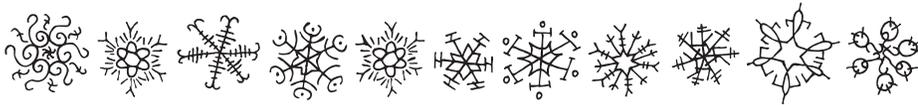


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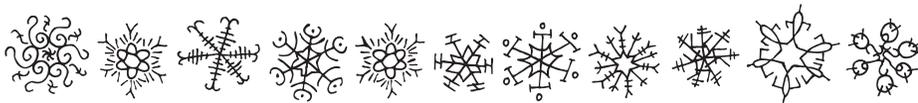
Celebrate the holidays with us at our

# Annual Christmas Party!

**WHAT:** The Hampden Family Center hosts an annual Christmas party for the community, complete with holiday carols, craft activities, yummy treats and a visit with Santa!

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** The center collects gifts to distribute to each child under 12 as they leave the party. If you would like to donate a \$10 gift, please drop it off to the center or call 410-467-8710.



## Be an angel

Be an angel this holiday season and adopt a Hampden child for Christmas.

Each year, the Family Center, in collaboration with St. David's Church and volunteers from the community, sponsor the Christmas Angel Program. This program helps needy children up to 12 years old to have a happy holiday. Please stop by and adopt a child. Just pick an Angel from the Christmas tree; each Angel has specific information on the child, including a Christmas wish list of items he or she may like.

For more information contact Pam Viel:

- 410-467-8710 x108
- [pviel@hampdenfamilycenter.org](mailto:pviel@hampdenfamilycenter.org)
- Or just stop by the center!

## Oldies Night brings a small but mighty crowd

Our first ever Oldies Night was held on Saturday, October 9, at the Republican Club here in Hampden. Graciously organized and sponsored by board member Robin Hutchason, the event boasted a small but mighty crowd of those young at heart, who danced the night away to the sounds of Gene Vincent and the Cadillac Cruisers. Gene and his Cruisers delighted the crowd with skilled musicianship and harmonic vocals, providing ample songs for dancing—and did people dance! Even guests who claimed they did not dance could not resist the cool tunes and beckoning dance floor. This would not have been possible had it not been for Robin! A special thank you also to Jo Kellum for her work with the band on our behalf. 🎵

## Thank you to our funders

The Family Center is very grateful to the following foundations, corporations and associations for their generous support:

Clayton Baker Trust, Constellation Energy, Golfer's Charitable Association, Royal Farms, Thomas Wilson Sanitarium for Children of Baltimore City, and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Without your ongoing support the center would be unable to fulfill its mission.

A special thank you to The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and their employee giving program.

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For its beautiful renovations, the Family Center owes a special thank you to:

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- Pam Viel

## A Facelift for the center: "It is beautiful!"

In October, an unexpected phone call from Lisa Laramie of 6 Red Marbles design firm began what would grow into a total facelift for the Family Center. Lisa called offering a very generous donation of office furniture — enough to replace every existing desk and work table at the center.

The arrival of this furniture meant a total upheaval of the interior of the Family Center, so board president Tom Finnerty decided it was time to paint the interior walls and give the Hampden Family Center a real and much needed facelift. A color palette was chosen, paint ordered and preparations were made to host a slew of volunteers to paint on October 16 (only five days before A Taste of Hampden!). It all sounded very simple and easy, but it was neither.

*Have you seen the new Hampden Family Center?!*

The Family Center was truly transformed in a day. One of the students in the after school program walked into the center the following Monday, and with wide eyes, exclaimed, "It is beautiful!"

The remarkable changes would not have been possible without the volunteers that helped plan, gather materials, paint, and provide moral support. The Family Center is very grateful for your support and commitment to the center. For those of you who have not seen the new Family Center — please stop in to take a look!

## Golf Outing a Major Success



Board member John Kemp takes a swing.

The inaugural *Royal Farms Golf Classic* was held October 26 at The Greenspring Valley Hunt Club Golf Course. One hundred and forty-four players came out for a day of golf while supporting the Hampden Family Center.

The group enjoyed playing the course and relaxed afterwards with a hearty lunch and assorted beverages. Royal Farms Golf Classic and Royal Farms presented Lisa Ghinger, executive director, and Tom Finnerty, board president, with a check for \$100,000, which represented proceeds from the tournament and a donation from Royal Farms. The Family Center is very grateful to the Royal Farms team for their hard work and support on behalf of the center, and to the Greenspring Valley Hunt Club for hosting this historical event.

Proceeds from the event help support the various programs and services the center provides for children, teens, adults and seniors throughout the Hampden area. We thank everyone for participating.



Tom Finnerty and Lisa Ghinger receive a \$100,000 check on behalf of the center.

## A Taste of Hampden returned with a bang

Both levels of the center (including the front window space!) were packed with guests sampling fifteen Hampden restaurants' specialty dishes on October 21, for the return of *A Taste of Hampden*. The food was plentiful and satisfying. Some of the culinary highlights included Common Ground's decadent brownies, Frazier's cream of crab soup, and Rocket to Venus' grilled brussel sprouts. In addition

to the food from the restaurants, beer, wine and soft drinks were donated and served by David Wells, owner of The Wine Source.

Drinks in hand and mouths brimming with savory delicacies, guests mingled and soaked in the center's beautifully redecorated interior while celebrating its successes. There was a palpable sense of support and excitement

about the center's direction and future and a true feeling of community fellowship.

Ridiculous Entertainment's DJ charmed guests with his song choice and kept the atmosphere lively. People waited anxiously for the raffles to be drawn and three winners went home with wonderful gifts.

Many thanks to Cynthia Shea for her help and all of the restaurants who made this event a rollicking success: 13.5% Wine Bar, Alchemy, Angelo's, Asian Taste, Café Hon, Common Ground, The Dogwood, Frazier's on the Avenue, Grano, Holy Frijoles, Ma Petite Shoe, Puffs & Pastries, Rocket to Venus, Soup's On, Spro Coffee, and the Wine Source.

Thank you also to those that donated goods for the mystery raffles: Amy and Spike Gjerde of Woodberry Kitchen, Carmen Brock of Red Tree, Charm City Skin, Colleen Shelton of About Faces, Kiss and Make-Up, Metta Wellness Center, and NV Salon.



Cynthia Shea announces the winner of the mystery raffle.