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MND's 38th Anniversary Dinner



November 8, 2011
6:00 to 8:30pm
Mt. Washington
Conference Center

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MND EVENTS

Resource Week

Nov. 14, 16, 18, 9am-4pm

Employment Training Program

Dec. 5-9, 9:30am-3:30pm

Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews

Dec. 9, 9am-12noon

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Volunteer

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MND NEWS

MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS



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What's New at MND?

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

MND's Executive Director Recognized Internationally and Locally

This month, MND's Executive Director Grace Lee became a winner of the International Alliance for Women's World of Difference Award. The award recognizes leaders who have advanced the economic empowerment of women.



Grace Lee

Founder of MND, Marian Goetze, had nominated Grace for the award. "Grace has led the staff and board to achievements worthy of special recognition for Maryland New Directions," said Marian. "She has certainly made a world of difference in the lives of so many people through her dedication."

Also, earlier this year, Grace was named one of Baltimore's VIPs (Very Important Professionals) under 40 by the *Daily Record*.

"I am humbled by these recognitions," said Grace. "It's inspiring for me to meet amazing people doing wonderful work locally and internationally. Every bit of our contribution can help make this world a better place for all."

MND Resource Week: November 14, 16 and 18

MND will host three days of infoshops where some of MND's community partners will present information about their services to our clients and staff. Presenters will cover such topics as health, personal finances, and more. Please email [Clair Watson](mailto:Clair.Watson@mnd.org) if your company or organization is interested in participating.

Success Story: Maxine Jackson



Maxine Jackson

Four children, no job, and separated from her husband, Maxine came to MND looking for help in 2006.

Determined to succeed, she enrolled in nearly every program MND offered. She soon found entry-level employment, but continued coming to MND for help with her career path.

Just as life began to improve, Maxine suddenly encountered difficulties when her son left for Iraq. The constant worrying caused her to lose her job, and she went into depression for months. MND staff lost contact with her because she had moved. One day, Maxine was cleaning out her closet and came across the materials she received at MND. Something clicked. Maxine realized that she had the ability to get back into the workforce with all the skills she had gained at MND.

Maxine renewed her job search efforts and soon attained a receptionist position at an ophthalmologist's office. Maxine is now in her fourth year working there and recently received a raise.

Maxine will speak at MND's 38th Anniversary Dinner on November 8.