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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

### Volunteer Events

Mock Interviews  
October 21, 9am-12noon

### Employment Training Program Schedule

Oct. 17-21, 9:30am-3:30pm

## 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

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# MND NEWS

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## What's New at MND?

Welcome to the first issue of *MND News*. Maryland New Directions has provided employment services to disenfranchised job seekers in Baltimore since 1973. MND offers free career counseling, employment readiness and job placement through our comprehensive Career Focus program.

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MND's 38th Anniversary Dinner honors long-time supporter Carol McGowan. Carol believes all adults should have access to career training and assessment. She has been involved with MND for over 25 years, offering her talents on the Board of Directors and special committees.

Join us for dinner, music, and inspirational stories at the Mt. Washington Conference Center on November 8 from 6:00 to 8:30pm. Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, President of UMBC will be the keynote speaker. Last year's honorees Neal and Winnie Borden are chairing the event. Tickets are still available at \$100 each. [Contact MND](#) for information. All proceeds help support job seekers.

### AEGON Transamerica and Other Professionals Serve Clients

Last August, six volunteers from Transamerica participated in MND's new mock interview program to give MND clients valuable interview practice. Volunteers received a 30 minute orientation before interviewing job seekers and providing feedback.

The group also included professionals from *The Daily Record*, Frontier Medex and Case Industrial Partners. Call MND to find out why Baltimore human resource professionals are saying every manager should have the opportunity to participate in this program.

### Success Story: Sonya Gibbs

Sonya Gibbs came to MND after spending 25 years in the retail industry. After 18 fruitless months searching for opportunities in her field, Sonya knew it was time for a change.



Past client and new MND staff member, Sonya Gibbs.

At MND, Sonya was able to assess her skills, qualifications and strengths. For the first time, Sonya faced her greatest barrier to success: "I'd never received my high school diploma," says Sonya, "and I never told anyone about it."

With MND's support, Sonya received her GED, found a job and became an enthusiastic volunteer for the organization. Impressed by Sonya's drive, focus and passion, MND hired her as a Job Coach. "Now I get to help people with the same barriers that I had," says Sonya.