools K-12 students. The seven EdTech Link Fellows organize community EdTech forums where community leaders are brought together to discuss technology solutions to problems in education. The foundation will partner with the Baltimore Educational Research Consortium to determine to what extent technology education and after-school programming improve students' performance, and graduation and employment rates.

**Dyslexia Tutoring Program ..... \$15,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of tutoring services for up to 125 low-income children attending Baltimore City Public Schools. Students receive up to 60 hours of weekly, hour-long, one-on-one reading instruction based on the Orton Gillingham reading methodology. The program offers eight in-service workshops for teachers representing 25 Title I schools, and is currently training 110 tutors.

**Fund for Educational Excellence ..... \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward funding in support of Acelero Learning, which facilitates the Baltimore City Head Start Re-Competition 2013 proposal for submission to the federal government.

**Fund for Educational Excellence .....\$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the development and launch of an interactive Baltimore City School Choice website, which will assist students and their families in making more informed decisions about specific school attributes; admissions criteria; and special academic programs, such as those in career and technology.

**Fund for Educational Excellence .....\$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore City Public Schools Leadership Pipeline and Development Project, developed to widen the pool of talented candidates for school leadership. The goals are to increase the number of principals, reduce principal attrition rates, and identify and improve the skills of talented staff on the leadership path.

**Fund for Educational Excellence .....\$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To expand the capacity of the Fund for Educational Excellence, in an effort to increase student achievement in Baltimore City Public Schools. By addressing existing student policy and/or practice gaps, the fund identifies and advocates for best practices that target important issues to students, teachers, and leaders.

**Gilman School .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the 2012 Baltimore Independent School Learning Camp, a month-long academic and enriching experience for 50 disadvantaged Baltimore City public elementary school students. The academic, cultural, and physical education experiences are designed to prevent summer learning loss, stimulate creative thinking skills, and challenge motor skills.

**The Ingenuity Project .....\$485,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2012-2013 Ingenuity Project's advanced math, science, and research program, which serves 517 Baltimore City Public Schools middle and high school students. The objective is to provide rigorous math and science instruction, as well as immersion in a research curriculum and practicum in order to launch the next generation of STEM leaders. Students are encouraged to participate in math and science competitions including Intel, Siemens, U.S. Biology Olympiads, and the Baltimore Science Fair.



**Johns Hopkins University/  
Center for Social Organization of Schools .....\$100,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC) core research program and continued work on College Access & Readiness data for Baltimore City Public School students. BERC will complete a study of city school graduates' enrollment in college, rate of completion of degree programs, and evaluation of the CollegeBound College Retention Program. A College Access Advisory Group, working with Baltimore Data Collaborative, will provide information to be shared with BERC's affiliations.

**Johns Hopkins University  
Institute for Policy Studies .....\$13,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward tuition costs of an extra semester in a Baltimore City public high school for a student in the Baltimore Scholars college program at Johns Hopkins University.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Education .....\$61,068  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Neuro-Education Initiative, which is designed to develop, implement, and study the effects of arts-integrated science units on student engagement and retention of instructional content. The effort includes curriculum development and implementation, and training of 16 fifth-grade teachers in Baltimore City Public Schools.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Education .....\$19,738  
Baltimore, MD**

For an evaluation of the 2012 SummerREADs Book Distribution Program. The evaluation aims to determine the effects of a summer reading program designed to increase reading achievement in the face of reading loss associated with summer vacation.

**KIPP Baltimore, Inc. ....\$75,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For expansion of the KIPP Ujima Village Student Intervention Math pilot program for the 2012-2013 school year. The objectives of the program are to close the achievement gap among low-performing students, increase overall MSA math scores, and create a remediation model for replication.

**LET’S GO Boys and Girls, Inc. .... \$100,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Toward expansion of the STEM curriculum to reach 395 Baltimore City children at Callaway Elementary School and Mount Royal Elementary/Middle School, and at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Baltimore. LET’S GO trains teachers to provide informative, hands-on science, math, and engineering programming one day a week for 90 minutes in an after-school setting. The objectives are to improve attitudes toward science and math, achieve higher attendance rates, assist students in choosing middle and high school STEM schools, and increase the number of qualified applicants to the Ingenuity Program.

**Mariposa Child Success Programs ..... \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the development of an evaluation tool for the Promoting School Success Program, which serves teachers in Baltimore City Public Schools. The 32-hour program focuses on teacher training in student-relationship skills, and its objective is to reduce overall classroom disruption.

**National Council on Teacher Quality ..... \$15,700**  
**Washington, DC**

For support of the annual Teacher Prep Review, which will be published in *U.S. News and World Report*. The review will cover 800 teacher education programs in the U.S., including analyses and ratings for 20 schools in Maryland. The objective of the review is to create a communications strategy that demonstrates ratings are credible, fair, and accurate, and can provide useful information to advocacy groups working for change in state legislatures and school boards.

**New Leaders-Baltimore..... \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the New Leaders-Baltimore program, with a goal of recruiting 12 school principals for leadership roles in Baltimore City Public Schools for the 2012-2013 school year. The new cohorts participate in a four-week summer institute, followed by a year-long residency working under an experienced principal. The following year, they are placed in schools with on-the-job networking and support for two years. New Leaders will also launch a one-year Emerging Leaders training program.

**Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University..... \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the Music Teacher Mentoring Program for first- and second-year music teachers in Baltimore City public elementary and middle schools. Three mentors will give one-on-one mentoring in lesson planning, curriculum development, sequential delivery of lessons, teaching of rhythm, tone, instrument care, and classroom management strategies.

**The Piney Woods School..... \$33,175**

Piney Woods, MS

To provide scholarships for three students from Baltimore City for the 2012-2013 school year, and toward the salary of a part-time Retention Counselor. The counselor monitors class attendance and participation, oversees study halls and dormitory behavior, and acts as a liaison and advocate for students and families—all with the intent of ensuring that the students graduate and plan for college or post-secondary education.

**Princeton Center for Leadership Training ..... \$170,000**

Princeton, NJ

For the implementation of the Peer Group Connection program in two Baltimore City high schools. The evidence- and school-based program supports the transition from middle to high school. The program includes a year-long, credit-bearing course for selected high school juniors and seniors, training them to become peer leaders, advisors, and mentors to all ninth graders in weekly advising meetings.

**Reading Partners ..... \$35,000**

Oakland, CA

Two grants for the implementation of Reading Partners, a one-on-one, twice-a-week K-5 tutoring program using trained community volunteers, in five Baltimore City public elementary schools. The program targets low-performing readers and is complemented by the Take Reading Home program, which provides age- and skill-appropriate reading materials for home use. The goal is to have students performing closer to grade level by the end of the school year.

**Saint Frances Academy ..... \$157,400**

Baltimore, MD

To pilot a year-round boarding school program at Saint Frances Academy for seven homeless Baltimore City boys who will also attend the high school. The pilot will determine the feasibility of making a formal commitment to provide a structured environment with meals, study, and social activities in a nearby row house. By providing safe living arrangements and supervision, the program aims to increase chances of graduation and post-secondary college or career placement.

**Saint Frances Academy ..... \$5,000**

Baltimore, MD

Toward support of the Fall 2013 After-School Program at the Drs. Camille and Bill Cosby Community Center for inner-city children.

**Saint Frances Academy ..... \$5,000**

Baltimore, MD

Toward renovation costs of a house owned by Saint Frances Academy to be used by boarding students.

**Saint Frances Academy ..... \$230,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward administrative staffing costs and operating costs for the 2012-2013 school year. The college-preparatory school for students dealing with multiple socio-economic challenges offers partial scholarships to most of its 220 students, 92 percent of whom enroll in college. Funds are used to maintain critical social services, including counseling, and to keep the community center accessible throughout the year. Funds include the cost of hiring a director of development.

**St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the CityWide Special Education Advocacy Project for physically disabled students in Baltimore City Public Schools. The purpose of the project is to provide collaboration, training, and advocacy designed to improve academic and social outcomes for students with special needs.

**Teach For America-Baltimore (TFA) ..... \$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to the cost of recruiting 150 new teachers, and retaining 175 second-year cohort members by providing ongoing support for Teach For America Corps members. TFA will increase civic/educational leadership capacity among its alumni to take leadership positions in Baltimore City Public Schools for the 2012-2013 school year.

**University of Baltimore ..... \$44,800**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the College Readiness Academy, an initiative designed to develop college and academic skills for 380 students in seven Baltimore City public high schools. The initiative aims to increase scores on college placement tests, and ensure that juniors and seniors avoid remedial coursework in college.

**Urban Teacher Center, Inc. .... \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Urban Teacher Center (UTC), designed to prepare teachers to serve Baltimore City's neediest schools. The teaching program requires applicants to make a four-year commitment beginning with a residency year, and followed by three years of teaching in a high-need Baltimore City Public School. UTC provides a model for teacher preparation and state licensure that is linked to student performance results.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**1 Baltimore, Inc.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward travel costs of the 1 Baltimore Basketball Travel Team, to participate in the 2012 American Athletic Union National Tournament in Florida.

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc.....\$150,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Regional Housing Equity Project, designed to provide African-American families with the opportunity to move to low-poverty areas in the surrounding counties and in Baltimore City, where they can expect to enjoy safer neighborhoods, better schools, and increased access to job opportunities. As the result of a partial settlement of the *Thompson v. HUD* lawsuit in 1996, and with assistance from the housing mobility program, more than 2,000 inner-city families from public housing projects have been able to move throughout the region. A final settlement of the lawsuit in 2012 will enable 2,600 additional families to move to neighborhoods that offer better opportunities.

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of Maryland ACLU activities.

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the establishment of the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership, designed to serve as the regional administrator for the additional 2,600 vouchers secured by the settlement agreement of the *Thompson v. HUD* lawsuit. This settlement allows public housing residents to move to neighborhoods less impacted by poverty, in an effort to access better schools, safer neighborhoods, and greater job opportunities.

**Adoptions Together, Inc.....\$299,859**

**Silver Spring, MD**

For continued support of the Family Find Step Down Project, which is committed to achieving permanency for 135 children who are currently in Baltimore City foster care. Working closely with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Adoptions Together identifies and recruits family members and others who may be interested in adoption, and provides placement, preparation, and post-placement counseling and support services.

**Advocates for Children and Youth.....\$80,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of staffing and activities that will improve the outcomes of Baltimore City children in the child welfare system. Priorities include increasing in-house services for at-risk families in order to prevent the removal of children from the home; providing input and guidance to Maryland's Alternative Response practice model; and conducting an analysis of girls involved in both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

**Advocates for Children and Youth.....\$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward costs of a campaign to educate youth transitioning out of foster care about health insurance available to them. The campaign will inform decision-makers about a provision of the new Affordable Care Act, which extends health insurance to former foster youth until they reach age 26.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers .....\$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the salary of a full-time Children’s Environmental Health Specialist who is working with the Maryland Environmental Health Network. The specialist’s focus is on improving environmental practices in Baltimore City Public Schools, and developing health education content that will be included in the environmental literacy curriculum.

**Baltimore Browns Football and Cheer Program .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses including uniforms, equipment, referees fees, and travel expenses for the Baltimore Browns Football and Cheer Program.

**Baltimore City Health Department .....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the costs of computer equipment and related expenses for the Electronic Health Record System of the School Health Program. The purpose of the initiative is to integrate Baltimore City Public Schools’ record system with an electronic health record module, and then integrate both into a new information management system. The process will enable the Health Department to conduct research on the impact of health care on academic achievement.

**Baltimore City Health Department .....\$164,248**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Asthma Program, including an evaluation of a model program that provides home-visiting services to children with the most severe asthma. The evaluation analyzes Medicaid cost data related to the asthma home-visiting program to demonstrate the cost effectiveness of the model.

**Baltimore City Health Department .....\$60,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, a multi-agency collaboration and partnership that aims to improve reproductive health services available to young people, reduce teen births, and improve family-planning services.

**Baltimore City Health Department ..... \$80,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Adolescent & Reproductive Health LARCs (long-acting reversible contraception) Project, in an effort to reduce unintended pregnancies among women and teens who are uninsured and ineligible for insurance.

**Baltimore Medical System, Inc..... \$110,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of an Asthma Improvement Project for 1,500 students in four Baltimore City Public Schools. The objectives are to provide health education and care coordination, control asthma symptoms, reduce the use of rescue medications, and improve school attendance.

**Baltimore Stars Coalition/AAU ..... \$40,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Stars Basketball Program for inner-city boys ages 8 to 17. Staffed by volunteers, the program provides opportunities for the boys to compete in AAU state and national basketball tournaments. The program teaches basketball skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship; provides mentoring, tutoring, and SAT preparation; and encourages achievement and positive behavior.

**Baltimore Terrapins Youth Football/**

**Park Heights Renaissance..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Seed funding for the establishment of an Unlimited Weight Youth Football Program for youth in the Park Heights community.

**Catholic Charities..... \$60,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of eviction prevention and utility assistance programs administered by The Samaritan Center. The funds provide direct financial assistance to more than 500 low-income households at risk for homelessness or loss of utility services.

**Charm City Buccaneers Youth Sports Development ..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Charm City Buccaneers football team to travel to a national championship tournament in Tampa, FL.

**Covenant Community Association..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of a summer camp for 80 children and youth in the Rose Street community, and for renovations of a house that will serve as a neighborhood center.

**Druid Heights Community**

**Development Corporation .....\$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward operating support for the Urban Youth Initiative Project, a year-round after-school educational and enrichment program that serves 35 children five days a week. The goal is to increase academic achievement and self-confidence; instill values of individual responsibility, self-respect, and self-discipline; and encourage parental involvement.

**East Baltimore Development, Inc.....\$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of an Adolescent Behavioral Health Partnership to be implemented by Elev8 Baltimore, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Elev8 provides a Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction intervention, designed to improve students' skills for coping with trauma and anxiety, to 400 middle school students. The project includes a behavioral assessment system that identifies students in need of behavioral health support services.

**Food Research & Action Center .....\$38,500**

**Washington, DC**

Two grants toward continued support of the Maryland Hunger Solutions' pilot project, designed to increase the capacity of Baltimore City farmers' markets. This will allow the sellers to accept federal food benefit payments through EBT (electronic benefit transfer) cards and the "Baltimore Bucks" incentive program.

**Franciscan Center.....\$191,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of programs providing services to families in crisis. Services include case management, financial assistance to prevent evictions, hot lunches, a food pantry, clothing, toiletries, transportation, and assistance with obtaining prescription drugs.

**Fusion Partnerships, Inc.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing costs for the development of the YES (Youth Empowered Society) Drop In Center for homeless and runaway youth and young adults. The center provides food, clothing, showers, and laundry facilities, and makes referrals to housing, public benefit, educational, employment, and other service providers.

**Good Shepherd Center.....\$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward renovation costs of the student courtyard at Good Shepherd Center, a residential facility that provides services to troubled adolescents ages 13 to 21 who are suffering from severe emotional and behavioral problems. The renovated courtyard serves as a therapeutic open space for use by residents, families, visitors, and staff.



**Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. .... \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of staffing and litigation costs of the Permanent Supportive Housing initiative, which advocates on behalf of homeless, disabled clients seeking permanent housing.

**House of New Beginnings, Inc. .... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For six months of rent and utilities so that House of New Beginnings may provide services to homeless youth in foster care and to those aged out of foster care.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine..... \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Preconception Women’s Health and Pediatrics initiative for low-income women in Baltimore City. The initiative includes a needs assessment, the development of a preconception care protocol, evaluations of the impact of the protocol on short-term and long-term outcomes for mothers, and an assessment of cost effectiveness.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to a two-day Chicago Parent Program Group Leader Training Workshop for personnel at Baltimore City Public Schools.

**Living Classrooms Foundation ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of equipment for the Building Character Through Sports’ Jaguars football team, a program of the Living Classrooms Foundation.

**Loving Arms, Inc..... \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward operating costs of N.R. House, a residential program for homeless runaway youth and young adults. The goal is to transition the youth and young adults to safe, stable permanent homes by providing counseling and case management, and teaching life and communication skills.

**Manna House, Inc. .... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing costs to provide outreach programs serving the homeless and needy in Baltimore City.

**Manna House, Inc. .... \$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the salary of a coordinator to recruit volunteers to assist in serving 200 clients every day.

**Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund, Inc.....\$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of education regarding implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which provides health insurance coverage to the uninsured.

**Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund, Inc.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of an event in recognition of policy changes to expand access to affordable health care.

**Maryland Foster Youth Resource Center .....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For funding of the Voluntary Service Navigator model, part of a Department of Human Resources pilot project designed to transition 35 young adults from the Baltimore City foster care system to independent living. The center is training volunteers who will be matched with a client and receive one-on-one mentoring.

**Maryland Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped.....\$20,000**  
**Columbia, MD**

For continued support to provide dental services for up to 675 low-income and disabled persons participating in the Donated Dental Services program.

**Maryland Institute College of Art .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of "Finding Our Wings," a pregnancy- and dropout-prevention documentary designed to educate teen girls in Baltimore City.

**The Northeast Youth Association, Inc.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the cost of re-sodding Rogers Field for youth participating in the Northeast Chargers Youth Football program.

**Parks & People Foundation .....\$98,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Hooked on Sports program serving Baltimore City Public School students in grades four through 12 in after-school sports and recreational activities. Participants are taught the fundamentals of playing organized sports, and the value of teamwork and fair play. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum "C" average, maintain 90 percent school attendance, and undertake a community service project.

**Parkside Warriors.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of football and cheerleading uniforms for 250 boys and girls participating in supervised after-school sports in the Belair-Edison neighborhood.

**Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. ....\$151,750**

**Baltimore, MD**

A two-year grant toward support of a Baltimore City birth control initiative titled “Provision of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Methods for High-Need Clients.” The initiative provides family planning services and access to LARC methods to 470 low-income Baltimore City women.

**Reach Out and Read .....\$50,000**

**Boston, MA**

Toward the salary of a Program Director for the Greater Baltimore School Readiness Project, and for the purchase of books to implement a one-on-one literacy tutoring project for 160 students in grades K through five in four Title 1 schools in Baltimore City. The project recruits and trains volunteers to work with students twice a week for a minimum of 16 hours. It aims to have students reading closer to grade level by the end of the school year.

**The Salvation Army.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of services for the needy.

**The Samaritan Community.....\$18,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance programs, which serve families threatened with shortages of food, and having difficulty paying rent and utility bills. The staff works with each client to identify and address issues that lead to unemployment, addiction, and mental health disorders.

**Santa Claus Anonymous.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2012 Santa Claus Anonymous Campaign.

**Santa’s Helpers Anonymous, Inc. ....\$5,000**

**Phoenix, MD**

Toward support of the 2012 Elves Bring Christmas to Those in Need program, which serves low-income families and elderly in Baltimore City.

**The Shepherd’s Clinic ..... \$105,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for continued support toward costs of providing primary and specialty health care to uninsured persons in Baltimore City through a network of volunteer physicians and a relationship with Union Memorial Hospital. Shepherd’s Clinic anticipates serving 2,500 uninsured Baltimore City residents.

**South Baltimore Emergency Relief, Inc.....\$24,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of operating costs of the food pantry, which serves more than 250 clients per month, and for a program that serves up to 50 clients per month to help prevent utility turn-off.

**St. Francis Neighborhood Center .....\$32,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of The Power Project, an after-school educational, mentoring, and arts program for 30 at-risk youth, ages 5-18, in the Reservoir Hill neighborhood. The goal is to increase academic achievement and self-confidence of children participating in the program.

**Tahirih Justice Center.....\$50,000**  
**Falls Church, VA**

Toward operating support of *pro bono* legal and case management services for up to 79 immigrant women and girls in Baltimore City fleeing gender-based violence. The center also conducts training sessions for attorneys, police officers, judges, and social and health service providers.

**United Way of Central Maryland .....\$183,750**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide rent subsidies for 75 homeless men and women in the transitional employment program of The Journey Home (Baltimore City’s 10-year plan to end homelessness).

**United Way of Central Maryland .....\$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the costs of a housing case manager to serve homeless clients participating in the Journey Home transitional employment program.

**University of Maryland School of Medicine .....\$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Child Abuse and Maltreatment Prevention Program, an intervention program designed to involve pediatricians in identifying and addressing risk factors for child maltreatment. The Multidisciplinary Team—including representatives from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, and the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office—meets bi-weekly to make recommendations for services designed to prevent abuse and reduce the number of reports to Child Protective Services.

**University of Maryland School of Medicine .....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of molecular reagents required to research novel approaches for the expansion of normal stem cells and killing of cancer stem cells.

**Y of Central Maryland .....\$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the eight-week New Horizons II Summer Camp for Homeless Youth in Baltimore City. The experience provides life-skills development, academic activities, enrichment projects, and paid employment, along with courses in financial literacy and individualized case management.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS**

**A Step Forward, Inc..... \$33,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For code-compliant improvements of a community kitchen to enhance a faith-based transitional housing facility in West Baltimore for eight men in treatment for substance abuse.

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc..... \$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of an initiative to promote reforms for children and families in the Baltimore and Maryland criminal justice systems. The ACLU continues to work on the monitoring of arrests and to advocate for changes designed to reduce incarceration rates for possession of small amounts of marijuana.

**Alternative Directions, Inc..... \$35,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant toward expansion of the Hand in Hand pre-release and re-entry program for juveniles in Baltimore City. The intent of the program is to ensure that participants are enrolled in an educational program and attain employment within a month of release, and that 80 percent of participants receive their GEDs within 18 months of enrollment.

**American Friends Service Committee ..... \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore Friend of a Friend Program, designed for ex-offenders returning to Baltimore City. The goal of the re-entry program is to reduce violent infractions and recidivism through six months of conflict resolution training prior to release.

**The Answer, Inc.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward rent expenses of two residential facilities providing substance abuse treatment. This six-month to one-year program offers education and counseling services for 15 men and 12 women. By partnering with other organizations, The Answer provides mental health services, food, shelter, GED training, life-skills training, and job placement.

**Baltimore City Health Department .....\$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of Safe Streets East and Safe Streets Cherry Hill, in an effort to reduce gun-related violence in Baltimore City. These programs rely on community leaders to intervene in conflicts using mediation and the promotion of alternatives to violence.

**Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. (BSAS) .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a pilot study, “Earned Income as an Outcome Substance Abuse Treatment: Is It Possible to Link These Two Data Sets?”

**Behavioral Health Leadership Institute, Inc. ....\$47,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward support of the Buprenorphine Initiative at Dee’s Place and Recovery In Community. Over the course of the year, the institute, which serves approximately 220 individuals, will monitor the number of clients who have been successfully treated and those who require ongoing treatment.

**Blessings Bestowed Restoration Support Program, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward utility bills, insurance, rent, and household items to support a transitional housing facility for women in Baltimore City.

**Community Mediation Maryland .....\$5,000**  
**Glen Burnie, MD**

For support of an evaluation of the effect of prisoner re-entry mediation on recidivism. To identify the impact of intervention, this study compares 80 individuals who have received mediation to a similar group that requested but did not receive mediation.

**Dayspring Programs, Inc. ....\$56,615**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To fund repointing of an historic three-story school building, in an effort to provide 18 permanent housing units, space for residential treatment, Head Start classrooms, and administrative offices that will allow Dayspring to expand services to homeless and addicted women and their families.

**Deborah’s Place, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the cost of replacing household furnishings for a supportive housing facility. The program, which serves up to 12 women recovering from substance abuse in the Park Heights area, receives referrals from Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, drug court, and Hidden Gardens.

**Gaudenzia Foundation, Inc.....\$350,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward construction costs of the Women and Children’s Center, a long-term residential treatment facility. The remodeling is part of Gaudenzia’s new three-story home that accommodates 18 women and their children in 10 permanent housing apartments.

**Helping Up Mission, Inc. ....\$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the replacement of all beds, mattresses, cabinets, and carpeting in this residential facility for homeless men recovering from substance abuse. The strategy has been designed to eliminate the infestation of bed bugs.

**House of Change, Inc. ....\$9,850**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for expenses related to three housing facilities that serve individuals in recovery. These expenses include security deposits, rent, gas and electric, water, cable and telephone services, and purchases of furniture.

**Institutes for Behavior Resources .....\$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward capital renovations for the expansion of the R.E.A.C.H. mobile drug abuse treatment program, which provides comprehensive health-care services addressing physical, mental, and substance abuse concerns. By increasing the capacity of its fourth-floor treatment center, the program will be able to add outpatient services.

**Jobs, Housing & Recovery, Inc. (JHR).....\$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the salary of an additional full-time Homeless Services Coordinator at the JHR Housing Resource Center. This coordinator will ensure a 30 percent increase in client contacts, and result in “needs assessments” and referrals for 80 percent of clients seeking services.

**The Justice Policy Institute .....\$5,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward support of the 2012 Baltimore Neighborhood Re-entry Fair, which provides expungement services and other information to individuals who may not be familiar with the appropriate legal processes.

**The Light of Truth Center, Inc. ....\$23,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For additional costs related to the installation of a sprinkler system for a housing facility serving eight women recovering from addiction.

**Marian House, Inc. ....\$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for support of transitional housing and supportive services for homeless women and their children. Marian House provides intensive services to ensure that residents benefit from recovery programs, tutoring, and GED preparation. It also aims to provide services that result in gainful employment and placement in permanent housing.

**Mayor's Office of Information Technology.....\$53,200**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the development and implementation of the CitiWatch Community Partnership program. The two components of this program include building a database of information gathered by security cameras for use in subsequent criminal investigations, and marketing the program to the community.

**New Vision House of Hope, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the payment of utility bills for two transitional houses that provide support for men in recovery.

**Nu Direction/LEAP .....\$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For costs of operating and renovating a facility that provides supportive housing for 10 men recovering from substance abuse. Services include job assistance, NA/AA meetings, and counseling.

**Praising Through Recovery, Inc.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward costs of utilities, rent, and office supplies for Trinity Recovery House for Men. The seven-bed residential facility provides homeless men with customized, family-oriented treatment.

**Project PLASE, Inc.....\$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward the development of Beacon House Square in the St. Joseph's Monastery school building, which will provide homeless adults with housing that includes 60 transitional and 30 permanent units. The consolidation of apartments into one 60,000-square-foot facility reduces costs and increases the overall efficiency of program delivery.



**Recovery In Community .....\$103,425**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide outreach services and housing placement for clients recovering from substance abuse. Recovery In Community will provide three months of transitional housing for up to 35 clients who now live in nonsupportive environments. The program will continue to recruit and engage clients in treatment through canvassing on the streets and linkages to other agencies.

**Safe House of Hope.....\$47,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the establishment of a Drop-In Center for victims of sex trafficking in the Brooklyn/Curtis Bay neighborhood.

**Talitha Cumi Safe Haven .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward capital improvements to a facility that provides outreach services for female ex-offenders recovering from substance abuse.

**TurnAround, Inc. ....\$285,000**  
**Towson, MD**

Continued support toward operating expenses that will provide outreach, support services, emergency shelter, and transitional housing for 125 Baltimore City women who are victims of sex trafficking. Efforts will be made to create statewide victim identification and response protocols.

**United Ministries, Inc.....\$85,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for continued support of Earl's Place Transitional Housing Project, which serves 17 homeless men recovering from addiction each year. The grant covers the salary of a director of development.

**Valley/Bridge House .....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward general operating costs of a transitional housing program that provides substance abuse treatment services to 87 Baltimore City men each year living in the two houses. The objective is to achieve a 75 percent rate of completion of the 12-step facilitation program.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland..... \$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Funding to advance comprehensive land use and transportation policy reform at state and local levels. 1000 Friends focuses on a public agenda that encourages the redevelopment of existing communities and preservation of Maryland's open space, agricultural land, and forests, through several strategies that include restricting the development of new septic systems, holding Maryland accountable to meet pollution-reduction goals, reforming estate tax for farming families, and investing in local transportation systems.

**Adopt A Block, Inc. .... \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of building materials for Compassion Commission, a youth-driven program in the Greenmount West community in East Baltimore. Once a property is renovated, it is typically donated to a long-time resident of the neighborhood who has never owned a home but has a track record of community service.

**Audubon Maryland DC..... \$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of a bird habitat at the Audubon Center in Patterson Park, a part of the Atlantic Flyway for migrating birds. To further engage local residents and five local schools, Audubon offers adult education programs and bird-monitoring projects for local youth, as well as additional education in bird migration and the park's role in the Flyway.

**B&O Railroad Museum ..... \$160,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To fund security for the museum campus, including the erection of perimeter fencing, installation of security cameras and lighting, and security guard expenses. These physical improvements and security upgrades are designed to create a positive impression of a child- and family-oriented museum in a community that has recently experienced an increase in vandalism.

**Baltimore Architecture Foundation..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of a one-day symposium and neighborhood tour titled, "Baltimore's Dollar House Program Revisited."

**Baltimore City Department of Planning ..... \$99,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of an eight-month School Food Assessment of Baltimore City Public Schools' meal structure. In an effort to increase the efficiency of delivery of school meals, and to increase access to fresh, healthy food in Baltimore City Public Schools, this assessment examines organizational structure, budgets, accounting practices, federal compliance, grant reimbursements, human resources, training, and equipment.

**Baltimore City Department of Planning ..... \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Decision Modeling Tool for Vacant Structure Demolition and Redevelopment Project. A partnership between the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of Sustainability will use the funds to develop a more efficient method of organizing data that identifies potential for nonresidential reuse of vacant properties and lots, and assists in targeting limited demolition resources where they may have the greatest effect.

**Baltimore Community ToolBank..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward improvements and signage for a new warehouse location in Baltimore City. The warehouse will lend equipment and tools to nonprofits working on improvement projects.

**Baltimore Community ToolBank..... \$33,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward Tools for Change expenses related to outreach, fundraising, and staffing. The goal of the expansion effort is to enroll 200-member nonprofit agencies, equip 10,000 volunteers, and lend \$180,000 worth of tools to charitable organizations.

**The Baltimore Free Store/Fusion Partnerships..... \$10,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to the Baltimore Free Store's relocation to a larger storefront. Once relocated, this all-volunteer organization, which partners with local social services and community-based agencies, will be able to reach a large group of potential clients and redistribute more donated goods.

**Baltimore Green Currency Association/  
Fusion Partnerships ..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For the development of the Baltimore BNote, a local currency designed to strengthen local businesses, create jobs, and provide economic opportunities for the underserved in Baltimore City. These efforts include the development of outreach materials to educate local business owners and consumers about the benefits of the BNote when it comes to buying and selling local products and services.

**Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative/ABAG..... \$60,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Foreclosure Prevention and Mitigation Services initiative, awarding grants, expanding capacity, providing skills training, and undertaking policy research to support neighborhood revitalization through community development.

**Baltimore Office of Sustainability .....\$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore Energy Challenge. Through education outreach, this challenge encourages residents, institutions, and businesses to reduce energy usage by 15 percent by the year 2015.

**Baltimore Orchard Project.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To fund a program designed to increase the number of fruit trees in Baltimore, in an effort to provide an additional source of fresh fruit for city residents and contribute to the health of the environment. The program will identify an integrated mapping and data system to create an inventory of trees, and then it will coordinate with 10 gleaning parties (groups to harvest the fruit), pilot an initial food distribution plan, and create a network of local orchards and food forests.

**Baltimore Public Markets Corporation .....\$99,854**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Get Fresh Public Markets initiative, which encourages food vendors to change carryout menus to include healthy, affordable foods.

**Baltimore Tree Trust.....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of greening initiatives at McElderry Park in Southeast Baltimore. In an effort to revitalize the city's urban tree canopy, two local youth are trained as green stewards. They learn to weed, aerate, and mulch, and are responsible for watering the newly planted trees. The stewards continue to work with homeowners and businesses regarding the placement of new trees.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation .....\$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Home Maintenance Program. This intervention, which provides no- or low-cost home improvements to 138 elderly, low-income homeowners in Southeast Baltimore, allows senior and disabled homeowners to remain in their homes.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation .....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase and renovation of a vacant, foreclosed building to create a permanent headquarters for the organization in Southeast Baltimore. The headquarters will enable Banner Neighborhoods to improve access and deliver more programs and services to the community.

**CASA de Maryland, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Hyattsville, MD**

Toward support of the 2012 National Immigrant Integration Conference in Baltimore.

**CASA de Maryland, Inc. ....\$50,000**  
**Hyattsville, MD**

Toward a statewide campaign designed to educate voters about the Maryland DREAM Act, in an effort to ensure higher-education access for all Maryland youth who meet the criteria. Outcomes include support for immigrants' rights, alliances between African-American and immigrant communities, and an increase in the number of young people going to college.

**Center for Emerging Media .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing costs of a personnel transition at The Marc Steiner Show.

**Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of 13 additional trash cans for the solid waste management initiative in the Greater Charles Village area.

**Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc. ....\$132,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Public Safety Surveillance Project, which provides installation of 12 cameras for security of the streets and public areas in the Greater Charles Village area. The project is expected to reduce robberies, assaults, and burglaries; increase the rate of apprehended suspects; and improve response time for victims.

**Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc. ....\$50,195**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Targeted Safety Patrol Project, a pilot project designed to expand the deployment of patrols in targeted areas on Friday and Saturday nights. Officers on duty will each use a Trikke EV, a three-wheeled electric transport vehicle, to patrol the area.

**Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For a study of the proposed changes to the Baltimore City zoning code to reduce the density of liquor sales outlets and their impact on communities.

**Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Inc. .... \$115,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the implementation of a strategy designed to engage neighborhoods in an effort to reduce the number of liquor outlets in nonconforming establishments in Baltimore City.

**Civic Works..... \$228,140**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for support of the Real Food Farm, an operation for growing food, workforce training, and student education in Clifton Park. Civic Works' focus is to expand production and self-sufficiency of farm operations, and to implement a schedule of improvements that includes a reliable water source; an all-season shed for washing, preparing, and processing produce; a farm tractor; and volunteers for farm tasks. Civic Works anticipates that the number of students participating in educational programs or volunteering will increase from 1,400 to 2,000 students, and seven AmeriCorps workers will be trained each year.

**Civic Works..... \$13,361**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants to provide for an AmeriCorps member to spend a summer on the Real Food Farm.

**Civil Justice, Inc..... \$90,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Fraudulent Tax Preparers Project, in an effort to reduce violations of Maryland legislation. In partnership with the Maryland CASH Campaign, the project will develop and implement a public relations and educational program in Baltimore designed to educate the public on market-rate tax preparation fees and services. Cases will be filed to test legislation that limits fraudulent actions by predatory tax preparers.

**Community Law Center, Inc..... \$80,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of a project seeking to help defray costs of legal remedies for Baltimore neighborhoods suffering from property neglect.

**The Community Power Network ..... \$35,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward efforts to develop two community solar projects in Baltimore City designed to demonstrate the potential of solar renewable sources accessible to city residents. These two solar installations will be constructed over a newly installed walk-in cooler at the Civic Works' Real Food Farm and on a replacement roof of a Baltimore City Public School.

**Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. .... \$80,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Senior Home Repair and Modification Program. This comprehensive program, which serves 75 to 100 low-income, physically impaired homeowners in Northwest Baltimore, provides assistance in accessing social services and benefits.

**Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward educational advocacy efforts designed to increase enrollment and parental involvement at Baltimore City Public Schools. By marketing city schools to families living downtown, the alliance aims to establish stable and economically viable schools in its neighborhoods.

**Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of Betascape, a weekend of art and technology in Baltimore City.

**Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the 2013 TEDxBaltimore conference.

**Emerging Technology Centers, Inc. .... \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward Phase III of the Project Gado robotic scanning technology. The ongoing project continues day-to-day scanning at the Afro-American Newspapers so that archives are accessible to scholars, researchers, and the community.

**Emerging Technology Centers, Inc. .... \$160,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses toward the second year of the AccelerateBaltimore competition. These venture-investment awards go to six entrepreneurs and early-stage companies committed to moving to Baltimore.

**Friends of Patterson Park, Inc. .... \$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the Membership Development Project, and the hiring of a facilitator for the Patterson Park Master Plan Working Group. The working group addresses key capital projects, and identifies and provides funding for priority projects in the master plan.

**Fusion Partnerships, Inc. .... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Community Supported Wellness Program's Real Food, Real You Project, a healthy-food initiative for Southwest Baltimore residents. The project consists of four-week classes that provide a community-centered hands-on learning experience for family food planners.

**Fusion Partnerships, Inc. .... \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and installation of fencing for Exeter Gardens in the Historic Jonestown neighborhood. This project is designed to create an opportunity for reuse of a vacant lot for students to learn about gardening, and to encourage residents' stewardship.

**Future Harvest CASA ..... \$20,000**  
**Fairplay, MD**

Toward continued support of the Beginner Farmer Training Program for Baltimore City residents. Objectives include providing educational support and mentoring for trainees to pursue a career path in farming, and increasing the number of farmers and the amount of sustainably grown produce for local communities.

**Greater Baltimore AHC, Inc. .... \$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Greater Baltimore Affordable Housing Corporation's Asset Building Campaign. The pilot is designed to increase residents' knowledge of household financial management, in an effort to eliminate costly check-cashing and bill-paying services.

**Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc. .... \$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For homebuyer incentives to encourage 10 Baltimore City teachers and/or police officers to live in renovated houses in the Remington neighborhood. This initiative addresses the vacant housing issue through the purchase of new homes and renovation of older ones, and the objective of stabilizing the neighborhood.

**Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc. .... \$60,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To support the hiring of three staff members for the Schools and Neighborhoods Program, in an effort to encourage families to choose neighborhood public schools. By encouraging homeowners to invest in low-interest bank loans for home improvement, the effort is expected to improve the image, physical condition, and appeal of neighborhoods in the vicinity of Margaret Brent and Waverly elementary schools.



**Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the creation of a “visitor passport” to accompany the Druid Hill Park Green Map. This user-friendly passport has been developed by Baltimore Green Map to entice visitors to experience the many attractions of the park, and to become advocates and stewards of the historic site.

**Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. ....\$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

General support for activities of 41 Baltimore City neighborhoods targeted for revitalization. Goals include marketing a new \$23 million loan pool, completing the sale of 100 foreclosed/abandoned properties, and supporting neighborhood-based school partnerships.

**Humanim, Inc. ....\$8,150**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To build and test prototype equipment for algae production to be used in a fish farming operation. The objective is to test whether effluent (nutrient-rich discharge water from sewer systems) can be converted into a productive food source for farm-raised fish through small-scale algae production.

**Innovative Housing Institute.....\$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward an initiative that supports housing linked to good schools with access to employment, and offers affordable public transportation. By developing a Regional Housing Plan, the initiative intends to address barriers to residential mobility, and expand affordable housing opportunities within the region.

**Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies (ICJS) \$5,000**  
**Towson, MD**

For support of educational events to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ICJS, an inter-faith coalition seeking to learn more about each faith’s history and traditions.

**International Documentary Association .....\$5,000**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Toward production costs of “American Village,” a documentary on the history of racial change in West Baltimore.

**Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies.....\$8,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for the 2012 and 2013 Abell Awards in Urban Policy, presented annually to an undergraduate student who writes the most compelling paper on a pressing problem facing Baltimore City and crafts a recommendation for addressing the issue.

**Johns Hopkins University  
Bloomberg School of Public Health ..... \$149,753  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Healthy Stores Initiative, “Improving the Baltimore City Food Environment Through Structural Incentives to Small Food Sources.” The initiative involves contacting 75 carry-out and corner stores who will be asked to provide a greater range of affordable healthy foods through the use of marketing strategies that include quality signage, fresh-produce display units, upgraded refrigeration units and lighting, and updated shelving. Data will be collected to determine results.

**The Lieber Institute for Brain Development ..... \$150,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward recruitment and staffing costs of 30 new behavioral biologists, geneticists, psychiatrists, neurologists, and neuroscientists to be employed by the Lieber Institute at the Johns Hopkins Science and Technology Park.

**The Lieber Institute for Brain Development ..... \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward three summer internships in the Basic Sciences and Clinical Sciences divisions to serve Baltimore City minority students, and to provide lab, safety, and educational materials.

**MarylandReporter.com ..... \$35,000  
Columbia, MD**

Toward support of an investigation and a series of articles on Maryland’s pension system. It is expected that the series of articles will engage policymakers and other government officials in discussions of the problems that have led to Maryland’s pension crisis.

**A New Faith Community ..... \$25,300  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward costs related to the installation of a peace garden at the Clay Pots Tutoring Center, an adult literacy and GED program in West Baltimore. By removing a building in disrepair and replacing it with an outdoor garden, the center will offer green space and an outdoor meeting place.

**Open Door Community Development Corporation  
(Open Door Baltimore) ..... \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and installation of security cameras for a workforce development program in the Oliver community. Open Door Baltimore offers instruction in life skills and construction training in partnership with the National Center for Construction Research and Education and Baltimore City Public Schools’ Office of Learning to Work.

**Preservation Maryland.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Preservation Maryland Restoration and Renovation Fair. The purpose of the fair is to disseminate information to homeowners about basic to complex renovations to older homes, as well as financing and tax credits.

**Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, Inc..... \$35,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward support of Phase II of the German Park restoration.

**Reservoir Hill Improvement Council, Inc..... \$45,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Reservoir Hill Healthy Foods Initiative at the Whitelock Community Farm. With the addition of two full-time staff positions, a farm manager, and a team coordinator, the initiative will increase the cultivation of diverse products and community access to healthy foods.

**South Harbor Renaissance.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward construction costs of the Flag Staff Plaza in Federal Hill Park, in an effort to restore the park's playground.

**St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center..... \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward renovations for the expansion of programs and counseling services.

**University of Maryland..... \$34,150**

**College Park, MD**

For support of graduate research toward a plan to reduce fish kills in the Baltimore Harbor, using controlled algae production. The pilot algal turf scrubber has been designed to remove nutrients, which may be recycled as feedstock for biofuels and fertilizer.

**Venture for America ..... \$150,000**

**New York, NY**

To fund the employment of 10 college graduates in start-up and early-stage companies in Baltimore City, with the expectation that these graduates will found or contribute to the growth of Baltimore-based start-up companies.

**The Walters Art Museum ..... \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

To provide awards for Art Bytes in support of Baltimore's technology and innovation community.

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. .... \$109,200**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Chase Pier Waterfalls and Constructed Wetland Project, in an effort to make the Baltimore Harbor safe for swimming and fishing by 2020. The goal of the project is to transform an obsolete, deteriorating structure into a water sculpture, and create awareness of pollution threats to public health.

**Waverly Main Street ..... \$85,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of technical services, sanitation, a master-plan process, and revitalization of the Waverly commercial district. This grant supplements funding from the Main Street Program to begin the second phase of the Waverly Master Plan.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Art with a Heart ..... \$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support and expansion of the 2012 Summer Job Program, a visual arts initiative serving 50 at-risk Baltimore City youth. Participants from Rose Street Community Center, Paul's Place, and Dr. Raynor Brown Elementary/Middle School enroll in a four-week, five-days-a-week program and are given the opportunity to create and market their artwork. They receive job and life-skills training; work two, two-hour shifts in the retail store; and receive stipends of \$10 per day as part of the summer work experience.

**Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare, Inc. .... \$90,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Pre-Allied Health Bridge Project and the Career Coaching Program, designed to prepare health-care institution employees to meet entry-level requirements for health-care training programs. The alliance offers an initiative in which students from Baltimore City Public Schools can complete the Baltimore City Community College's developmental math requirements during their senior year of high school in order to pursue a career in health care.

**Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. .... \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Continued funding for support of internships for eight homeless women participating in the Culinary Arts Job Training Program. These internships allow students to hone their skills and gain on-the-job work experience, while employers benefit from being provided with qualified candidates.

**BioTechnical Institute of Maryland, Inc..... \$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the BioSTART and Laboratory Associates programs. The BioSTART program, which enables high school graduates and low-skilled workers to pursue entry-level positions in bioscience, is a 12-week “bridge” course that introduces participants to bioscience terminology, occupations, and lab procedures, and provides math remediation. The Laboratory Associates program consists of nine weeks of lectures and laboratory activities, and a three-week internship in a biotech laboratory.

**Blue Water Baltimore..... \$100,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of a workforce development program in landscaping, horticulture, green roof and living wall installation and maintenance, and watershed restoration. Blue Water Baltimore will hire and train three technicians from under-represented neighborhoods. Once training is completed, the technicians will transition to permanent jobs or career paths.

**BWI Community Development Foundation..... \$24,500**

**Linthicum Heights, MD**

For continued support of the weekend Sunrise Shuttle commuter transportation project, which serves up to 84 Baltimore City residents working in the suburbs.

**CASA de Maryland, Inc. .... \$170,000**

**Hyattsville, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore Welcome Center, created to provide employment placement services for day laborers and low-income workers. The program offers a range of services that includes placing workers in temporary and daily jobs; providing workers with vocational training; providing residents with information on how to access financial literacy classes, and legal and social services; and assisting families with naturalization processing.

**Center for Urban Families ..... \$450,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of STRIVE Baltimore, a job-training and placement service for men and women. The model includes a three-week pre-placement workshop that focuses on improving workplace behavior, appearance, and attitude.

**Civic Works.....\$297,924**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Center for Green Careers, which has built a multi-tiered green career “pathway out of poverty” by training and placing Baltimore City residents in the brownfield remediation and residential energy retrofit industries. During the five-week entry-level brownfield remediation training, 80 participants receive five industry-recognized certifications, and conduct a hands-on practicum. The three-month entry-level energy retrofit installer training program provides 25 trainees with one month of classroom-based instruction and two months of on-the-job training through Civic Works’ social enterprise, EnergyReady.

**Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc. ....\$46,555**  
**Glen Burnie, MD**

Toward continued support of the Community HealthCorps workforce development program. The goal of the program is to provide Baltimore City residents with access to primary and preventive health services, and expand utilization of health and social services. This effort is accomplished by hiring up to eight Community HealthCorps members who provide direct services to 6,500 people, and assist them with scheduling appointments, enrolling in benefit programs, and navigating the health-care system.

**Episcopal Community Services of Maryland (ECSM) .....\$156,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward construction of the Collington Square Community Teaching Kitchen. ECSM plans to train participants in the Jericho Re-entry Program in food preparation, and place them into jobs. ECSM will offer classes in food preparation to more than 300 youth and adults living in the Collington Square community.

**Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation .....\$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the CARES Career Connection, an employment program that offers preliminary job counseling to 200 unemployed men and women in Baltimore City. Working with 35 to 40 unemployed persons at a given time, the career coordinator and Loyola University student volunteers provide counseling, résumé preparation, mentoring, and assistance with job placement. The goal is to place a minimum of 70 clients in jobs within 12 months.

**HealthCare Access Maryland .....\$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Second Chance Jail Project, designed to serve recently released inmates. The program screens at least 200 inmates within 45 to 90 days of release for food stamps and Medicaid eligibility.

**Humanim, Inc. .... \$529,196**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward expenses related to the merger of Harbor City Services and Humanim. Harbor City Services is a social enterprise that provides moving, document storage, shredding, and general warehousing services to more than 100 organizations. Harbor City Services employs Baltimore City residents with psychiatric disabilities, enabling them to acquire work skills, establish an employment record, and generate employer references.

**Job Opportunities Task Force ..... \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore CASH Campaign, an initiative designed to increase the use of the earned income tax credit. Each year, the campaign serves more than 8,000 residents by operating 15 to 17 free tax preparation sites, and partnering with sites that offer tax preparation and asset development services.

**Job Opportunities Task Force ..... \$125,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the JumpStart Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program, which serves 70 low-income Baltimore City residents. The 13-week program provides participants with training in handling tools; construction math; workplace safety; and specialized training in the carpentry, electrical, and plumbing trades. Classroom instruction is followed by job placement. Candidates must remain employed for 90 days before they can enroll into a four-year apprenticeship program.

**Living Classrooms Foundation ..... \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**

Toward renovation costs of the Ex-Offender Mentoring Academy. In partnership with the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Living Classrooms is assisting 342 ex-offenders who are re-entering the community.

**Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. .... \$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of health care and evening GED training for 20 unemployed and underemployed youth and adults in Baltimore City.

**Maryland Community Health Initiatives, Inc. .... \$246,815**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For Year Two support of the Partnership for Growth initiative, an education and job-training program created to serve 60 clients of Penn North, an integrative and addiction recovery center that offers acupuncture and mediation programs for the treatment of addiction. Partnership for Growth offers training in street cleaning, lawn and property maintenance, landscape design and installation, ground-level tree trimming, touch-up painting, and hauling. Along with the required fieldwork, participants spend at least two hours a day in the classroom, focusing on résumé writing, job-search strategies, effective communication, job interviewing, dressing for the work place, computer literacy, and budgeting.

**Maryland Department of Public Safety  
and Correctional Services ..... \$150,000  
Towson, MD**

For support of the Maryland House of Correction Inmate Deconstruction Project, an inmate workforce development training program. The project provides 50 inmates with training in occupational safety and the removal of hazardous materials. Fourteen buildings are slated for deconstruction.

**Maryland New Directions ..... \$120,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Career Focus job-training program, which is set to reach 300 unemployed Baltimore City job seekers. Each client in the employment readiness program receives approximately 10 hours of individual consultation on résumé writing, benefits screening, counseling, and interview practice.

**Mosaic Community Services..... \$136,675  
Timonium, MD**

For continued support of employment services at the North Baltimore Center for 100 Baltimore City residents challenged by mental health and/or substance abuse issues. The program screens vocational clients to determine which benefits are available to them. It expects to place 55 individuals into employment.

**Rose Street Community Center ..... \$300,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of drug treatment and training programs. The center serves more than 120 people a week, providing transitional housing for an average of 45 to 60 people each week, many of whom are ex-offenders. Those who live in the transitional houses participate in daily community cleanups, removing nine tons of trash from the neighborhood each week. The center also provides gang mediation services to more than 50 youth each week, and operates a homeless shelter for youth ages 12 to 17.

**Seedco ..... \$75,000  
New York, NY**

For expansion and continued support of EarnBenefits Baltimore, a web-based tool that helps 4,000 low-wage workers and individuals access federal, state, and city benefits and income support programs.

**St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. .... \$80,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of Learn to Earn, a job-training and placement program for 300 participants at the St. Ambrose Outreach Center. The program provides specialized training in child care, medical terminology, certified nursing assistance, and culinary arts.



**St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. .... \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward the establishment of a state-of-the-art training kitchen for the Next Course culinary arts program. The facility includes a classroom, offices, meeting room, reception area, lockers, and kitchen. Graduates of the Next Course prepare more than 5,000 meals a day through the Kidz Table social enterprise.

**The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc. .... \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of a workforce development initiative to provide paid internships to 30 Baltimore youth aging out of foster care. The alliance serves two cohorts over a six-month period. The goal is for 75 youth to be placed into unsubsidized employment, or to be enrolled in post-secondary education or a training program.

**Vehicles for Change, Inc. .... \$80,500**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continuation and expansion of an initiative to provide 35 donated, repaired, and Maryland-inspected cars to low-income persons in Baltimore City. To be eligible to purchase a used reconditioned car, a low-income owner must reside in Baltimore City, have a job or a job offer, and need a car for employment purposes.

**Vehicles for Change, Inc. .... \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase, renovation, and related expenses of a new location for expansion of the Vehicles for Change initiative, which provides six cars per month to low-income persons in Baltimore City.

**The WorkFirst Foundation..... \$400,000**  
**New York, NY**

For continued support of the Baltimore Ex-Offender Re-entry Employment Program for America Works of Maryland participants. The program offers two-week training sessions, enrolling ex-offenders and those recently released from prison, and then placing them into employment.

**Year Up Baltimore..... \$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support and expansion of the Year Up Baltimore Program, which provides 80 young adults in Baltimore City with a year of IT (information technology) training. Year Up students earn 25 college credits at Baltimore City Community College, and are placed in paid internships with local partner companies to gain work experience in IT.

## CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland.....\$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for the continued support of staffing and expenses related to the Partners for Open Space campaign. The campaign advocates holding intact funding dedicated to the state real estate transfer tax fund earmarked for conservation projects.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation .....\$5,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

For support of the 2013 Environmental Legislative Summit, which focuses on priority issues.

**Chesapeake Climate Action Network .....\$60,000**  
**Takoma Park, MD**

For continued staffing support and expansion of the Maryland Healthy Communities campaign in collaboration with the Environmental Integrity Project. The goals are to ensure that Maryland's environmental laws are enforced, Maryland Department of Environment programs are meeting federal standards, and the decision-making process is transparent.

**Chesapeake Climate Action Network .....\$5,000**  
**Takoma Park, MD**

Toward a study to detail improvements to the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act.

**The Chesapeake Rivers Association .....\$5,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Toward the cost of upgrades to a Hydrolab for the SevernStat Water Quality Monitoring Project. The upgrades of a new monitoring meter with chlorophyll sensors to obtain relative phytoplankton densities are expected to lead to better identification of sources of sediment and nutrient pollution that affect water quality of the Severn River.

**Environment Maryland Research & Policy Center, Inc. ....\$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the Restore the Chesapeake Bay campaign. The focus of the campaign is to provide research-based reports that call attention to relevant problems of urban and farm runoff pollution, organize press conferences, and mobilize grassroots support for effective policies to reduce pollution.

**Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) ..... \$150,000**  
**Washington, DC**

For continued support of the Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point Environmental Justice Campaign. EIP will conduct additional research to determine the precise locations of air pollution sources, such as emissions from petroleum storage tanks, ships, and equipment at the Port of Baltimore. EIP will also continue to negotiate permits with Constellation Energy to secure binding terms for the new coal ash landfill in the Curtis Bay area, and work to address heavy diesel traffic pollution infiltrating the neighborhoods.

**Maryland Environmental Service ..... \$88,800**  
**Millersville, MD**

For project management activities to help facilitate the design and construction of a thermophilic anaerobic digester near the Eastern Correctional Institution Cogeneration facility in Somerset County, in an effort to convert excess poultry litter into methane biogas, a form of renewable energy. This facility will provide an alternative use of poultry litter and provide a source of clean, renewable energy “scalable” to the available feedstock.

**Maryland League of Conservation**  
**Voters Education Fund ..... \$10,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

To strengthen Maryland’s environmental voice by educating voters on priority public policy issues. These issues include open space funding, transportation, offshore wind energy, and storm water management. The league will rely extensively on email alerts, its website, blogging, and social networking, in an effort to engage its base of 241,000 online environmental activists.

**Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy ..... \$20,000**  
**Easton, MD**

Toward support of the Water Quality Monitoring Program, for the Choptank River, the Tred Avon River, the Miles and Wye rivers, and the Eastern Bay. More than 50 trained volunteers are engaged in the extensive water-monitoring program, which tests 84 sites bi-monthly to detect hot spots, illegal discharges, farm runoff, septic tank leakages, erosion sediment, and algae blooms. Findings are included in the conservancy’s second annual report and incorporated into the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan for Talbot, Kent, and Caroline counties.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

**Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of the 2012 Baltimore Book Festival. The 17th annual three-day free festival is a hallmark weekend and attracts more than 55,000 attendees. Some 200 local, regional, and national authors provide opportunities to participate in authors' readings, panel discussions, book signings, literary workshops, children's workshops, and the creation of original work. This year, an additional pavilion houses independent presses and publishers, and authors provide a weekend of lectures.

**Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts .....\$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of Free Fall, an initiative that allows 91 small and emerging arts and cultural organizations with budgets of \$300,000 or less, to offer more than 300 free programs and events. A publicity program has increased the visibility of these organizations.

**EMP Collective, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of a projector, lighting equipment, and professional sound equipment for an emerging arts organization. EMP Collective, in collaboration with the Downtown Partnership, operates a renovated storefront as a rotating art gallery, and as a venue for theatrical and musical events, film screenings, lectures, and an experimental workshop. With higher-quality lighting, sound, and production equipment, EMP expects to attract other performing groups as tenants.

**Enoch Pratt Free Library .....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of "Pratt Presents...A Night of Mystery with Elizabeth George." This fund-raiser features the author of the Inspector Lynley mysteries, as seen on PBS, and benefits Pratt's child and teen literacy efforts.

**High Zero Foundation, Inc. ....\$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward funding of the 2012 Festival of Experimental Improvised Music. Now in its 14th year, this world-class festival of avant-garde music, presented by High Zero Foundation, is a week-long program of large-scale concert sets, free workshops, street performances, private recording sessions, and special collaborations. The festival brings together 28 core musicians—half are from Baltimore—who offer a range of performing styles.

**Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued funding to ensure state support of educational and outreach arts programs. Representing the interests of hundreds of arts organizations and artists throughout Maryland, Maryland Citizens for the Arts works through a network of arts advocates, educators, administrators, and volunteers to make the case for public support.

**Museum of Ceramic Art.....\$38,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2012-2013 ceramic art programs in 44 Baltimore City middle schools. Now in its 19th year, the program is a free in-school and after-school arts program that encourages school attendance and aims to improve academic achievement.

**Single Carrot Theatre.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of outreach programs designed to bring theatrical experiences to the Station North Arts & Entertainment District. Viewing theater as a teaching tool, Single Carrot partners with schools and colleges, human service organizations, and libraries and museums, and offers pre- and post-performance discussions that engage audiences in dialogue.

**Young Victorian Theatre Company .....\$5,000**

**Towson, MD**

Toward the implementation of a marketing plan to build an audience for its annual summer production of a Gilbert & Sullivan light opera.

## **OTHER**

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers .....\$20,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For 2013 membership dues.

**The Foundation Center .....\$1,500**

**New York, NY**

For 2012 general support.

**Greater Baltimore Committee.....\$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For 2012 membership dues.

**ADDITIONAL GRANTS OF \$5,000 OR LESS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:**

**EDUCATION**

The Baltimore Community Foundation/Gil Sandler Fund.....	\$1,500
BCPS/Baltimore City College High School .....	\$588
BCPS/Roland Park Elementary/Middle School.....	\$2,886
CollegeBound Foundation, Inc.....	\$500
Public Health Solutions.....	\$3,388

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Baltimore City Health Department .....	\$530
The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc. ....	\$900
Madison East End Multi-Purpose Center .....	\$2,480
The Northeast Youth Association, Inc. ....	\$4,075
St. Mary's Outreach Center.....	\$4,500
United Way of Central Maryland.....	\$2,500
University of Maryland School of Medicine .....	\$2,000

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS**

Bernie's Place .....	\$4,997
Druid Heights Community Development Corporation .....	\$2,515
Women Moving Forward .....	\$2,000

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Baltimore City Department of Planning.....	\$4,000
Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. ....	\$2,000
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.....	\$2,500
The Jacob France Institute.....	\$750
Outward Bound Baltimore Chesapeake Bay.....	\$2,000
Public Justice Center, Inc. ....	\$500
Y of Central Maryland .....	\$900

**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers.....	\$3,000
Maryland Environmental Trust.....	\$1,000
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science .....	\$2,500

**ARTS AND CULTURE**

Baltimore Clayworks, Inc. ....	\$4,450
Parks & People Foundation .....	\$2,500

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2012 and 2011	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments (Notes 2 and 3)	\$302,572,951	\$289,763,119
Accrued dividends and interest receivable	497,397	544,097
Program-related investments and other loans, net	9,571,324	12,188,059
Cash value of life insurance and other assets, net (Note 5)	4,478,565	3,934,737
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$317,120,237</b>	<b>\$306,430,012</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Grants scheduled for future payment (Note 4)	\$ 8,307,526	\$ 4,604,185
Guarantee liabilities (Note 7)	28,348,016	28,307,557
Payables and other liabilities (Note 5)	2,770,613	2,509,338
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 39,426,155</b>	<b>\$ 35,421,080</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 6 and 7)		
Net assets, unrestricted	277,694,082	271,008,932
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$317,120,237</b>	<b>\$306,430,012</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



## Consolidated Statements of Activities

Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011	2012	2011
<b>OPERATING REVENUE:</b>		
Dividends	\$ 3,210,428	\$ 2,639,041
Interest	2,538,628	2,162,481
Partnership loss, net	(1,980,238)	(824,162)
Incentive tax credit refund	329,988	250,000
Other	234,804	347,326
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>4,333,610</b>	<b>4,574,686</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Grants approved	17,385,234	16,552,952
Matching gifts program	238,658	263,453
Direct charitable activities	362,231	268,854
Administrative expenses	2,897,835	2,890,223
Investment expenses	1,146,632	1,131,520
Federal excise tax provision	92,653	391,272
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>22,123,243</b>	<b>21,498,274</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets before investment gains (losses)</b>	<b>(17,789,633)</b>	<b>(16,923,588)</b>
<b>INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES):</b>		
Realized gain on sales of investments	5,814,627	18,603,579
Unrealized loss on program-related investments and other loans	(6,884,155)	(5,123,138)
Unrealized loss on guarantees	(56,396)	(6,914)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments (Note 3)	25,600,707	(34,982,220)
<b>Net Investment Gains (Losses)</b>	<b>24,474,783</b>	<b>(21,508,693)</b>
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>6,685,150</b>	<b>(38,432,281)</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets:</b>		
<b>Beginning</b>	<b>271,008,932</b>	<b>309,441,213</b>
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$277,694,082</b>	<b>\$271,008,932</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 2012 2011

### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Change in net assets	\$ 6,685,150	\$(38,432,281)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(25,600,707)	34,982,220
Realized gain on sales of investments	(5,814,627)	(18,603,579)
Realized loss on partnerships	1,980,238	824,162
Unrealized losses on program-related investments and other loans	6,884,155	5,123,138
Unrealized loss on guarantees	56,396	6,914
Grants approved	17,385,234	16,552,952
Grants paid	(13,681,892)	(14,109,267)
Depreciation and amortization	29,846	27,868
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accrued dividends and interest receivable, net	46,700	254,423
Program-related investments, net	(4,267,420)	(11,985,251)
Royalty receivable	—	26,664,288
Increase (decrease) in:		
Guarantee liabilities	(15,937)	(76,600)
Payables and other liabilities	261,275	(831,082)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(16,051,589)	397,905

### CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Proceeds from disposition of investments	55,198,677	52,103,827
Purchase of investments	(38,573,414)	(52,606,440)
Cash value of life insurance and other assets	(514,180)	132,265
Capital expenditures	(59,494)	(27,557)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>16,051,589</b>	<b>(397,905)</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

<b>Beginning of year</b>	—	—
<b>End of year</b>	\$ —	\$ —

### SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid during the year for excise taxes	\$ 130,000	\$ 391,272
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Nature of activities:** The Abell Foundation, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) exempt organization which is classified as a “Private Foundation” under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Foundation’s mission is to effect positive change on societal problems of Maryland with a special focus on Baltimore City. Priority is given to programs that promote educational reform, job creation and economic development, strengthening families, reducing drug addiction, and alleviating hunger and homelessness.

In September 2011, the Foundation formed Project Independence (PI), a Delaware Corporation, as a wholly-owned subsidiary, for the purpose of engaging in the development and conversion of cellulosic biomass feedstock materials, such as woody biomass, into fuel and/or waxes. At December 31, 2012, PI’s assets of \$908,758 were fully reserved, and there were no outstanding liabilities and stockholder’s equity. At December 31, 2011, PI’s assets consisted of cash and capitalized engineering costs of \$1,564,147, accrued expenses of \$447,668 and net assets of \$1,116,479.

In November 2011, the Foundation formed West Pratt Holdings, LLC (West Pratt), of which it is the sole member, to purchase two buildings and a parking lot previously owned by a substance abuse center. The Foundation believes that by purchasing these properties, they are ensuring that the facility can remain open to serve an underserved population in Baltimore City.

The Abell Foundation, Inc., West Pratt and PI are collectively referred to as “the Foundation.”

The net assets of West Pratt and PI are reflected within program related investments on the consolidated statements of financial position.

The following is a condensed statement of financial position for West Pratt on a separate company basis as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 132,754	\$ —
Other Assets	29,561	—
Property and equipment	3,622,871	3,284,763
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,785,186</b>	<b>\$ 3,284,763</b>
<b>Liabilities And Stockholder’s Equity</b>		
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses	\$ 160,746	\$ —
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>160,746</b>	<b>—</b>
Stockholder’s equity	3,624,440	3,284,763
<b>Total liabilities and stockholder’s equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,785,186</b>	<b>\$ 3,284,763</b>

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued*

A summary of the Foundation's significant accounting policies follows:

**Principles of consolidation:** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Foundation, West Pratt, and PI. All intercompany accounts and transactions were eliminated for purposes of consolidation.

**Basis of accounting:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Foundation considers money market funds and investments with original maturities of less than three months to be cash equivalents. The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

#### **Investments:**

- Investments, excluding direct investments and partnerships that invest in real estate, timber, and private equity, are stated on the basis of current quoted market prices.
- Direct investments include equity and convertible securities with privately held companies that are not readily marketable. Certain of these investments are stated at fair value as determined by management and approved, at least annually, by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. In determining fair value, management considers relevant qualitative and quantitative information available. This information includes such factors as the financial condition and operating results of each company, the economic and market conditions affecting its operations, and any financing transactions or subsequent events that may be indicative of a change in value. The values assigned to these investments are based on currently available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized, since such amounts will depend on future circumstances. Changes in market value are reflected in unrealized gains and losses on investments.
- Partnership investments include certain investments that are not readily marketable. The market value of such partnerships is determined by the general managers or managers of the partnerships and changes in value are reported in unrealized gains and losses on investments. The unrealized gains and losses are adjusted for allocation to partnership income, expenses, and realized gains and losses, which are reported separately, as such information becomes available.

**Investments in equity securities carried at cost:** The investments in nonmarketable equity securities represents the Foundation's investment in companies in which the Foundation used the cost method to account for the securities because the fair value of cost-method investments is not readily determinable. The investments have a cost basis of \$5,080,881 at December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Foundation does not consider these investments to be impaired at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**Program-related investments and other loans:** Program-related investments represent loans to and equity investments in for-profit and not-for-profit entities that facilitate activities supported by the Foundation. Program-related investments are reported at cost of \$8,775,383 and \$9,088,949, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts of \$3,531,648 and \$1,451,748 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Other loans represent loans to unrelated entities, principally for investment in for-profit companies. The loans are reported at cost of \$16,486,331 and \$11,038,351, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts of \$12,158,742 and \$6,487,493 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

**Financial risk:** Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the risk associated with the Foundation's investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the Foundation's investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

**Property and equipment:** Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, either five or seven years. Property and equipment are included in the cash value of life insurance and other assets, net, on the consolidated statements of financial position.

**Grants:** Grants are recorded as grants payable when approved by the Board of Trustees. If the needs of the grant programs are less than the amount approved, or if the grantee fails to meet routine requirements specified at the time of approval, the grants, in part or in whole, may be cancelled or refunded. These cancellations or refunds are recognized in the year in which they occur.

**Guarantees:** Assets and liabilities have been recorded for the fair value of obligations for guarantees issued in 2012 and 2011 (see Note 7). Income or losses relating to guarantees are recognized upon the expiration of the guaranteed obligation.

**Financial instruments:** The carrying amount of accrued dividend and interest receivables, payables and other liabilities approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. Other liabilities also include an obligation under a split-dollar life insurance policy which is carried net of a present value discount (see Note 5).

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Income tax status:** The Foundation is generally exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. In addition, the Foundation has been classified as a Private Foundation under Section 509(a). The Foundation is subject to excise tax on net investment income, which includes realized gains. Accordingly, a federal excise tax provision of \$92,653 and \$391,272 has been provided at an effective rate of 2% and 1% for 2012 and 2011, respectively. As of December 31,

2012 and 2011, the Foundation was in compliance with the income tax regulation which requires minimum distributions of approximately 5% of the market value of the Foundation's assets on an annual basis. Federal excise taxes paid totaled \$130,000 and \$391,272 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

PI, a C Corporation, files separate federal and state tax returns. West Pratt is a single member limited liability company (LLC) wholly owned by the Foundation. Accordingly, all activity is reported under the Foundation's name, and the LLC assumes the same tax status as the Foundation.

The Foundation adopted the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under this guidance, the Foundation may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes also addresses de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, and accounting in interim periods.

Management evaluated the Foundation's tax positions and concluded that the Foundation had taken no uncertain income tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance. Generally, the Foundation is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for years before 2009.

As a result of its investments in qualified biotechnology companies in the State of Maryland, the Foundation was eligible to receive incentive tax credit refunds of \$329,988 and \$250,000 in 2012 and 2011, respectively. These amounts were recorded as receivables at December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**Subsequent events:** The Foundation evaluated subsequent events through May 22, 2013, which is the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued. There are no subsequent events that are required to be recorded or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

## Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Foundation defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and sets out a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. The types of

investments included in Level 1 include listed equities and holdings in certain corporate bond funds.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Investments which are generally included in this category include corporate loans, less liquid, restricted equity securities and certain corporate bonds and over-the-counter derivatives. A significant adjustment to a Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.

Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation as described below.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. The following section describes the valuation techniques used by the Foundation:

Level 1 – Investments in securities and mutual funds traded on a national securities exchange, or reported on the NASDAQ national market, are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation. Fair value of exchange-traded contracts is based upon exchange settlement prices. Fair value of non-exchange-traded contracts is based on third-party quoted dealer values on the Interbank market. These financial instruments are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

Level 2 – Investments in government obligations are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation. These financial instruments are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the guarantees is estimated based on the interest rate differential charged on the indebtedness as applied to the outstanding obligation.

Level 3 – Level 3 investments are not readily marketable and include direct investments in private equity and investments in partnerships. The direct investments in private equity are stated at fair value as determined by management and approved, at least annually, by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. In determining fair value, management considers relevant qualitative and quantitative information available. This information includes such factors as the financial condition and operating results of each company, the economic and market conditions affecting its operations, and any financing transactions or subsequent events that may be indicative of a change in value. The values assigned to these investments are based on currently available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized, since such amounts will depend on future circumstances. Partnership investments include certain investments that are not readily marketable. The market value of such partnerships is determined by the general partners or managers of the partnerships.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS *continued*

The following table presents the Foundation's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2012:

Description	Total	2012		
		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Government obligations	\$ 6,369,620	\$ —	\$ 6,369,620	\$ —
Mutual funds:				
Corporate and other bond funds	22,172,194	22,172,194	—	—
Government obligation funds	22,992,180	22,992,180	—	—
Large cap growth funds	28,186,977	28,186,977	—	—
Large cap value funds	22,973,406	22,973,406	—	—
Mid cap growth funds	10,743,442	10,743,442	—	—
Mid cap value fund	6,184,676	6,184,676	—	—
Small cap growth funds	7,889,151	7,889,151	—	—
Small cap value funds	8,842,090	8,842,090	—	—
Stock index fund	49,726,225	49,726,225	—	—
International funds	74,412,944	74,412,944	—	—
Real estate and forestry funds	7,851,721	—	—	7,851,721
Direct investments	10,642,554	—	—	10,642,554
Private equity funds	1,215,327	—	—	1,215,327
<b>Investments at fair value</b>	<b>280,202,507</b>	<b>254,123,285</b>	<b>6,369,620</b>	<b>19,709,602</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	17,289,563			
Investments, at cost	5,080,881			
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$302,572,951</b>	<b>\$254,123,285</b>	<b>\$ 6,369,620</b>	<b>\$ 19,709,602</b>

The following table presents the Foundation's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2011:

Description	Total	2011		
		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Government obligations	\$ 7,734,840	\$ —	\$ 7,734,840	\$ —
U.S. Treasury bills	20,038,200	—	20,038,200	—
Mutual funds:				
Corporate and other bond funds	24,516,149	24,516,149	—	—
Government obligation funds	23,047,679	23,047,679	—	—
Large cap growth funds	17,732,972	17,732,972	—	—
Large cap value funds	23,380,244	23,380,244	—	—
Mid cap growth funds	9,228,522	9,228,522	—	—
Mid cap value fund	6,221,004	6,221,004	—	—
Small cap growth funds	8,405,271	8,405,271	—	—
Small cap value funds	7,604,997	7,604,997	—	—
Stock index fund	43,239,657	43,239,657	—	—
International funds	72,795,476	72,795,476	—	—
Real estate and forestry funds	7,032,142	—	—	7,032,142
Direct investments	9,525,995	—	—	9,525,995
Private equity funds	924,393	—	—	924,393
<b>Investments at fair value</b>	<b>281,427,541</b>	<b>236,171,971</b>	<b>27,773,040</b>	<b>17,482,530</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	3,254,697			
Investments, at cost	5,080,881			
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>\$289,763,119</b>	<b>\$236,171,971</b>	<b>\$ 27,773,040</b>	<b>\$ 17,482,530</b>

Financial instruments classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy represent the Foundation's investments in financial instruments in which management has used at least one significant unobservable input in the valuation model.

The Foundation's guarantee assets and liabilities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and are classified as Level 2. The guarantee assets were \$438,015 and \$452,141 and the guarantee liabilities were \$438,015 and \$452,141 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS *continued*

The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for the Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2012:

	Balance, January 1, 2012	Return Of Capital	Purchases Of Investments	Net Realized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Balance, December 31, 2012
Real estate and forestry funds	\$ 7,032,142	\$(1,406,228)	\$ 2,502,058	\$(1,166,872)	\$ 890,621	\$ 7,851,721
Direct investments	9,525,995	—	4,456,667	(676,231)	(2,663,877)	10,642,554
Private equity funds	924,393	—	487,421	(137,140)	(59,347)	1,215,327
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,482,530</b>	<b>\$(1,406,228)</b>	<b>\$ 7,446,146</b>	<b>\$(1,980,243)</b>	<b>\$(1,832,603)</b>	<b>\$19,709,602</b>

The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for the Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2011:

	Balance, January 1, 2011	Return Of Capital	Purchases Of Investments	Net Realized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Balance, December 31, 2011
Real estate and forestry funds	\$ 7,825,993	\$ (423,774)	\$ —	\$ (190,671)	\$ (179,406)	\$ 7,032,142
Direct investments	24,908,298	(1,547,071)	4,300,251	72,581	(18,208,064)	9,525,995
Private equity funds	774,986	(6,849)	—	53,685	102,571	924,393
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,509,277</b>	<b>\$(1,977,694)</b>	<b>\$ 4,300,251</b>	<b>\$ (64,405)</b>	<b>\$(18,284,899)</b>	<b>\$17,482,530</b>



The Foundation invests in certain entities for which the fair value measurement is assessed using net asset value per share, or its equivalents. Information pertaining to these investments is as follows:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Real estate and forestry funds (a)	\$ 7,851,721	\$ —	Liquidation of partnership	N/A
Private equity funds (b)	1,215,327	—	None	N/A
Direct investments (c)	10,642,554	—	None	N/A
	<u>\$19,709,602</u>	<u>\$ —</u>		

- (a) This category includes investments in several partnerships that invest in commercial and residential real estate and timber assets. The fair value of the investments in this category has been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.
- (b) This category includes partnerships which invest in private equity funds. These investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Instead, the nature of the investments in this category is that distributions are received through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the funds. As of December 31, 2012, it was probable that the investments in this category would be liquidated at an amount different from the net asset value of the Foundation's ownership interest in partners' capital. Therefore, the fair value of the investments in this category has been estimated by the fund managers using recent observable transaction information from potential buyers of similar investments. It is estimated that the underlying assets of the funds would be liquidated over five to eight years.
- (c) In determining certain of these inputs, management evaluates a variety of factors including economic conditions, industry and market developments, market valuations of comparable companies and company specific developments including exit strategies and realization opportunities. Management has determined that market participants would take these inputs into account when valuing the investment.

### Note 3. INVESTMENTS

A summary of investments is as follows at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	2012			2011		
	Market	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments	Market	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments
Short-term investments	\$ 17,289,563	\$ 17,289,563	\$ —	\$ 3,254,697	\$ 3,254,697	\$ —
Government obligations	29,361,800	24,833,724	4,528,076	52,289,189	47,913,930	4,375,259
Corporate and other bonds	22,172,194	21,588,301	583,893	23,047,679	23,076,301	(28,622)
Marketable equity security funds	208,958,911	186,414,849	22,544,062	188,608,143	192,732,059	(4,123,916)
Direct investments	15,723,435	33,336,783	(17,613,348)	14,606,876	29,556,347	(14,949,471)
Partnerships	9,067,048	9,531,795	(464,747)	7,956,535	9,252,556	(1,296,021)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$302,572,951</u>	<u>\$292,995,015</u>	<u>9,577,936</u>	<u>\$289,763,119</u>	<u>\$305,785,890</u>	<u>(16,022,771)</u>

Less: Unrealized gain (loss) on investments,

beginning of year	<u>(16,022,771)</u>	<u>18,959,449</u>
Unrealized gain (loss) for the year	<u>\$ 25,600,707</u>	<u>\$ (34,982,220)</u>

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 4. GRANTS

Unpaid grants at December 31, 2012, are scheduled for payment as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2013	\$8,063,541
2014	243,985
	<u>\$8,307,526</u>

### Note 5. EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLANS AND BENEFITS

The Foundation's defined contribution pension plan covers substantially all employees who have completed three months of service. Contributions are equal to 10% of each covered employee's salary. Employees are eligible to share in Foundation contributions if they have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the plan year or were initially employed during the plan year and have completed at least 83 hours of service in each full month of employment during the plan year. Contributions to the plan totaled \$184,723 and \$175,641 in 2012 and 2011, respectively.

In 1989, the Foundation purchased a split-dollar insurance policy on the life of a key employee, naming itself and a key employee as beneficiaries. Upon the death of the key employee, the policy will pay \$1,500,000 to the key employee's designated beneficiary with the remaining accumulated death benefits being paid to the Foundation. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the policy had death benefits of approximately \$4,363,000 and \$4,297,000, respectively. The cash value of the policy is \$3,659,363 and \$3,489,907 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The present value of the liability payable to the key employee upon death of \$856,865 and \$798,492 at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, is included in payables and other liabilities and has been discounted over the life expectancy of the key employee using the interest rate of 7.25% for 2012 and 2011.

### Note 6. LEASE AGREEMENT

During the year ended December 31, 2012, the Foundations' office operating lease was extended through August 31, 2018. Future minimum lease payments relating to the agreement at December 31, 2012, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2013	\$ 138,869
2014	202,951
2015	211,047
2016	219,519
2017	228,320
Thereafter	157,273
	<u>\$ 1,157,979</u>

Rent expense was \$217,324 and \$210,981 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

### Note 7. GUARANTEES/CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Foundation has guaranteed specific bank loan obligations of 13 and 14 different Baltimore for-profit and not-for-profit entities totaling \$43,435,477 and \$44,046,663 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which expire over a period of 1 to 30 years. The Foundation has recorded liabilities related to these guarantees in the amount of approximately \$27,910,000 and \$27,855,000 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In addition, the Foundation had approved future guarantees up to \$5,875,614 and \$9,015,643 subject to review of the bank loans by the Foundation and certain other conditions as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In connection with the above guarantees, the Foundation has pledged, as collateral, marketable equity mutual funds with a market value of \$50,142,956 and \$43,084,018 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Should an entity default on a loan obligation, the Foundation would be responsible for payment of the obligation but would also have full recourse against the entity for all rights outlined in the original loan obligation. Collateral rights are negotiated with the issuing bank on a per-guarantee basis. The Foundation provides for losses on guarantees when management determines a loss, after collateral recovery, is probable. Reserves for guarantee losses are included in guarantee liabilities. Unrealized losses on guarantees of \$56,396 and \$6,914 are included in the consolidated statements of activities for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. In consideration for the guarantees, for-profit entities are required to pay certain fees in cash or stock to the Foundation.

The Foundation recorded a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The Foundation has recorded liabilities totaling \$438,015 and \$452,141 related to guarantees extended at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Foundation has recorded assets associated with these liabilities of \$438,015 and \$452,141 in other assets at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

In February 2012, the Foundation executed an agreement to provide a line of credit to an entity in which it holds an equity investment. The line provides for maximum borrowings of \$5 million and bears interest at an annual rate of 15%. There were no advances on the line of credit during 2012, and there was no outstanding balance at December 31, 2012.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Trustees  
The Abell Foundation, Inc.  
Baltimore, Maryland**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Abell Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiaries (collectively, the Foundation) which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Abell Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Baltimore, Maryland  
May 22, 2013

## GUIDELINES FOR GRANTSEEKERS

The Abell Foundation seeks to serve the needs of Maryland in general, and Baltimore in particular. The Foundation meets the changing needs of the community by responding to unsolicited requests initiated by organizations demonstrating a high-priority unmet need, requesting proposals for special programs, initiating programs that address key issues that show promise of effecting systemic change, and commissioning studies to gather pertinent information about communitywide issues.

The Foundation's interest is focused on public educational institutions with programs that encourage higher levels of achievement, further basic skills and enrichment, promote professional development, enhance curricula, increase parental involvement, and encourage the pursuit of higher education among the less affluent. The Foundation also supports the efforts of private institutions to provide educational opportunities for the economically disadvantaged.

The Foundation considers requests from health and human services organizations to support programs designed to help underserved, disadvantaged, and at-risk populations achieve fuller and more meaningful participation in the community, and to address issues of hunger and homelessness. Support is given to community development-related activities designed to expand the Baltimore region's economic base, job opportunities, tourism, and neighborhood revitalization. Workforce development initiatives designed to meet the needs of the unemployed and underemployed are also of interest.

Further, the Foundation focuses on support for programs and initiatives that increase public safety and reduce recidivism, with a special emphasis on transitional services for returning ex-offenders that promote successful community re-entry and decrease the likelihood of reincarceration. It provides support for programs that increase the availability and effectiveness of substance abuse treatment for uninsured and underserved individuals within Baltimore City.

The Foundation provides funds to cultural organizations that are committed to building a diverse base of support, and conducting strong outreach and educational programs. It also supports environmental programs that seek to preserve and protect Maryland's

ecologically significant and endangered natural resources—land, air, and water.

Only organizations with a 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), or certain qualifying 509(a)(3) tax-exempt status are funded. Four types of grants are awarded: planning, seed funding (for start-up and demonstration projects), program development, and capital. Though grants are awarded on a one-time basis, the Foundation may make multi-year grants in exceptional cases. Decisions on the Foundation's funding preferences rest on criteria that include:

1. Demonstration of need;
2. Clearly defined goals and objectives;
3. Evidence of strong fiscal management and ongoing operational support;
4. Impact or benefit to the community;
5. Applicant's capability to achieve stated goals;
6. Determination that the project is not a duplicate effort;
7. Availability of other sources of financial support; and
8. Ability to evaluate effectiveness of the program.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requests for grants should be initiated by a one-page letter describing the applicant's mission and scope of activities, along with a summary of the project including its goals and objectives, and amount requested. Should the Foundation be interested in the preliminary proposal, the applicant will be asked to submit a formal detailed application.

Grants are awarded six times a year. Each applicant will be notified of any action that the Board of Trustees may take, usually within a week of the bi-monthly meetings.

Deadlines:

January 1	for February meeting
March 1	for April meeting
May 1	for June meeting
August 1	for September meeting
September 1	for October meeting
November 1	for December meeting

Proposals should be addressed to Mr. Robert C. Embry, Jr., President, The Abell Foundation, 111 South Calvert Street, Suite 2300, Baltimore, MD 21202-6174.

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### NEWSLETTERS

#### FEBRUARY

##### **Getting Serious About Saving the Chesapeake**

**Bay.** After decades of broken promises, the EPA and the other Bay states now say they are serious about cleaning up the Bay. The key will be holding them accountable.

*Abell Salutes:* CARES—For the promise of its offerings of emergency services, and the fulfillment of that promise one-on-one in Govans.

#### MARCH

##### **Uncapping the Pros and Cons of a Bottle Deposit**

**Program.** Will a beverage container program reduce litter in Maryland? And at what cost? An examination of the issue, along with potential impacts on recycling rates, employment, beverage sales, and greenhouse gas emission.

*Abell Salutes:* Year Up—For teaching IT skills, opening doors, and changing lives.

#### APRIL

##### **Rent-To-Own Exploiting Baltimore's Poor.**

Consumers who buy from Rent-to-Own stores pay up to 3.5 times more than at traditional retail stores. How the city's low-income population is victimized by the industry.

*Abell Salutes:* TurnAround—For providing victims of sex trafficking with a new life: "This is my new family; this is where I was reborn."

#### SEPTEMBER

**Police Housing Incentives Could Encourage Police Officers to Move into Baltimore City.** Heightening prospects for reducing crime and increasing citizen satisfaction.

*Abell Salutes:* Job Opportunities Task Force and its Jump Start Program: "Everybody can use a little jump start in their life."

#### OCTOBER

##### **Green Technology to Fight Hospital-Linked**

**Infections.** A new study finds that although significant barriers exist to wider usage, the science of ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) remains promising—a weapon in the war against pathogens that kill patients.

#### NOVEMBER

##### **Going Too Easy on Chesapeake Bay Polluters?**

Why Maryland should step up its use of criminal prosecution to deter pollution.

### RADIO

**The Abell Hour.** "Midday" (noon to 1 p.m.) WYPR, National Public Radio in Baltimore, is a magazine-format radio show with host Dan Rodricks, who interviews informed guests speaking about issues of interest to the community. In 2012, the following Abell Reports were the subjects of "Midday" discussions:

- **Police Housing Incentives Could Encourage Police Officers to Move into Baltimore City.** Heightening prospects for reducing crime and increasing citizen satisfaction.
- **Uncapping the Pros and Cons of a Bottle Deposit Program.** An examination of this issue—along with potential impacts on recycling rates, employment, beverage sales, and greenhouse gas emissions.

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