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As the year comes to a close, MND would like to thank our clients, partners and donors for a successful 2011.



## MND EVENTS

### Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews  
Jan. 27, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

### Employment Training Program

Jan. 23-30, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

### Beginning Computer Classes

Jan. 9-20  
Mondays and Fridays  
10:00 am-12:00 noon

### Intermediate Computer Classes

Jan. 30-Feb. 10  
Mondays and Fridays  
10:00 am-12:00 pm

## COMPUTER CLASSES



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

## What's New at MND?

### Introducing MND's Newest Staff Member: Max Elsmann



Assistant Director  
Max Elsmann

MND is proud to announce that Max Elsmann has joined the organization as Assistant Director. He brings over 20 years experience in workforce development, program evaluation, public relations and consulting.

"Max is a great addition to our team," said Executive Director Grace Lee. "His input will be valuable as we further develop employment opportunities and retention tools for our clients."

### MND and the Community

On December 14, MND was recognized on the Central Baltimore Partnership's (CBP's) Honor Roll for its services to the people and neighborhoods of central Baltimore.

"We are honored to be named on the CBP's 2011 Honor Roll," said Assistant Director, Max Elsmann. "The CBP has been a strong and innovative leader in the area's cultural and economic revival. We pledge to do our very best to continue and expand their good works."

MND participated in another local event on December 7 to present information about our services to the Charles Village Civic Association. MND welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with businesses and organizations in the neighborhood.

MND recently began working with the Franciscan Center's Attire 4 Hire program to offer a wider selection of men's professional clothing to MND clients. MND will refer male clients to the center, but will continue to build an in house supply of men's and women's clothing to meet urgent interview and work needs.

Also this year, MND began working with House of Ruth to help survivors of domestic violence retain employment leading to stability in their lives.

### Stories We Live By: Michael Williams

Michael Williams first came to Maryland New Directions in 2006 when a friend told him about the agency. Michael says, "I had gone to other programs, but they did not spend the time to actually show people how to interview and conduct a job search."

Michael attended MND's job readiness training and was pleased with the thoroughness of instruction and supportive nature of the program. Staff member Steve Thomas helped Michael with a career plan and gave him information and strategies on how to find work with a criminal background.



Michael Williams

Michael went back to school and found a job at Montgomery College in facilities maintenance. After two years working there, Michael's mother passed away and he encountered new health problems that caused him to lose his job.

After months battling depression, Michael remembered Steve's help from years before and returned to MND in 2011. After completing the job readiness program, he felt renewed and quickly landed several interviews. He is now a CDL driver for Baltimore City's Bureau of Solid Waste.

### Holiday Schedule and Inclement Weather

MND will be closed December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012.

In adverse weather conditions, MND will follow the Emergency Closure policy of Baltimore City updated at [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov).

