



# Community Works







# We are shaping the future together.

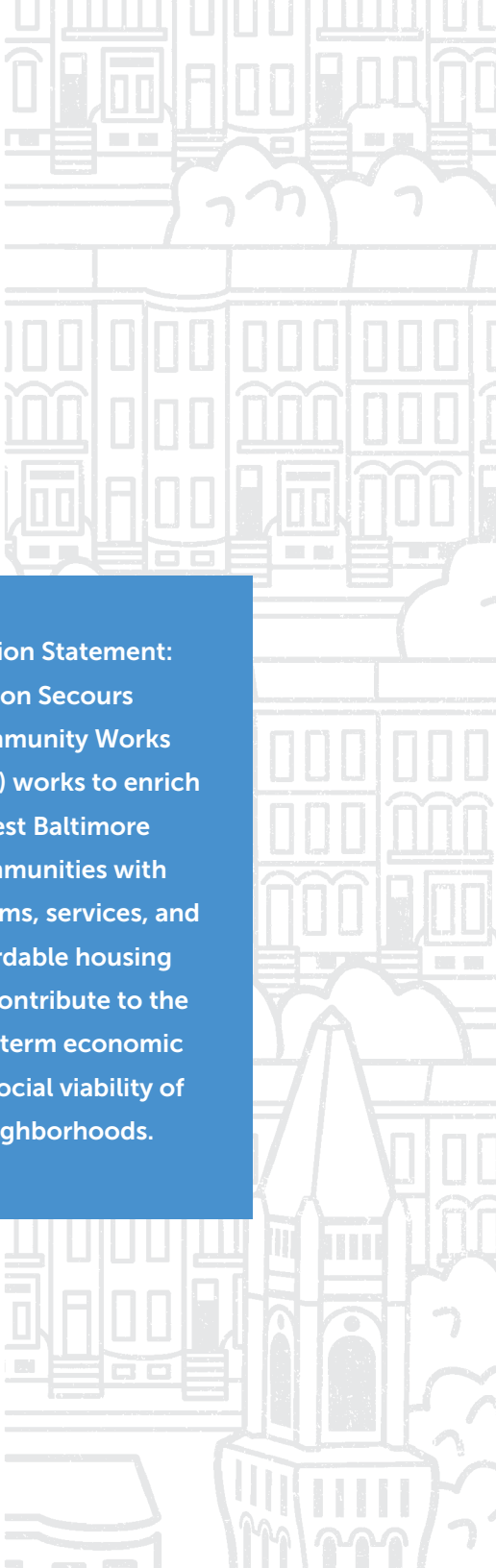
For more than a century, Bon Secours has been caring for those in need and working to build healthy communities in Baltimore. We are passionate about our neighbors and driven by our core values of compassion, stewardship and service. Our work in West Baltimore is authentic and sustainable, because we partner directly with the communities that we serve.

At the heart of our work is a commitment to collaboration and long-term relationship building. We work side-by-side with residents and local leaders to achieve long-lasting positive outcomes. Community members set the priorities and we work together to improve lives, generation by generation.

**We are recognized as a leading nonprofit organization in Baltimore.**

Bon Secours was one of five nonprofits selected for the Baltimore Business Journal’s Better Baltimore Award in 2020.

Mission Statement:  
Bon Secours  
Community Works  
(BSCW) works to enrich  
West Baltimore  
communities with  
programs, services, and  
affordable housing  
that contribute to the  
long-term economic  
and social viability of  
neighborhoods.







We have the passion to help.  
And the ability to deliver.

## We are Bon Secours Community Works.

We focus on 3 service delivery areas that meet unique community needs:



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Healthcare Training  
Clean & Green  
Workforce Training  
Returning Citizens Program  
Financial and Employment  
Services  
Project Jump Start  
Food Access & Urban Farming  
Clean Corps



### YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Early Head Start Program  
Community Schools  
Youth Employment and  
Entrepreneurship Program (YEEP)  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)  
After School Programs



### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCATIONS

Bon Secours Apartments  
Benet House  
Hollins Terrace  
Gibbons Apartments  
Liberty Village  
New Shiloh Village  
Smallwood Summit  
Wayland Village

#### COMMUNITY PARK DEVELOPMENT

Urban Farm - Community Garden  
Kirby Lane Park  
Unity Park

IN 2022, WE SERVED MORE THAN 4,000  
PEOPLE THROUGH AN ARRAY OF SERVICES.





# Economic Development

The Economic Development department provides programs and services designed to increase the economic viability of West Baltimore residents and communities. We offer support for job seekers including occupational training and job placement services, financial education and low-cost tax preparations, access to healthy foods, neighborhood revitalization projects, and support for citizens returning home after incarceration.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Healthcare Training – Clean & Green Workforce Training – Returning Citizens Program – Financial and Employment Services – Project Jump Start – Food Access & Urban Farming – Clean Corps



**400+**  
HEALTHCARE  
TRAINING  
GRADUATES



**150**  
RETURNING  
CITIZENS SERVED  
ANNUALLY

*Shawn Gunaratne, Director of Economic Development*





## Impact Story | Returning Citizens Program

I went to prison at age 17 with a sentence of 30 years. I had to do a lot of self reflection to figure out how to get through that time and decide what kind of man I was going to grow into. I created a few programs for gang and violence prevention behind the wall. After 17 years of incarceration, I found out about the program for returning citizens at Bon Secours Community Works, and I enrolled.

Coming home is scary. You already have a title on you, and people already have a stereotype of you. The Returning citizens' program is like a bridge that helps to get you through. A lot of guys come home, and everybody closes doors in their face, and then they fall back into their old ways because they feel as though there's no other opportunities for them. I think this program shows people that change is possible, but you have to want to put the work in. What you put into it is what you get out of it.

The Returning Citizens Program gave me skills, and skills build confidence. I had to humble myself, saying, "I don't have skills, but I want to learn." They helped me build a resume, coached me for interviews, and gave me my first suit. Their help made me feel like I was not alone. When you have people who are willing to vouch and stand up for you, it makes you want to fight harder.



WILLIAM DEMPSEY  
RETURNING CITIZENS PROGRAM  
2020

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# Youth and Family Services

The Youth and Family Services department offers resources and services to assist West Baltimore residents in building strong foundations for the future. Our programs target expectant mothers, children and their families, youth and young adults, and women in need of basic services.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS:

Early Head Start Program – Community Schools – Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Program (YEEP) – – Women, Infants & Children (WIC) – After School Programs



64 CHILDREN SERVED 5 DAYS A WEEK IN  
OUR EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Andrea Person, Director of Youth and Family Services



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WEST BALTIMORE  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS



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HIGH-SCHOOL  
YOUTH SERVED  
ANNUALLY IN YOUTH  
EMPLOYMENT AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
PROGRAM (YEEP)





# Impact Story | Early Head Start

I grew up in Edmonson Village, and started visiting Bon Secours Community Works when my oldest son, Mason, was about a year old, and I was pregnant with my younger son, Chase. We got Mason enrolled in the Early Head Start program because it offered a lot of services that fit my needs. The program works with you from pregnancy up to age three to help make sure that kids are healthy and off to a good start educationally.

The staff at Bon Secours were very supportive. The home visiting program staff would bring books, diapers, formula and home supplies to me. They would also come and read to Mason, and there is a W.I.C. location in the building.

When Mason graduated from the Early Head Start program, he was potty trained and prepared for the next step in school. They really worked with the kids on building blocks, numbers, colors. They also learn hand hygiene, brushing their teeth, and imaginary play. Mason is now in Pre-K and Chase was accepted into a full-time Head Start Program.

In addition to resources for my kids, Bon Secours offers regular social events for parents. We had socializations for holiday and seasons, fathers, and nutrition. When you're interacting with the other parents, you don't feel alone.



GARDENER FAMILY  
EARLY HEAD START

I think Community Works is a good place for parents who are low income or without a big support system. They really want to help you move up and transition in society. It's multipurpose so you can get everything you need in one place - that's pretty unique.





# Housing and Community Development

Our Housing and Community Development department provides safe, affordable, high-quality housing and resources for individuals, families, formerly homeless, senior citizens, and people living with disabilities. We build state-of-the-art facilities and renovate existing rowhomes into low-to moderate income housing. We offer beautiful homes in which to live, along with support from our Resident Service Coordinators at each location. We also collaborate with neighborhood residents and facilitate the creative development of places cast in their vision, in pursuit of strong, sustainable communities for people to live, work, and play.

## HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCATIONS

### Affordable Housing

Bon Secours Apartments – Benet House – Hollins Terrace – Gibbons Apartments – Liberty Village – New Shiloh Village Apartments – New Shiloh Village Senior Living – Smallwood Summit – Wayland Village

### Community Park Development

Kirby Lane Park – Unity Park – Urban Farm



**802**  
AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING UNITS

**299+**  
UNITS CURRENTLY IN  
DEVELOPMENT



*Alicia Corson, Director of Housing & Community Development*





## Impact Story | Bon Secours Gibbons Apartments

Even though we both were from the same hometown of Florence, South Carolina, I didn't meet my wife, Arnethea, until after I had moved to Baltimore. We are both 88 years old, and we have been married for 62 years.

After my family had moved to Baltimore, Arnethea came up here to visit her cousin in the late 1940's, when we were both 16 years old. Her cousin and my mother were the best of friends. Time passed, and we didn't see each other again until 1956, when I was discharged from the military. I had gone on a vacation back to my hometown, and that's where I saw her again. Within two years, in 1958, we got married and she came to Baltimore to live with me.

We had four children – two boys and two girls. We lost our oldest daughter in 2009, and our younger son in 2012. We lived in the same house in Edmondson Village for 58 years.

Four years ago, we moved into Bon Secours Gibbons Apartments, and we have really enjoyed it. The people who manage the apartments, the neighbors, and especially the staff are really nice. We feel like it's a community environment. It's safe, and clean. We also like the parking area here, and the elevator. It's very convenient.

THOMAS AND ARNETHEA BELL

BON SECOURS  
GIBBONS APARTMENTS  
RESIDENTS



Bon Secours Gibbons Apartments is such a good environment for us, that we wish we had moved in 20 years ago!





# Bon Secours Community Works

## BSCW Sites

- 1 Family and Youth Services- EHS and WIC**  
26 N. Fulton Ave
- 2 Community Resource Center**  
31 S. Payson St
- 3 Economic Development, Lexington Ave**  
1843 W. Lexington Ave
- 4 Urban Farm/ Community Garden**  
1800 W. Fayette St.

## BSCW Housing

- 5 Bon Secours Apartments**  
1800 – 2000 W. Baltimore St.
- 6 Benet House**  
400 Millington Ave.
- 7 Hollins Terrace**  
1800 Hollins St.
- 8 Gibbons Apartments**  
900 Desoto Rd.
- 9 Liberty Village**  
3000 Towanda Ave.
- 10 New Shiloh Village Apartments**  
1930 Windsor Ave.
- 11 New Shiloh Village Senior Living**  
1901 Elgin Ave.
- 12 Smallwood Summit**  
2 N. Smallwood St.
- 13 Wayland Village**  
3020 Garrison Ave.

## Community Park Partnerships

- 14 Unity Park**  
2 N. Fulton Ave.
- 15 Kirby Lane Park**  
1822 W. Saratoga St.

## Community Schools

- 16 Franklin Square Elementary / Middle School**  
1400 W. Lexington St.
- 17 Frederick Elementary School**  
2501 Frederick Ave.
- 18 Mary Ann Winterling Elementary School**  
220 N. Bentalou St.

MAP KEY

Primary Service Area

Service Delivery Sites

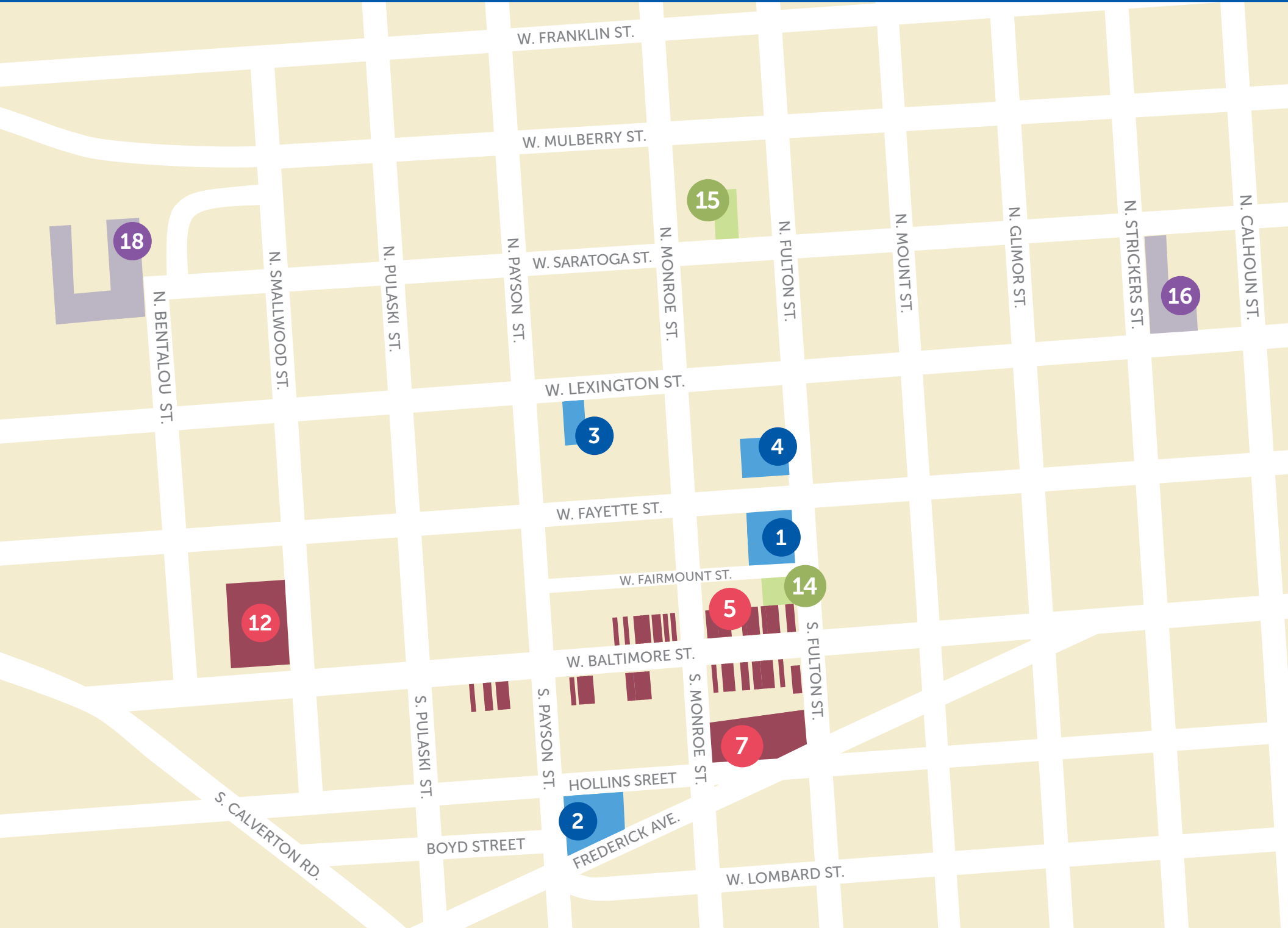
Affordable Housing Locations

Community Parks

Community Schools



# BON SECOURS COMMUNITY WORKS







# Place-Based Investment

## We are investing in the community's vision.

We are working side by side with West Baltimore residents to create physical spaces that enhance the quality of life of our neighbors. To date, we have invested \$115 million in affordable housing, and an additional \$12.5 million in facilities such as our Family Support Center, Community Resource Center, urban farm, and community parks.

Wherever possible, we improve existing buildings rather than raze and rebuild. For instance, we modernize original row homes and renew them as offices and high-quality affordable housing. And, in 2022 we opened the Bon Secours Community Resource Center, which restored the former Hollins-Payson Enoch Pratt Library location that had been shuttered for decades as a hub for West Baltimore, with a focus on youth.

Our investments go far beyond the construction of facilities. We listen, partner, and work alongside our neighbors to determine the programs and services that will bring true value to the area. Then we build the infrastructure around their vision.



**DIONNE BURLEY,  
WEST BALTIMORE RESIDENT**

"I can see the Community Resource Center from my house. It's like a beacon of hope for this neighborhood! I love knowing that I was part of planning out the center- it makes me care even more."







OUR COMMITMENT TO WEST BALTIMORE IS

# 140 Years Strong.

**Bon Secours has a long history of uplifting the West Baltimore Community.**

The Sisters of Bon Secours first came to Baltimore from Paris, France in 1881 to begin working in the United States. In 1919, they opened their first hospital. We embody our ministry's rich history as we look toward the future.

**Through a century of change, our approach to community health has consistently reached beyond traditional models.**

In 1991, Bon Secours Community Works (BSCW) was created, and we functioned as the community development arm of Bon Secours Baltimore Hospital. Since then, we have been busy working alongside our community leaders and residents to design and implement programs and services to address their holistic needs.

**We address the vital needs of West Baltimore as we look to the future together.**

In 2019, the merged ministry of Bon Secours Mercy Health made the decision to sell Bon Secours Baltimore Hospital while renewing the organization's commitment to Baltimore City through investments to expand Bon Secours Community Works, ensuring that it remains a pillar of community support for generations to come.

*Pictured left to right — Sr. Rose O'Brien in 1940 at the Bon Secours Hospital Lab, St. Martin's Day Nursery in 1916, Sr. Mary Clarisse during a bedside home visit in 1931, Sister knocking on door of a west Baltimore family in 1957, Bon Secours School of Nursing - 1968 Freshman class, Sr. Theophane Klingelhofer greeting Mrs. Neville in 1985, Sr. Mary Rita Nangle and Sr. Rose Marie Jasinski of the Baltimore House Project in 2003 talking with a local resident.*



We are rooted  
in the past,  
standing in the present,  
and reaching  
toward the future.





We are working alongside the citizens of West Baltimore to shape a better future - but change can't happen alone. We are looking for passionate people to volunteer, donate, and invest in our efforts.

**We invite you to join us in working to make deep and lasting change.**

We're making a difference.  
You can, too.





# We are mission inspired. Community driven. And funder supported.

Major funders such as Kaiser Permanente, Under Armour, Bank of America, and BGE/Exelon have seen the integrity of our work in West Baltimore and have responded with financial support. They are joined by a host of other corporations, charitable foundations, public entities, and committed individuals.

PLEASE VISIT:

[BonSecoursBaltimoreFoundation.org](http://BonSecoursBaltimoreFoundation.org)



**RUTH WILLIAMS-  
BRINKLEY**

Regional President,  
Kaiser Permanente

Our partners at Bon Secours Community Works share our motivation to improve health by breaking the cycle of inequities and ensuring access to basic life needs. We encourage other leaders to join us in this vital partnership.



**STACEY ULLRICH**

Senior Director, Global Philanthropy  
at Under Armour

"When this project was presented to our team, we understood the value of having a place in the heart of the neighborhood where people can grow and be strengthened. With the devastation of the pandemic, it is now even more urgent to make our city better, neighborhood by neighborhood. In the words of the late John Lewis: "If not us, then who? If not now, then when?"



**ROBERT MATTHEWS**

Bon Secours Baltimore Foundation  
Board Member and Vice President,  
Workforce Development & Exelon  
Utilities Chief of Staff

"I grew up in a Baltimore community that had many of the same challenges. A neighborhood organization there ensured that I could be safe, supported, and cared for. It extended the care that my parents were trying to give, and it was a game-changer for me. As a board member at Bon Secours, I want to do my part for generations to come in West Baltimore."







### If You Need Help:

For information about programs or to schedule an intake please contact us at (410) 801-5100 or email us at [Community\\_Works@bshsi.org](mailto:Community_Works@bshsi.org)

### To Support Our Work:

For information about fundraising efforts, or to support our work, please contact Julie Mercer at Bon Secours Baltimore Foundation at [Julie\\_Mercer@bshsi.org](mailto:Julie_Mercer@bshsi.org).







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