



August Newsletter 2016

Changing Lives Through Employment

Fall is quickly approaching and there are some exciting opportunities that we wanted to share. Attend Maryland Association of Nonprofits annual conference "Celebrating Success, Inspiring Innovation." Click [here](#) for more information - register for \$40off TODAY ONLY (use coupon code **FORTYOFF**). Also [Women of the World Baltimore festival](#) will be held at Notre Dame of MD University. You can register by clicking the link above or if you are willing to volunteer to host the MND info table for a shift you can receive a free ticket to attend one day. [Click here](#) to request more details.

Living Her Longshoreman Dream

Shamia Elliott worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and at the Department of Corrections in food service before she pursued her dream of becoming a Longshoreman. In October 2015 she enrolled in our MTDL training and demonstrated a high level of commitment, consistently being on time despite working night shifts. After 3 weeks she completed the training and she received a job offer the following Monday to become a Longshoreman. She has been working since last October and enjoys going to work every day. Shamia continues to find new opportunities to grow and learn. Shamia recently was featured in a picture on the front of the [Port of Baltimore magazine](#) (in the purple hat on the left). Congratulations on all of your success!



Donation Enhances Client Library

MND is grateful for a timely book donation from the Loyola University of Maryland's Career Center to expand our client lending library. One of MND's former clients, Starr Page, was especially glad for the donation as she has a vision to broaden our resources for clients through the lending library. Serving as a member of our Client Advisory Board (CAB), Starr commits her time and energy to strengthening others' experience at MND. The books provided by Loyola's Career Center represent a variety of job search tools and careers and Starr hopes they will assist clients in their career journey and inspire "more people to consider new opportunities." Thank you Loyola Career Center for the generous donation and to Starr and our college volunteers who sorted and organized the books! Consider donating a book for our clients to our growing library from our New [MND Amazon wishlist!](#)



Sami Lindgram (left) and Sephie Haire (center) worked closely with Starr Paige (right) who led the efforts to categorize the library. Starr hopes the lending library will be fully operational for clients soon!

In Recognition and Appreciation

MND would like to give a hearty thank you and a reluctant farewell to long-time friend and supporter, Paul DiBari, whose term has ended from our Board of Directors after nine years of service. Having helped MND to weather many challenges during his tenure, Paul's boundless optimism and unflappable nature will be sorely missed. As MND Executive Director Grace Lee states: "Paul always made us feel that anything was possible and that any obstacle could be overcome." We wish Paul the very best!



MND Board President Skip Case (left) acknowledges Paul DiBari's 9 years of service to MND on the Board of Directors.

To support MND's work in helping job seekers get employed we have created a new [AMAZON wishlist](#). You can help in practical ways by purchasing a book to add to our client resource library, getting flash drives for clients so they can keep a saved copy of their resume on hand or by purchasing supplies for our free professional clothing closet.

[Support Job Seekers: Purchase an item for MND!](#)

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