



[Join our mailing list](#)

MND EVENTS

Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews

March 2, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

Employment Training Program

Feb. 27- March 9

9:30am-3:30pm

Beginning Computer Classes

Feb. 21-March 2

Mondays and Fridays

1:30pm-3:30pm

Intermediate Computer Classes

Dates TBA

Mondays and Fridays

1:30pm-3:30pm

COMPUTER CLASSES



MND's 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

Read about us in



CONTACT US

Maryland New Directions

www.mdnewdirections.org

info@mdnewdirections.org

410-230-0630

2700 N. Charles St.

Suite 200

Baltimore, MD 21218



[Unsubscribe](#)

MND NEWS

MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS



www.mdnewdirections.org

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?

MND Facilitator Earns Award

MND's Lead Career Facilitator Stephen Thomas received an award for Outstanding Career Professional from the Maryland Career Development Association (MCDA) on January 27.

Stephen has worked at MND since 2007 and has helped over 5,000 low-income job seekers manage barriers to employment.



MCDA President Lakesha Mathews and Stephen Thomas.

Donors Make a Difference at MND

Even one donation can have a lasting impact on MND's clients.

MND is grateful to have a loyal base of donors who give in many ways. Some donors not only give monetary contributions, but also make the extra effort to organize clothing drives.

Longtime MND supporter and Ameriprise Financial advisor Henry Slyker routinely collects professional clothing at his workplace. Mr. Slyker says, "MND teaches others to fish instead of giving them a fish. I think of my donations as the fishing pole."



MND's clothing closet

New donors are also answering the call to give. Encouraged by friend and current donor Ellen Bernard, Beth Lebow offered her house as a drop-off point for her friends to leave clothing donations. Ms Lebow says she was motivated by one simple thought: "What could be better than to help someone present themselves in the best possible light when they're trying to get a job and become self-supporting?"

MND loves to learn about its donors. [Contact us](#) if you would like to be featured in MND News!

Stories We Live By: Kedrick Keys

In 2009, Kedrick Keys was finishing his master's degree in journalism in London and looked forward to returning to the US.

Unfortunately, hard times awaited him in Baltimore. Not only did his relationship end, but his mother was diagnosed with cancer. Kedrick became unemployed while he cared for his mother for two years. After she passed away, he was left with not only a serious emotional void, but also the mortgage bill and other expenses.

Kedrick tried searching for employment on his own, but was not able to land even a survival job. "I had never been unemployed, and the longer I went without a job, the more frightened I became," said Kedrick.

He tried other job readiness programs in the area, but received only limited help. Finally in January 2012, Kedrick came to MND, where he received the training he needed on résumés, interviewing and job searching. Kedrick says, "I received positive feedback and constructive criticism, which helped boost my self esteem."

Within a few weeks of participating in MND's workshops, Kedrick was hired full-time at Panera Bread. He sees this job as a much needed victory on the road to a fulfilling career. "It's a process, and mine is still not over," said Kedrick.

