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MND EVENTS

Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews
April 13, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Employment Training Program

Apr. 4-20
9:30am-3:30pm

COMPUTER CLASSES

MND's computer lab hosts classes open to the public.
4 classes for \$40.



Beginning Computer Classes

April 16-27
Mondays and Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm

Intermediate Computer Classes

April 30-May 11
Mondays and Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm
Call 410-230-0630 to sign up!

WAYS TO GIVE

Volunteer

Become a literacy tutor, mentor, computer lab assistant, or mock interviewer.
[Email us](#) to get involved.

Donate

MND welcomes gently-used and dry-cleaned professional clothing, or

Give today:



• Baltimore City Combined Charity: 7715

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MND NEWS

MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS

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Maryland New Directions (MND) has provided free career counseling, employment readiness and job placement to disenfranchised job seekers in Baltimore since 1973.

MND Receives Funding to Serve More Job Seekers

In support of MND's plan to increase its number of Career Focus enrollees from 200 to 300 per year, The Abell Foundation awarded a generous grant to MND for the first time this year. The John J. Leidy Foundation also showed support by continuing to fund MND with a recent grant.

"We are thrilled to receive this important funding from such respected foundations," said Executive Director Grace Lee. "These grants will enable us to provide services to more people at a lower cost per participant."

Want to give to MND? [Ask](#) how you can get involved.

Marcus Reed Earns Résumé Writing Certification

MND's Employment Specialist Marcus Reed officially became a Certified Professional Résumé Writer this March. This certification is granted to individuals who adhere to the highest standards in the content, grammar, presentation and overall effectiveness of a résumé. To date, Marcus has assisted over 300 clients in one-on-one résumé appointments at MND.



Volunteerism Higher Than Ever at MND

In 2011, MND began recruiting volunteers to conduct mock interviews, assist clients in the computer lab, and help with special projects. In the past year, over 50 volunteers and interns served the organization.

On March 21, MND celebrated 12 volunteers, interns and front desk assistants who regularly serve onsite. Volunteers donate over 500 combined hours to MND per month.

MND staff and clients deeply appreciate the dedicated service!



Standing, from left to right: Michael Grady, Grace Lee, Johnny DeQuair, Mistouira Salami, Michael Brown, Katherine Buitrago, Tyhera Gross, Marybeth Heather, Clair Watson. Sitting, from left to right: Erika Milenkovic, Kim Douglass, Patricia Knight, Caroline Beck. Photo courtesy of Michael Grady.

Stories We Live By: Claudia Cole

In 2011, Claudia Cole had just moved to Baltimore and was actively looking for work. After some time not being hired, a relative told her to contact MND. At first, Claudia was skeptical about the idea of an organization that helps individuals with career counseling and job placement at no cost. However, she found the interview and resume services very useful. After MND, she felt "definitely ready" to enter the workforce.



Armed with the skills she learned, Claudia went to a job fair MND had recommended. There, she met a recruiting manager at ABM Janitorial Services. Even though the company was not seeking administrative workers at the time, the recruiting manager liked Claudia so much he offered her a job as a part-time administrative assistant. Claudia plans to use this opportunity as a stepping stone to a full-time permanent position.