



Welcome!

Fall 2016

This is the fall edition of our quarterly newsletter for New Day of Laurel Maryland Inc. New Day of Laurel Maryland is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. This edition will highlight changes to our board of directors and report on a few of the programs that have been successfully implemented.

Our Mission

As Evangelical followers of Jesus, our mission is to empower the mercy responses of area churches to facilitate relationally centered life change among the homeless and vulnerable. Our Vision is to empower churches, in cooperation with community partners to provide a year-round, comprehensive response to homelessness in our region. We will succeed when Laurel’s homeless, and those constantly at risk of becoming homeless, have opportunity for friendship, shelter, recovery from addiction, access to healthcare, and opportunities for meaningful work – all leading to the new life Jesus offers.



Our Goals

New Day is working towards a more permanent housing solution for many of our friends who find themselves homeless or chronically at risk for becoming homeless. We are also working to provide a permanent winter shelter facility to provide temporary housing for homeless people during the winter months. We are working closely with New Day congregations, elected leaders, business partners and others to make this dream a reality. Stay tuned for more exciting details about this project soon!

What’s Happening:

YOUTH IN TENTS EVENT:

The Youth in Tents event has been scheduled for spring 2017. This is a fundraising event where the youth from many different congregations will spend a day/night living in a tent to experience some of the things that a homeless person may feel. During the event New Day friends will talk with the youth in order to provide a better understanding of life of the street actually entails.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Support New Day of Laurel, Maryland Inc. by buying tickets for the Flapjack breakfast at Applebee’s, 13600 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel Maryland 20707 on Saturday November 12th 2016 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available from your New Day Church representative or by contacting New Day directly.

WINTER SHELTER 2016-2017:

The Laurel Winter Shelter Board is preparing for the winter season that is approaching to be able to provide shelter for the homeless this season. The Winter Shelter Board needs donations of blankets, pillows and hygiene items for the coming winter season. - LWS_Board@yahoo.com

What your donations have helped to do:



Wrenn Skidmore - Director of Friends’ Services is currently maintaining regular contact with 84 friends, though many more have been assisted. Since the end of the winter season:

- Seven friends have been connected with specific outside resources such as childcare, financial literacy programs, pregnancy supports, and guardianship services.
- Five new First Friend Breakfast attendees.
- Nine friends were assisted with gathering documents necessary for identification.
- Two friends had psychiatric evaluations completed which resulted in successful disability cases.
- Three friends received legal consultations or representation.
- Two apartments were furnished.
- Eighteen friends gained access to medical care.
- Five friends/families were placed in housing or offered concrete housing options.
- Seven friends received assistance with food stamps or other food assistance.

Our Board of Directors Changes:

Helen Harrington – former President has stepped down to returned to a work project. Dr. Michael Schaffer will take over as President until board elections.

Dr. Michael Schaffer – President/Vice-President



Dr. Michael Schaffer is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church serving as an Elder and worship assistant. Dr. Schaffer serves as the New Day Campus Coordinator and teaches Bible study classes for our friends in the Winter Shelter program. He retired from the

Montgomery County school system after 33 years. He also volunteers as the Vice-President of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Dept. and will assume the chaplain's position in the fall of 2016.

New board members:

James A. Hayes - Bethany Community Church.



Jim moved to Laurel after a very successful career in the Kansas City area in the Banking, Finance and Insurance industry. Jim is a graduate of Missouri Valley College and Graduate Studies in Real Estate Finance at the University of Chicago. He was a Lieutenant in the US Navy serving as a Navigator.

Jim has extensive experience in Commercial Banking and Finance, working for Prudential Insurance for 10 years, Vice President of Commercial Loans at Mercantile Trust Company for 5 years, President and CEO of Landmark Bank of Kansas City for 5 years, Chairman, President and CEO of O'Bannon Bank for 5 years and Litigation Consultant and Arbitrator at Joiner & Hayes for 15 years. He has served on many boards in the Kansas and will be a great asset to New Day of Laurel Maryland, Inc.

Edd G. Beavers – Bethany Community Church




Edd has been a resident of Laurel for 30 years. He grew up in southwest Virginia and served in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He attended the New York Institute of Technology. He worked for 3M and then as an integration specialist for NOAA and the FBI and a number of US and Canadian crime labs. In 1992 he went to work as a Designer and Software Development Manager for a Construction Software maker in Maryland where he worked until retiring in 2014.

New Day of Laurel needs your help!

Anyone can find themselves homeless. Most of the homeless today did not plan to be homeless. An illness or loss of a job or addiction can trigger a process where a person loses connections with family and friends and eventually ends up without a place to call home.

New Day of Laurel Maryland, Inc. works to mend broken relationships that lead to homelessness through meaningful relationships. We strive to provide for our friends' tangible needs while encouraging independence. Many of our formerly homeless friends now serve and provide support for new friends in the program.

New Day of Laurel Maryland, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Funds are used to directly support programs for New Day Friends. You can help by supporting New Day fundraising activities and making direct contributions to our program.

Watch our website (www.newdaylaurel.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/newdaylaurel) for announcements of fundraising activities. If you are a Facebook User please visit and Like us. 

You may also send donations at any time to: **New Day of Laurel, Inc. PO Box 514, Laurel, MD 20725** or donate online at our website – www.newdaylaurel.org.

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