



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

THE JACQUES INITIATIVE

Project SHALEM (Safe HIV/AIDS Love Empowerment Ministry)

A partnership with the community to promote HIV prevention, testing, education, care and support

Satellite Site Summary

Helping Up Mission, Inc.

1017 East Baltimore Street

Baltimore, MD 21202

Contact: James Hill

Phone: 410-227-7115

<http://community.helpingupmission.org>

Testing Commitment: 2nd Tuesday of every month in Residential Program and every other month in the Overnight Program.

Since 1885, Helping Up Mission has served and aided the poor and homeless in the City of Baltimore and surrounding region. During the last half of the twentieth century, the Mission narrowed its focus to serving the spiritual and physical needs of the poor and homeless men in the region.

The JACQUES Initiative (JI) and Helping Up Mission have recently formed a sustainable partnership. This partnership has developed an ongoing monthly program of HIV and AIDS education as well as testing for those clients at the Mission. Project SHALEM collaborates with the Mission to provide educational workshops including HIV 101 for men in economic and social transition during the monthly event. At the close of the workshop session, trained Project SHALEM volunteers conduct HIV rapid testing to willing participants.

In addition to this, we now also offer testing and linkage to care for the guests who attend Helping Up Mission for overnight shelter.

James Tabernacle Apostolic Holiness Church

3400 Mondawmin Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21216

Leadership: Pastor Steven Burgess

Contact: Janice Sellers

Phone: 443-415-7848

Testing Commitment: 3rd Saturday of every month

Since the Fall of 2009, Project SHALEM has partnered with James Tabernacle Apostolic Holiness Church. The collaboration began with volunteer participation at weekly Saturday food provision for the surrounding community and homeless population. In January 2010, James Tabernacle launched their first HIV testing initiative as a joint commitment with the food for the community program.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

2812 Reisterstown Road

Baltimore, MD 21215

Leadership: Rev. Franklin Lance

Contact: Gail Graham

Phone: 410-669-1800

<http://www.mtlebanonbaptist.org>

Testing Commitment: 2nd Saturday of every month

Mt. Lebanon is committed to having ministries that matter. Given this, their calling and their challenge is to “find a need and fill it, as well as find a hurt and heal it.” Mt. Lebanon launched their first HIV testing event in March 2010 to fill the gap of HIV testing services in their community. Identifying hard to reach populations is the focus for this faith-based institution as well as linking persons living with the disease to proper care and treatment.

CASA de Maryland

2224 East Fayette Street

Baltimore, MD 21231

Contact: Abdel PiedraMartel

Phone: 410-732-7777

<http://www.casademaryland.org>

Testing Commitment: 1st Saturday of every month

CASA of Maryland is a community organization that was founded in 1985 by Central American refugees and North Americans. CASA was created in response to the human needs of the thousands of Central Americans arriving to the D.C. area after fleeing wars and civil strife in their countries of origin. CASA provides education, services and legal impact strategies that support low-income women, workers and tenants in becoming self-sufficient and improve their economic and social well-being.

CASA of Maryland's Health Program works to address public health and primary care needs in the community. This includes health education and improved access to screening and treatment services for HIV, cancer and tobacco use prevention. CASA's model of education utilizes popular education methodology to train community health promoters who are trusted by their peers. They provide on site HIV counseling and testing services two times per week and primary medical care one day per week. CASA also addresses the need for improved access to medical treatment by providing a bilingual telephone health line to inform community members of available services and to help them navigate the system. Additionally, CASA provides medical interpreting services for limited English speakers.

Paul's Place, Inc.

1118 Ward Street

Baltimore, MD 21230

Contact: Marjorie Buchanan/Jason Sharp

Phone: 410-325-0775

<http://www.paulsplaceoutreach.org>

Testing Commitment: every Wednesday from 11-1pm

Paul's Place is a catalyst and leader for change, improving the quality of life in the Washington Village/Pigtown neighborhood and the surrounding Southwest Baltimore communities. Paul's Place provides programs, services and support that strengthen individuals and families, fostering hope, personal dignity and growth.

Through an existing partnership with the University of Maryland School of Nursing (SON) program, the JACQUES Initiatives partners with Paul's Place and the SON to offer HIV screening to all community residents and other clients who partake in the weekly hot lunch program at the facility. Paul's Place brings stability to the lives of Pigtown residents, improving their health and well-being, providing structure for their children, helping them avoid eviction, and offering them hope and purpose.

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

"Hot Dogs and a Handshake"

416 East 23rd St.

Baltimore, MD 21218

Contact: Pastor Eric King

Phone: 410-935-1038

Testing Commitment: every 3rd Thursday of the month

St Matthew's is a church that we have partnered with for several HIV Testing and Linkage to Care events. Recently, they invited us to join with their lunchtime ministry of "Hot Dogs and a Handshake", where people in the community are given lunch, and warm welcome to the church. We partner with them to offer HIV testing and Linkage to Care to a community that is impoverished and negatively impacted by drug use.

Grace Baptist Church

3201 The Alameda

Baltimore, MD 21218

Pastor Eric A. Holder

Contact: Sister Annie Fields – Green

Phone: 410.235.0784

Testing Commitment: every 4th Friday of the month

Grace Baptist Church has a “Soup Kitchen and Clothing Giveaway” held every Friday lunchtime from 12:00 – 2:00pm. The program is run by Sister Annie Green and her team who are church members at Grace Baptist Church. In supplement, we now provide monthly free HIV Testing and Linkage to Care services.