CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

For 25 years the Hampden Family Center has provided support, comfort, and hope to our neighborhood.

We’ll have to wait to celebrate together in person, but this is still an incredible milestone and we wanted to honor all those who made it possible. Visit our website to view the 25th Anniversary video – you may even see a few familiar faces!
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Something to Look Forward To

Virtual Hats Off to Hampden on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

As we are all getting used to the “new normal,” Hampden Family Center is also adjusting while still continuing to do important work in our community. Although our center is closed, we remain dedicated to helping those in need and supporting our community when they need us most. And, we can’t do it without you.

We are excited to let you know that we will indeed be doing a fun virtual Hats Off to Hampden fundraiser and we will be getting details to you in the coming days. Plan to be with us via your computer, iPad or phone on Saturday, June 13 for a 25th Anniversary event complete with activities, a hat contest, an awesome video, a champagne toast and much more. “See” you there!

Use this time to make your hats even more fabulous!
Enjoy a sneak peek at some of the student art that will be up for auction at the Hats Off to Hampden Gala.

In preparation for the Hats Off to Hampden annual event, students at the Family Center put on their creative hats and produced unique works of art to be listed for auction at the event.

Pratt Library Update
GREETINGS FROM THE SMALLEST BRANCH OF THE PRATT LIBRARY!

Written by Devon Ellis
Branch Manager, Hampden Branch EPFL

We are currently located at the Hampden Family Center, and though our location is small, our mission at the Hampden Family Center is mighty: to be a portal to the Pratt Library’s collections and services for the community of Hampden, while our 120-year-old building is undergoing renovation around the corner.

At the Hampden Family Center our mini collection offers best-sellers, DVDs, children’s books, graphic novels, biographies, teen fiction, and picture books, and we present baby and toddler storytimes, adult book discussions, and computer classes.

The Pratt Library is currently closed for Covid-19, but the digital Pratt Library is open 24/7! Visit prattlibrary.org to sign up for a free eCard to download ebooks, stream movies on Kanopy, learn a foreign language online via Mango, use digital databases, and much more. Pratt’s motto is: “Your journey starts here.” Safe travels!
The Hampden Family Center and St. Mary’s Outreach Center have enjoyed a meaningful partnership for over 15 years. Through one-on-one services and group activities, both organizations provide critical support services to community members seeking financial, physical, and emotional wellness. As partners, we have a deep appreciation and understanding of the assets and strengths of each organization. Drawing from these individual strengths, we regularly refer clients across organizations to deliver high impact services that best support our neighbors in need. Highlights of our partnership also include hosting intergenerational social events and coordinating the Hampden Fire Fund to support victims of the devastating Roland Ave rowhome fires in April 2018.

There were several driving forces behind St. Mary’s Outreach Center move to the Hampden Family Center in February 2020. From a practical consideration, the Hampden Family Center is in a central location and the building is highly accessible for older adults, St. Mary’s Outreach Center’s primary clientele. Additionally, by locating our organizations under the same roof, we centralize resources in our neighborhood and provide an easy entry point for residents in any life stage to access needed services. We can take a life course approach and better support multi-generational families and individuals in meaningful ways. For example, in one space: children can expand their worlds through after-school enrichment; adults can create a better future for themselves through GED education and support groups; and older adults can receive Medicare counseling and other services needed to age in the community they love.

By co-locating the Hampden Family Center and St. Mary’s Outreach Center, the opportunities for future creativity and collaboration are plentiful. Both organizations have a strong history of being responsive to the needs of our community and acknowledging the strengths and resilience of our. Working under the same roof, we can align our efforts and strengths to meet the evolving challenges in our community. Together, we can seize big opportunities for our community to thrive.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

We want to hear from you

What do you enjoy about the Center? What programs would you like to see offered? We want to hear from you!

Please visit our website to complete a short community assessment.

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**MARYLAND LEGAL AID**

Maryland Legal Aid attorneys are providing free legal advice by email or telephone. They can assist with expungements, government and unemployment benefits, housing, child custody and support, and much more. Please allow 48 hours for them to return all messages.

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**FIRST FRIDAY ART SHOW**

Brandon Padayao, introduced to the HFC by Stephanie Murdock, has been hard at work, along with Ashley Wilkes, preparing to showcase works from local artists. We would invite you to peruse their art and hopefully find a piece that speaks to you, as the purchase will support the HFC.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you there!

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help shape the future

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