**Name of Organization:** Banner Neighborhoods

**Mission:** “to promote resident-based leadership, neighborhood pride and stability, and provide direct services that contribute to the overall viability throughout 10 communities in southeast Baltimore”

**Programs and Services:** 4 distinct programs:
- **Senior home maintenance program:** semi-annual home inspections, small home repairs and ongoing routine maintenance services for low-income elderly and disabled homeowners
- **Youth programs:** engaging youth in positive activities (i.e. art and sports)
- **Growing green, running blue:** helping in community gardens, supporting the transformation of vacant lots and planting trees and then linking these efforts to keeping the harbor and Chesapeake Bay clean.
- **Community empowerment:** providing opportunities for residents to make their neighborhood a better place to live

**Inspiration:** The vision of the communities that they work with

**Greatest Asset:** Staff and volunteers

**Biggest Challenge:** Funding

**Involvement Opportunities:**
- Involvement in the youth programs to do homework and reading help, art and sports.
- New teen initiative which will focus on healthy lifestyle choices specifically targeting sex and early parenthood has many opportunities for involvement
- There are always opportunities for one time community beautification projects as well
- Always open to people bringing new ideas to them!