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GROWING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

The impact of the pandemic was great among many of the women, children and families served by Mission of Love Charities. Many or most of these people were living on the margin economically, and the pandemic caused them to lose their jobs. In order for them to get back on their feet economically, they need to be trained for a different job than they had before the pandemic, because most of them will not get their old jobs back.

Mission of Love Charities has recognized this need for job training as a priority in providing meaningful assistance to the people it serves, and it has launched a Workforce Development, Education and Job Training program to provide opportunity to these women, children and families. Scores of women have attended these courses and have graduated to become employed. Several of the women attended courses bringing their children with them, which was accommodated.

This program provides education in basic employability skills, computer skills, English language skills, certified nursing assistant, OSHA inspector, meetings planning and Cisco Networking Academy (with training in computer coding).

Starting 2022, the Mission will provide STEM Building the Pipeline Workshops on Saturdays in February and March. There will also be Job Readiness Training Workshops held weekdays in February and March. Getting people back to self-sustenance economically is a major goal of Mission of Love Charities, which was created to serve people in need.



HOLIDAY GIVE-AWAY EVENTS ATTRACT HUNDREDS

The Mission of Love Charities continued its tradition of giving away turkeys and food baskets to needy families during the Thanksgiving holiday and toys to children from homeless and low-income families during the Christmas holiday.

The Mission was able to distribute more than 400 turkeys and food baskets to families and individuals on Nov. 23, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. And toys were given to more than 525 families with children on Dec. 18, the Saturday before Christmas. All families and individuals were pre-registered and qualified as low-income.



MOLC staff members gather at the Christmas toy giveaway event: Lauren Kornegay, case manager; Tim Hardy, education manager; Yessica Molina, lead case manager; Deborah Martinez, CEO; DeCarlo Wiley, office manager; and Dwight Monroe, supervisor of the warehouse.



Nate Crittenden, on the left, owner of N'Style hair grooming salon in Capitol Heights, Md., donated 80 very nice winter coats for distribution to needy MOLC clients. Joining Nate are Shack Nd Pack from WPGC 95.5; Deborah Martinez, MOLC CEO; Adenia Bradley, vice president of the MOLC Board of Directors and Business Development/ Communications Advisor at Southern Management Corp.; and Joe Powell.



MOLC depends on the donations of many supporters in order to provide help to the homeless and very low-income individuals and families who come to MOLC for assistance. Here two people from CSA23LC join MOLC CEO Deborah Martinez, center, with donations of toys and gift cards.



Rushern Baker, far left - current candidate for governor in Maryland and former County Executive of Prince George's County, stopped by to participate in the MOLC Thanksgiving food give-away event.



Sylist Lee came to MOLC to do hair cutting and grooming for clients. Here she is trimming a man's beard.

GIVING FROM THE COMMUNITY

Two women from JKLC bring canned food to help support the needy people who come to MOLC for assistance. Deborah Martinez, MOLC CEO, is on the left.



TONY PAIGE ELECTED NEW BOARD MEMBER



Veteran NFL player and current player agent Anthony Ricardo Paige has been elected to join the Board of Directors of Mission of Love Charities. A native Washingtonian who graduated from DeMatha Catholic High School where he is now in their Hall of Fame, Paige went on to star with the Virginia Tech Hokies, and then to play nine seasons with the New York Jets, Detroit Lions and Miami Dolphins. He retired from professional football at the age of 30.

He has been an NFL agent since 1994, representing players like Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers, Randy Starks of the Miami Dolphins and 4-time Pro Bowl selection Kris Jenkins. Currently, he is with the Washington, D.C.-based representation firm Perennial Sports and Entertainment. He also is now a Studio Analyst for SNY and CBS.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mission of Love Charities recently welcomed two new members to its staff, Lauren Kornegay as Case Manager and Timothy Hardy as Education Manager.



Lauren R. Kornegay, a native of Oxon Hill, Md., graduated in 2010 from Morgan State University in

Baltimore, receiving her B.A. in Speech Communications with a concentration in Interpersonal/Organizational Communication. Lauren has previously worked at Job Corps as a Case Manager, and she has worked in many other facets of the social sciences arena. She believes in opportunity, but most importantly, she believes in change.

Timothy Hardy attended Morgan State University where he majored in political science with a minor in criminal justice. After Morgan State University, Tim started working in law enforcement with Fairfax County's Juvenile Probation and Counseling Services department. After more than 15 years with Fairfax County, his

passion changed, and he moved into hospitality and education. He attended Prince George's Community College where he received a hospitality certification. He then started a hospitality and catering service company, and later became a high school culinary arts teacher and the Director of the Food Services Department.



WHUR INTERVIEWS CEO DEBORAH MARTINEZ DURING LIVE BROADCAST FROM IVERSON MALL



WHUR and reporter Renee Nash supported Mission of Love Charities during the Christmas holidays with a donation of 60 new coats for distribution to needy children and families on Nov. 6, and later with a donation of toys to be distributed to children in the days before Christmas. In the photo above MOLC CEO Deborah Martinez is interviewed by WHUR during a live broadcast from Iverson Mall where they were collecting toys for children during the Christmas holidays.



MY CORNER

BY DEBORAH MARTINEZ, CEO OF MISSION OF LOVE CHARITIES

In this, our 31st year, the Mission of Love Charities persists in its commitment to serve the most needy people of the community. Our

mission has always been to serve homeless and low-income families and individuals, but with the severe impact of the COVID pandemic, the number of people who are coming to the Mission for assistance with food, rent, utilities, health and other basic needs has increased tenfold. Indeed, most months more than a 1,000 people have received food assistance at the Mission.

Unfortunately, the impact of the COVID pandemic has interrupted and sometimes curtailed these services. But the Mission persists in trying to serve the people who depend on us because they have nothing and are often desperate for assistance.

Most, if not all of these people are faced with food insecurity, and Mission of Love Charities seeks to provide them with food supplies that will help them during this difficult time. Additionally, many of the people who come to Mission of Love Charities for help are faced with the possibility of being evicted because they do not have money to pay the rent or the utilities. In the past we had the help of ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) funds from the federal and state governments to provide assistance to these people. Unfortunately, those funds have been shut off, and so now we do the best we can to refer people to other sources of assistance if they are faced with eviction. The problem is that there are not many resources available to help the people getting kicked out of their homes for nonpayment of rent.

A strategic priority for the future of Mission of Love Charities is developing its Workforce Development, Education and Job Training Program. Many of the people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic may not ever get their jobs back. And providing them with the training to get back on their feet economically is perhaps the best long-term solution to their situation.

The program provides training that includes how to address the causes of lack of interest and confidence in getting a job, basic computer skills, financial literacy, writing skills, goal setting and how to dress for success

- as well as specific training to become a Certified Nurse Assistant or Geriatric Nurse Assistant, a Meetings Planner, or an OSHA Construction Inspector. The program also includes the Cisco Networking Academy, which teaches coding skills. This year we will also have STEM Building the Pipeline Workshops on Saturdays in February and March. There will also be Job Readiness Training Workshops held weekdays in February and March.

A major goal of the Mission is to raise the funds needed to renovate, rebuild and repurpose the abandoned school building across the street from its current facility. This building is the former Lyndon Hill Elementary School, which the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County has leased to the Mission for \$1/year. The renovation of the building is projected to cost about \$4 million.

The new building promises to provide larger, improved and better equipped space that can accommodate several new and expanded programs that serve the needs of homeless and low-income community. Raising money and finding the financial resources to support the completion of the new building is central to the operations of the Mission.

We look to our friends, stakeholders and past and prospective donors to help us with this effort.

Thanks to all of you for your support.

Sincerely,
Deborah Martinez