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## Hats Off TO HAMPDEN

Hats Off to Hampden Gala was held on March 30th at Preston Hall.

It was a fantastic night full of support for the Center. Paul and Dorothy Wolman were stellar co-chairs — thank you to both and to their amazing committee. New this year was a hat making station where guests could create their own hat under the direction of volunteers from Art with A Heart. The hat contest was judged by Tim Williams, Jenni Mann, and Christopher Schafer and showcased the best of the best. Congrats to winners: Hugh Bethell, Danielle Nekimken, and Joan Cox!



ABOVE: HAT CONTEST WINNERS HUGH BETHELL, DANIELLE NEKIMKEN, AND JOAN COX. RIGHT: HAT MAKING STATION CREATIVELY CURATED BY ART WITH A HEART.

*A festive night full of support and creativity!*



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Thank you to The Wine Source for their incredible generosity – always ensuring guests have a wide selection of beverages from which to choose. Thank you to Chef Chad Gauss of The Food Market and to SweetSide Café for preparing wonderful food and desserts. Flowers and centerpieces were beautifully created by Libby Francis of the Modest Florist. We continue to be in awe of her flower magic! A huge thank you to Tim Williams of WJZ-TV for serving as the emcee, and to Dorothy Fuchs Yeager of Purple Dot PR.

We're overwhelmed by the time and talent that everyone offered. Through our incredibly generous sponsors, The Wolman Family, Aber D. Unger Foundation, Falkenhan's Hardware, EverCleanPros, WolmanEdge, Keswick Wise & Well, Seawall, Brad & Christine Chambers, Gutierrez Studios, Mission, Rotunda/ICON, and our guests, we can continue to provide the essential programs and services that support the Hampden community.



AMAZING EVENT CO-CHAIRS DOROTHY AND PAUL WOLMAN.



SONS OF PIRATES ROCKED IT OUT ALL NIGHT!

*Partnership with Pratt Library*

The Pratt Library's Hampden branch will undergo major renovations starting on May 20. In order to provide library services to the community during the construction period, the Pratt has partnered with the Hampden Family Center. Pratt staff will provide weekly storytimes, a place for customers to browse collections and pick up books on hold, computer assistance, adult programming, and more.

"We're so grateful to the Hampden Family Center for letting the Pratt share space so we can provide vital programming to the neighborhood," says Pratt President & CEO Heidi Daniel. "This is a great example of strong community partnerships working to provide access to Baltimore residents."

"It's important to Hampden residents and our clients of all ages that there continues to be a library presence and services available in the neighborhood during the branch renovation," says Lisa Ghinger, Executive Director of the Hampden Family Center. "We are happy to provide the space and look forward to this innovative partnership."

The Pratt's Hampden branch first opened in 1900. The renovation will double the space of the branch by making the basement usable space that will include a meeting room, public bathrooms, and staff offices. In addition, a ramp system will be added to the exterior of the building to make it handicapped accessible. The renovation project is expected to take about two years.



PRATT ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS

**MEMORIAL DAY IS BEHIND US AND SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER — AND WITH IT COMES CAMP, AN EXPERIENCE THAT EVERY CHILD DESERVES.**

**Dear Friend,**

This season, more than 30 neighborhood kids are enrolled in the Hampden Family Center's enrichment camp. Over the six-week session our campers will be outdoors swimming at "The Rec", rowing at Baltimore Rowing Club or working at Baltimore Free Farm. Weekly field trips to area museums and local cultural and historical sites are a favorite. All participate in enrichment activities such as music, art and dance. They also conquer fears, make new friends, and develop leadership skills instead of spending their days in front of computers and televisions or on cell phones.

For over 20 years we have witnessed firsthand the positive impact the camp experience has on children as they are engaged in a meaningful and participatory environment. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for children to grow, develop new skills, and build a sense of community for themselves. We believe this is an experience every child deserves. Unfortunately, it is not always an opportunity that every family can afford.

At a cost of \$60 per week, we do our best to make camp affordable, but in many cases this is still prohibitive for families. However, through the generosity of individuals and grant funds we can provide camperships. **We believe this experience for children is critical to their well-being and development, which is why we assist far more families than are covered by funding.**

Please help ensure that as many children as possible can enroll in camp this summer by donating today. **Your gift will make a noticeable difference in a child's life and ultimately, in our community.**

Thank you in advance for your support and wishing you all the best for the summer.

Lisa Ghinger, *Executive Director*

*Donations may be made using the enclosed envelope or online at [hampdenfamilycenter.org](http://hampdenfamilycenter.org).*

## Program Update

### SPRING HAS BEEN AN EXCITING TIME IN THE AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

From learning about the islander culture of the Maori people (including how they survived in the open ocean!) to Field Day and a new set of student-led clubs, the spring has been a very exciting time in the After-School Enrichment Program. Especially in our clubs, students are developing leadership skills and are learning to create their own lesson plans. Tastewise, a discovery-based program that inspires kids to experience and explore the world of food and its sources, joined us in March. They guided us through the different taste receptors and how to combine foods for different flavors. Afterwards, students made their own treats- some tasty and some... interesting!

Partnerships with Art with a Heart, Code in the Schools, Yoga with JDan, and Woodbury Crossing continue to offer a variety



of programs that expose students to different experiences and skills. We're also grateful for our dedicated volunteers who bring compassion and creativity to the program. With about a month left, we look forward to completing the school year with more enrichment activities and adventures.

#### THANK YOU

#### EASTER BASKET DONATION

Thank you to St. David's Episcopal Church for once again donating Easter baskets to the Hampden community! We received a generous donation of 61 baskets, which supplied families with the makings for a festive holiday weekend.



SAMMY GUARDING THE EASTER BASKETS!

#### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

#### EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TODAY!

- Summer Enrichment Programs provides opportunities to work with children on a regular basis (commitment is once a week or more). camp operates from June 24 through August 2.
- Senior Luncheons, offered monthly, provide an opportunity to serve lunch and mingle with seniors.

Volunteers must be 16 or older.

For more details, contact:

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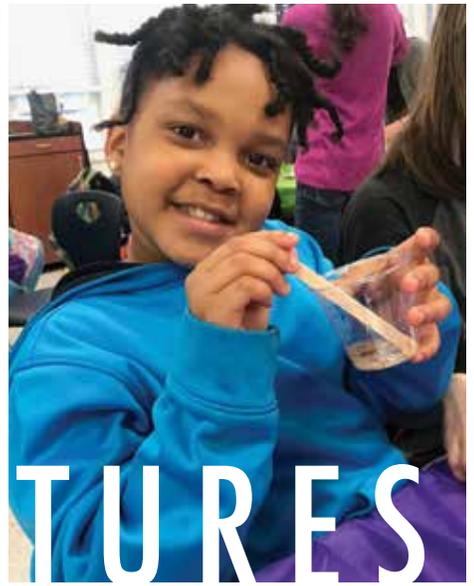
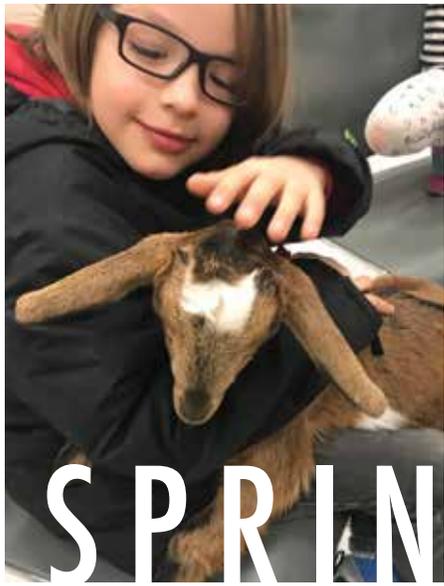


#### SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA/Al-Anon**  
Mondays at 7pm

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Wednesdays at 7pm

**Narcotic's Anonymous**  
Thursdays at 8pm



# SPRING ADVENTURES

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H A M P D E N  
Family Center

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### *Why do you volunteer at the Family Center?*

**JIM STROTT**

*"The opportunity to hopefully have a positive impact on the children in the (After School Program) and to enrich my life as well as theirs."*

**METIN OLMEZ**

*"I like to help kids and to be a guidance who has some experiences about life. I like to observe kids because I believe they have a better and clearer perspective than us and we can learn a lot from them."*

**HADLEY MIDDELTON**

*"I have gotten to build relationships and connect with kids of all ages, something I do not normally do since I am an only child. I also love being a role model for the kids and knowing I can help build who they are."*