

# SOURCE's Partner of the Month – June 2013

## Caroline Center

**Mission:** Caroline Center provides a tuition-free education, career and life skills training to underserved women living in Baltimore City.

**Programs and Services:** A tuition-free, 15-week career education and skills training program for underserved women living in Baltimore City who are seeking to enter the healthcare profession as certified nursing assistants, geriatric nursing assistants, and pharmacy technicians. Our holistic approach to learning prepares women for success in the workplace and life through small classes and individualized instruction supported by weekly speakers, seminars in financial management, business writing, speech and journaling, and computer skills training. Trainees also have the benefit of on-site individual and group counseling sessions, social work services, and career counseling support.

**Inspiration:** Our work to alleviate poverty and improve the world through education is inspired by Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. We are located on the site where Blessed Theresa and Mother Caroline Friess taught and worked for social justice for women.

**Greatest Asset:** The many people and organizations who are passionate about our mission and champion the work we are privileged to be able to do. It is also an asset to be organizationally small and nimble, allowing for creative decision-making leading to the best possible program and services.

**Biggest Challenge:** Similar to so many dedicated not-for-profit organizations, we strive for sufficient resources to support program delivery and enhance our program. A second challenge is to increase visibility among potential funders and prospective supporters and to be recognized more widely for the leadership role we play in educating women for work.

**Involvement Opportunities:** Caroline Center welcomes you to learn more about our program and to inquire about opportunities to teach, to mentor and coach trainees, and to share your professional expertise as a seminar speaker or participant on an employer panel. Caroline Center also offers field study opportunities for graduate students in health and human services and social work studies.

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