

MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL BUCKY TROTTER HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER



State Senator
Decatur "Bucky" Trotter

Mission of Love Charities will hold the 15th Annual Bucky Trotter Humanitarian Awards Dinner on the evening of **Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at The Hotel, 7777 Baltimore Ave. in College Park, Md.**

This very important event is our annual fundraising event, and the revenues generated by this Dinner are a significant and vital source of financial support for the Mission of Love Charities operations.

The Bucky Trotter Humanitarian Awards recognize individuals, groups or organizations that have exemplified Mission of Love Charities' mission through their outstanding involvement and dedication to the health, welfare, safety and quality of life of disenfranchised members of our community. This award honors the late State Senator Decatur "Bucky" Trotter and is designed to recognize outstanding humanitarian service to

the community that was exemplified by Senator Trotter.

With the help and generous support of many friends, foundations and government agencies, Mission of Love Charities has persisted in its commitment to provide assistance to disadvantaged, low-income and homeless individuals and families in Prince George's County and nearby communities in Washington, D.C. for the last 28 years. That is something we all can be proud of.

See below a flyer with information about tickets, and sponsorship and advertising opportunities. Or you can see the flyer at www.molcinc.org/xxx.

We hope to hear from you.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Martinez, CEO of Mission of Love Charities, Inc., at 301-333-4440 or dmartinez@molc-inc.org.

Please join us as we celebrate the
16th Annual Bucky Trotter Humanitarian Awards



**CELEBRATING HUMANITARIAN AND VOLUNTEERISM EXCELLENCE
HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

In 2005, the Mission of Love Charities, Inc. (MOLC) established the Humanitarian Award to recognize an individual, group or organization that has exemplified the organization's mission through their outstanding involvement and dedication; making a significant contribution and impact on the health, welfare and safety of others and facilitated actions which made improvements on the quality of life for disenfranchised members of our community on a regional (MD, DC, VA) level. This award honors the late State Senator Decatur "Bucky" Trotter and is designed to recognize outstanding service that demonstrates the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Senator Trotter.

CANDLE OF SERVICE AWARD

In 2007, the Mission of Love Charities, Inc. (MOLC) established the Candle of Service Awards to honor annually an individual, group or organization that has performed significant volunteer service to a nonprofit or educational institution in a way that positively affects the community. This award promotes substantial volunteer efforts in the community.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location:
The Hotel
7777 Baltimore Ave.
College Park, Md.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities and costs for events, please contact ddavis@molc.inc.org

VERY SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS



MOLC staff join in the making sure the Thanksgiving Food Baskets day was a success.

Hundreds of children and family members showed up for the Mission of Love Charities annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets day on November 25 and the Christmas



Prince George's Police Officers show their support for MOLC

Toy Shop day on December 23. At the Thanksgiving Food Baskets day on the Monday before Thanksgiving hundreds of holiday food baskets were distributed to qualified homeless and low-income individuals and families. Prince George's County Councilman Rodney Streeter came by during the event to show his support, and Prince George's County Police brought food supplies for the Mission of Love Food Pantry.

At the Holiday Toy Shop for Christmas day low-income parents were able to pick up toys for their children ages 1-15, and turkeys were also distributed to families.



Prince George's County Councilman Rodney Streeter

Maryland State Delegate Nick Charles and Maryland State Senator Melony Griffith joined in the activities for the Christmas holiday.

The food baskets, toys and turkeys were donated by a variety of individuals and organizations, for which Mission of Love Charities is very grateful.



State Delegate Nick Charles, MOLC CEO Deb Martinez, State Senator Melony Griffith and MOLC Deputy Director Tam Myers at the Holiday Toy Shop event during the Christmas season.

MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENT FOR CLIENTS



A Workforce Training Session

The Mission of Love Charities Workforce Development program is celebrating success these days. Over the last couple months, eight women, from the program that is focused on homeless women, have been hired in jobs that will pay \$22/hour, another \$30/hour, and three others with salaries of \$58,000, \$60,000 and \$72,000/year. They join the total of 22 women from the program who have secured full-time, part-time or seasonal employment over the last fiscal year.

That's quite a leap of good fortune for these women who weeks ago were coping with being homeless. And it happened because the Mission of Love Charities Employability and Life Skills Certification program was able to teach them the confidence and the skills they needed to qualify for a job and get hired.

Combining classroom instruction with available technology learning experiences available, the program's curriculum includes a focus on how to create and utilize technology to enhance and stay connected with the demands of the workplace. Computer skills, financial health and budgeting, goal setting and how to dress for success are also covered in the instruction provided.

Other learning activities such as individual action plans, self-assessments, self-reflections, getting

things done and thinking outside the box (confronting problems, thinking creatively and freely, and encouraging to stay focused) helped with life skills coaching.

Mission of Love Charities staff supported the program by providing food and snacks to the participants, books to help the participants' children stay occupied during the classes, toys at Christmas for the participants' children, and standard office equipment, software and supplies for in support of the teaching operations. Staff also cleaned the classroom area regularly, and identified and provided clothing to participants who were preparing for job interviews.

Anita Mwalui, a certified Workplace Excellence Facilitator, teaches the classes, which meet in the evenings three times a week, in three-week sessions. Ms. Mwalui says, "It's very gratifying to see these women learn, realize their abilities and gain the confidence to get back on their feet and be self-sustaining."

Mission of Love Charities operates the Workforce Development Program in collaboration with United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) in Capitol Heights. It is funded by Block grants from Prince George's County, and it focuses on homeless women.