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MND's Pre-Election Party



The Candidates:
Up Close and Personal

November 1, 6:00-8:30pm
University of Baltimore

MND EVENTS**Employment Training Program**

Orientation: June 14
Program: June 18-29
9:30am-3:30pm

Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews
June 22, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

Beginning Computer Classes

June 4-15
Mondays and Fridays
1:30pm-3:30pm

Intermediate Computer Classes

June 18-29
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**
- United Way: **3203**

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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.

Save the Date!

On November 1, MND will hold a special pre-election party called The Candidates: Up Close and Personal. Join us from 6:00 to 8:30 at the University of Baltimore Student Center to mingle with "political candidates" and enjoy plentiful pre-election hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and special voting activities!

MND will also honor supporter Ed Walker. Baltimore philanthropists Winnie Borden and Carol McGowan will chair the event.

[Contact us](#) to make sure you receive your invitation! Sponsorship opportunities are currently available.

Meet our New Business Manager Ed Thompson!

Last month, MND welcomed Ed Thompson as a new Business Manager. Ed initially became involved in nonprofits after watching a relative with mental health challenges struggle to find a job. With over 15 years of experience at Alliance Incorporated and the ARC, Ed remains a passionate advocate for equality in the workforce.



MND's Ed Thompson

"My goal here is to help MND develop and utilize already existing resources to help clients progress," said Ed.

Ed's positivity and determination make him a good fit with the rest of the staff. "People work here because they like what they do, and they believe in it. That feeds me in my work," said Ed.

There are many ways you can help our clients gain employment. [Contact Ed](#) to learn how you may partner with MND.

New Beginnings: Terri-Anne McCalla

Currently, Terri-Anne McCalla is working for the Baltimore Government Public Works department as a customer service representative with plans to go back to school to become a social worker. Though she has a clear career path now, six months ago she did not even know where to start.

Last winter, Terri-Anne McCalla moved to Baltimore with her three-year-old son. Because she was unfamiliar with the area and could not afford pre-school or daycare, she struggled to find a job. Trying to do the best thing for her son, she applied for Temporary Cash Assistance, which required her to participate in a job readiness program called New Beginnings.



Terri-Anne wearing a headset at her workplace

While at first she was not enthusiastic about the 3-week program, she soon realized the workshops, which were designed and facilitated by Morgan State University and MND, would help her find a job faster. Armed with new job search knowledge and higher motivation, she started carrying her electronic resume on a flash-drive everywhere she went. MND's barrier management class led by Sonya Gibbs and other MND staff made a strong impact on her, allowing her to listen and share about her journey.

"I grasped a whole lot in one day in MND's small class. When you can talk to somebody as a friend, you can grasp more than you can by just being a student," said Terri-Anne.

By committing to the New Beginnings program, Terri-Anne got the job she has now, a significant achievement after working so hard. "I started to cry when I got my start date," said Terri-Anne. When she was hired, Sonya was one of the first people she called.

