

Family Center

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Winter 2013

- Save the Date for Hats Off to Hampden Family Center
- Spreading the Holiday Joy throughout Hampden



save the date. HATS OFF TO HAMPDEN FAMILY CENTER

**Saturday April 13
Gutierrez Studios**

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**OUR SPRING FLING ...
IT'S ALL ABOUT HATS, AGAIN!**

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Why do YOU give to Hampden Family Center?

“The Footlights Theatre Ensemble of Roland Park Country School held a movie night and bake sale in October to raise money for the Hampden Family Center After-School Enrichment Program. We are seniors at Roland Park and members of the Theatre Ensemble; we have both grown up in the area and know how important the Hampden Family Center is to the community. We know that the money will help to further the children’s creative endeavors in the arts.” —Claire Utermohle and Fannon Curtis

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Welcome to...

We are happy to welcome **Betsy A. Fay** and **Todd R. Langenberg** to the Board of Directors. Betsy is an internist with Adult Medicine Specialists and has practiced in Hampden for 30 years. Todd serves as the Director of Development & Institutional Advancement for Loyola Blakefield.

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This holiday season brought many new friends to the Family Center and with it, a very new Christmas tree. There was tremendous interest and participation from so many people — friends new and old.

Thanksgiving baskets with gift cards were distributed to 100 families thanks to the generous parishioners of St. David's Church. Members of the after-school enrichment program marched in the Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade carrying hand-made puppets of their own design — the final product of a six-week puppet-making workshop.

Our annual holiday party was a tremendous success with more than 350 individuals in attendance. Partygoers enjoyed meeting the Oriole Bird, making crafts, caroling and eating lunch. Children especially enjoyed having their picture taken with Santa and making sure he knew exactly what they wanted for Christmas!



Most important, each child left the party with a wrapped present and a big smile.

The donation of gifts for the party was simply overwhelming. Avenue Antiques, Calvert School, T. Rowe Price and nurses (from the cardiac evaluation unit) of MedStar Union Memorial Hospital conducted toy drives. Many others from the community and elsewhere enthusiastically donated additional presents. The gifts were delivered beautifully wrapped and labeled.

The center is very grateful to all the folks of the Hampden Family Center community for their generosity and support over the holidays. A heartfelt thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated children's toys for the annual holiday party.

Thank you to the following for their support of the holiday party:

Baltimore Community Foundation, Baltimore Orioles, Boys' Latin School Ice Hockey Team, Dennis Byrnes, Calvert School, ECCO, Johns Hopkins Choral Society, Falkenhans Hardware, First Floor Graphics, Geoff Harris, Sherri Mahan, Ravens Roost #110, Jim Sandusky, Alice Smith, Roxanne Tedford and the St. David's Church Youth Group, T. Rowe Price,

The Food Market, The Wine Source, UTZ Quality Foods and Zissimos Bar.

While we hold the annual holiday party, we also organize the Christmas Angel program for children in need up to age 12. The program provides children with three gifts from their Christmas wish list. This year, in partnership with St. David's Church, local businesses and residents, 150 needy children from the community were provided gifts for the holiday. While the children were overjoyed to receive gifts from "Santa" under the tree on Christmas day, our *angels* received just as much joy and satisfaction from making someone's holiday special. One angel remarked, "I have not had this much fun shopping since my children were young". Another told us "I have dreaded the holidays for the past few years and all this shopping and wrapping made me feel really good."

The Family Center is very grateful to everyone for helping us to make the holidays bright — whether you helped with the Christmas party, were a Christmas angel, or simply stopped in to say hi! We could not have done it without you! Your generosity and thoughtfulness touched many and made for a very festive holiday season. 🎁

Why do YOU give to Hampden Family Center?

"I have donated to the Hampden Family Center for many years. I first became involved through their Christmas Angel program, and the more familiar I became with their programs, I wanted to support them further. My family and I give to the Hampden Family Center because we know the center is a life line to many people in the Hampden neighborhood. We make our annual contribution because we know we can make a difference." —Anonymous

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