Name of Organization: Franciscan Center, Inc.

Mission: The Franciscan Center provides emergency assistance and supportive outreach to persons who are economically disadvantaged in an effort to assist them in realizing their self-worth and dignity as people of God.

Programs and Services: The Franciscan Center serves as a “one-stop shop” for families and individuals in crisis, helping them to achieve stability by meeting their basic human needs and empowering them with the tools and resources they need to build self-sufficient lives. Our programs provide food, clothing, basic computer skills training, job readiness programs and a range of emergency financial assistance that is truly unique.

Inspiration: The spirit and ethos of St. Francis of Assisi – humble and joyful service to the poor and love for all of God’s creation.

Greatest Asset: Our friends and supporters in the community who make our mission possible.

Biggest Challenge: The need for our services is ever greater, and we can provide only the services we have resources for.

Involvement Opportunities: The Franciscan Center is truly community supported. Not only does more than 98% of our funding come from private sources, but on any given day there are as many volunteers working in the building as there are paid staff. We partner with friends, donors and volunteers from throughout Maryland in service to Baltimore’s most vulnerable citizens.

Volunteer and Work Opportunities: The Franciscan Center offers a variety of daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities. Volunteers serve in our Dining Program, Pantry, Clothing Department, Technical Resource Center and Responsive Services Department, as well as at special events and activities. To learn more, contact the Center’s Volunteer and In-Kind Coordinator, Angela Hall, at: ahall@fcbmore.org.