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Melodie Cunningham is the Director of Philanthropy for Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO). GEDCO provides affordable housing and supportive services for low income seniors, people who were homeless, individuals with mental or physical disabilities, and those needing food and other emergency assistance services. She is responsible for all fundraising activities, marketing, volunteer programs, and relationships with GEDCO’s 55-member organizations. Prior to working for GEDCO, Ms. Cunningham was the Founder and President of Global Diversity Group, a full-service marketing company with a focus on public outreach and event management. While at Global Diversity Group, Ms. Cunningham has worked with various organizations such as Volvo Cars of North America, USDA in Delaware, and American Cities Foundation in Philadelphia on community-based projects. She has assisted numerous non-profits with the marketing and fundraising for their programs and services. Her career has expanded over 25 years working for companies such as American Express in New York and Visa International in Foster City California, in the areas of marketing and development.

Ms. Cunningham received her BA Degree in Economics from Princeton University and her MBA in Marketing and International Business from the Stern Business School at New York University.
**Thomas Frey**  
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Thomas Frey is the volunteer coordinator of the Adult Learning Center at Strong City Baltimore. The Adult Learning Center provides classes in Adult Basic Education and English Language Acquisition to Baltimore residents, all at no cost to the learner. Each year the ALC empowers over 500 adults to reach their educational, career, and personal goals. Thomas has been in his current role with the ALC since November of 2019. He is responsible for all volunteer recruitment, orientation, and retention as well as ensuring productive and successful tutor-student matches.

Thomas is originally from the Washington area and graduated high school on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He is a US Army veteran and a graduate of the Defense Language Institute, the Community College of Baltimore County, and the University of Baltimore. Thomas recently graduated from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with an MAS in Spatial Analysis for Public Health. He is also a certified addiction counselor, having most recently worked in the field at Addiction Treatment Services, at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Thomas is grateful for the opportunity to work with the JHU Source Community Council and engage with other community partners.
Quandra Gaines
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For more than 24 years, Quandra Gaines has worked with small to mid-size nonprofits, community organizations, schools, and churches writing grants, developing and facilitating fundraising activities, facilitating training, providing administrative, documenting or capacity building services to organizations which may consist of researching new funding streams for existing or new projects to creating special projects, programs, and services to promote a particular organization within the communities that they served.

She has worked in many capacities in many different forums within the nonprofit and corporate environment. She has retained strong ties with the communities, organizations, and funders that she has worked with or for as an employee or organizer. She has worked for organizations such as The Men and Families Center, Inc, The Baltimore Branch NAACP, The Awele Foundation, Franklin Group Homes, Inc. The After School Institute, The Nehemiah House, Inc., and Johns Hopkins Department of Pharmacy.

She currently works at Civic Works-Center for Sustainable Careers Energy Program and for The Initiative Baltimore.
Meet Angela Hall, the Director of Outreach at the Franciscan Center. The Franciscan Center provides a continuum of essential service to the economically disadvantaged to reduce poverty and increase self-sufficiency in Baltimore. The Franciscan Center has been in operation since 1968 offering a continuum of care that includes food, clothing, emergency health services, counseling and technology training.

Angela’s responsibility at the center ranges from oversight of all aspects of the volunteer program to building partnerships and collaborations with local churches, businesses, and organizations to increase the center’s effectiveness, reach, and community impact. Angela also oversees the annual Halloween and Christmas events held at the Franciscan Center along with its bimonthly Food Distributions.

Angela is also the first ordained female of an historical black community called Turner Station. She was one of the first involved to create the Turner Station Conservation Teams, Inc. and the communities annual Back to School event. Her tenure as one of the associate ministers at friendship Baptist church in Turner Station comes with being a recipient of the Baptist Congress of Christian Education, commitment to serve honoree three times. Her service is fueled by her passion to dismantle myths, prejudice’s, and margins that go with homelessness and poverty. It is her mission to bring awareness to how meaningful and impactful it is to get involved with community building.
Lindsay Jacks
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Lindsay Jacks is the Volunteer Coordinator at The Family Tree, an organization that leads Maryland in preventing child abuse. The Family Tree’s vision is that all children are raised in safe and supportive families and communities. This vision is accomplished by providing research-based programs and services that empower families. Lindsay has 15 years of experience in volunteer coordination focusing on opportunities for volunteers with disabilities. Creating an inclusive volunteer program is her efforts at Baltimore Center Stage, where she still works as a part-time Volunteer Coordinator. Lindsay has a B.F.A in Theater Management from Jacksonville State University and a B.S. in Animal Behavior from Towson University.

In addition to her volunteer coordination work, Lindsay has a passion for conservation. She is the Director of Lights Out Baltimore (LOB), a non-profit that strives to make Baltimore safe for migratory birds. LOB is an all-volunteer-run organization that walks daily to rescue injured birds during migration season that have fallen victim to light pollution and building collisions. Deceased birds are collected and donated to Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and JHU School of Medicine for research. LOB works with the city and local organizations to reduce light pollution and advocate for sustainable building design. Lindsay has been a bird keeper in Association of Zoo and Aquariums (AZA) institutions for 10 years and serves on the committee of AZA’s North American Songbird Working Group. As the role of LOB Director, Lindsay is responsible for fundraising, grant writing, outreach, and testifying for state and federal legislation that supports sustainable building design. Lindsay’s spare time is also being a volunteer for Baltimore’s birds. She volunteers at Phoenix Wildlife Center in Maryland caring for the injured birds she finds on her LOB walks and releasing them back to the wild.
I run the Volunteer Program at Moveable Feast, a nonprofit in East Baltimore that serves medically tailored meals to those living with chronic illnesses. Volunteers touch every part of our organization and are the reason we have grown from 10 clients in 1989 to over 6,000 in 2018! My role is more than getting volunteers through the door to prepare and package meals – it’s helping people make an emotional connection to their community so they can see how great of an impact “just one person” can have.

I myself started as a volunteer with Moveable Feast in 2013, where I fully learned about the devastating history of the AIDS crisis of the 80s. As new generations emerge and we move farther away from this time, it is imperative that I use my role at Moveable Feast to share the history of AIDS in the United States, and that although huge medical strides have been made for those living with this illness, the stigma still lives on.

Though I have been in Baltimore for 14 years, my roots didn't really start growing until I became involved with some of Baltimore’s amazing nonprofits. I have been a performer, director and supporter of Fluid Movement for almost 10 years. I was the Silent Auction co-chair of Planned Parenthood of Maryland’s Spring Gala for 2017 and 2018, taking a break in 2019 to care for my newborn and take a Master Gardener class.
Sarah Lance is the Community Relations Coordinator for House of Ruth Maryland. House of Ruth Maryland leads the fight to end violence against women and their families by confronting the attitudes, behaviors, and systems that perpetuate it, and by providing victims with the services necessary to rebuild their lives safely and free of fear. As the Community Relations Coordinator Sarah oversees the volunteer programs at HRM and works with community organizations who want to engage in the mission of HRM.

Sarah is a graduate of La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA where she majored in Marketing. After university she spent a year as a full time volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). Through JVC, she worked as a Housing Paralegal at the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, MD. Sarah worked with Baltimore City Tenants who were facing eviction and other forms of harassment from their landlords. As a Jesuit Volunteer (JV) Sarah lived in community with three other JVs volunteering in Baltimore. JVs live by the four values of: social justice, simple living, spirituality, and community. Sarah is originally from Portland, OR, but has called the east coast home for the past 6 years.
**Veronica Land-Davis, LCSW-C**  
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As the Executive Director, Veronica Land-Davis, is responsible for the overall health, safety and operations of the program and services. She is responsible for establishing and fostering positive working relationships with community service providers and constituents in order to educate the community on grief and loss and offering programs at the Roberta’s House that promote a safe place for recovery and healing from the loss of a loved one.

Veronica, a licensed certified social worker-clinical, comes to the Roberta House with thirty years of experience working with children, adults and families in the Baltimore Metropolitan area. Educated in the Baltimore City Public School system and a graduate of Western High School, she received her Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Sociology/Social Work from University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Veronica attained her Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning in. In 2001, she completed The Head Start-Johnson & Johnson Management Fellows Program at the John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA.

Veronica has served families in roles of both a clinician and a manager in many settings such as residential treatment centers, child prevention agencies, Treatment Foster Care, Head Start and Home Health Care. Advocating for children and families is essential for her and this is evident as she has served on several State wide committees such as Maryland State Interagency Advisory Council and Maryland Universal Pre-K Task Force.
**Randi Alper Pupkin**  
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In March 2000, after practicing law for 14 years, Randi Pupkin founded Art with a Heart. Art with a Heart is a non-profit organization that provides 14,500 interactive visual art classes annually to children, youth and adults in Baltimore’s most compromised communities. In addition to its core classes, Art with a Heart’s efforts include a workforce development program, a leadership program, community service initiatives, large-scale public art projects and a retail/social enterprise store called HeARTwares located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Randi is a 2009 graduate of the Weinberg Fellows program and a 2008 graduate of GBC Leadership. In May 2016, Randi was honored as one of Baltimore City’s Inspiring Voices by Community Law In Action (CLIA) and in May 2011, the YWCA honored Randi at its annual Leader Lunch. Randi was also honored by the Daily Record as one of Maryland’s Top 100 Women in 2005, 2008 and in May 2011, was inducted into the Circle of Excellence as a third time honoree. In 2007, Randi received the Distinguished Alumni Award by Lynchburg College and in 2009, she was selected to give the commencement address to its graduates. In October 2018, Randi was one of 10 Homecoming Heroes recognized during the inaugural Baltimore Homecoming and January 2019, she received a Champion of Courage award from WBFF-TV and M&T Bank for her passionate commitment to youth and to the Baltimore community.

Randi serves on the Board of the Elijah Cummings Youth Program in Israel, the Board of Shalom Tikvah, The Rose Street Community Center Board, the Family Studies Human Services Advisory Board of Towson University’s Department of Family Studies, and the Baltimore Fine Arts Plan Advisory Committee.

Randi is married to Dr. Andrew Pupkin and they have three children, Jessica 26 and Ethan 24 and Isiah 34, who Randi met in a group home when he was 13 years of age and who joined their family when he was 17.
Samuel T. Redd
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Samuel T. Redd was born, raised, and educated in Baltimore City. He graduated from the Historic Baltimore City College High School, a fact he states with pride as a distinguished alumna. Mr. Redd has served his beloved hometown in several capacities, most notably as the Fire Commissioner of Baltimore City Fire Department. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Operation P.U.L.S.E., a position he has held since 1992. Under Sam Redd’s leadership, P.U.L.S.E. has received numerous citations and awards from governors, mayors, United States House of Representatives, United States Senate and community groups as well as other organizations and institutions. During a formal ceremony in April 2016, Mr. Redd accepted on behalf of Operation P.U.L.S.E., as the state of Maryland’s recipient of the FBI Director’s Community Leadership Award for 2015. Mr. Redd has been called upon often to speak in public forums, seminars and training classes on crime prevention and faith based initiatives. Mr. Redd additionally has been instrumental in bridging the gap between businesses, schools, churches, law enforcement agencies and the community. Mr. Redd has served on the board of Metro Crime Stoppers and as a member of the board of fire commissioners for Baltimore City Fire Department. The Eastern Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia conferred an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters upon him. He is a graduate of the Spring 2008 Class of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Citizens Academy. He has served as 1st Vice President, and President of the FBI Alumni Association. He formerly was host and producer of Baltimore City Cable Network (TV 25) television show, The PULSE, which featured and highlighted law enforcement officials and those actively engaged in public safety in and around the City. Every year, Mr. Redd host one of Baltimore’s biggest and well attended National Night Out Against Crime block parties, supports multiple communities with back to school supplies as well as spearheads a Pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner and Awards Worship Service all through community partnerships. Mr. Redd’s goals have been and are still, to continue to make East Baltimore and Baltimore City as a whole a safe place to work, worship, matriculate and live.
A lifelong resident and community leader/activist of East Baltimore who continues living in his childhood teachings: Family Values, Community Pride, Respect and Loyalty. Glenn has worked under three Mayors of Baltimore City and coordinated several city-wide program such as: Shape-up Baltimore, Mayor’s Campaign for a Cleaner Baltimore, and Citizens Planning and Housing Association’s Neighborhoods Resource Bank to name a few. Glenn has served on numerous boards, committees and research programs/projects with the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions over the last 22 years. He has served on countless Community Boards and Committees in East and Southeast Baltimore in the last 26 years living in the McElderry Park Community. Glenn has been voted the “Best Community Activist”; (Baltimore City Paper). Glenn has been a single parent with two lovely daughters for over 26 years and has six active grandchildren who are taught the same family values as he did. Glenn’s knowledge in sanitation and environmental issues, and health related practices has become his community organizing tools when working in disadvantage neighborhoods. His vision is to educate residents and community stakeholders in: “How our environment affects our health?”, as well as, “Breaking the disconnect” between Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the East Baltimore Communities by changing the game. The Environmental Justice Partnership Board has given Glenn the vehicle to use the tools of his organizing skills to drive a new path towards educating East Baltimore residents and stakeholders to help create a healthy environment to live, work and play in as well as the environment in side each and every one of us.
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Jordan Villalobos is the Director of Development & Communications at Project PLASE (People Lacking Ample Shelter & Employment). Project PLASE has been serving the Baltimore homeless community for over 45 years—providing temporary and permanent housing, supportive services, and active case management to previously homeless individuals and families. Their vision is to ultimately end homelessness by advocating not only on the individual level, but to also make change in the Baltimore, and wider, community to help decrease the causes of homelessness. Each year, PLASE serves around 1,500 people through their housing programs and even more through their community resources such as our quarterly Job Fairs, Food Pantry, Community Food Drop (produce giveaway), and various other outreach events. Jordan received her B.A. from the University of Baltimore, where she found and later cultivated her passion for community engagement and working with Baltimore’s Non-Profits, which ultimately led her to Project PLASE.

In addition to working to increase public awareness and support for PLASE, Jordan also manages PLASE’s volunteer program and has worked closely with various college organizations and departments to increase student involvement with PLASE’s efforts. Many of these activities include group volunteer days, program changes and research, grant writing, and working in PLASE’s Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Many volunteers also assist in planning and implementing fundraising events, donation campaigns, holiday gift drives and more.
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Majid Zaghari is the General Manager of Saint Vincent De Paul Enterprise. His role ranges from oversight of finance, operations, marketing, and staff management; as well as, building partnerships and coalitions with local organizations to heighten the organization’s social impact. The Enterprise provides food access and services to schools, senior living, shelters; as well as, community sites in the greater Baltimore Area.

Majid also oversees the workforce development program known as NextCourse, which trains mostly under-employed, at-risk members of the community and eventually certifies them to work successfully in the hospitality industry. This role also extends to building a network with major NGOs and advocacy groups in the region (Family League, Catholic Charities, Y of Maryland) to provide and improve food access.

Prior to working for Saint Vincent De Paul, Majid worked in the private food industry sector for 19 years - piloting multi-unit food, catering and retail divisions that host a variety of national brands for Aramark and Compass Group. His area of expertise includes, among others:

- Culinary Development and Concepts Analysis
- Accounting & Finance
- Compliance & Certification
- Contract Management
- Operating Procedures & Systems within the Food Industry.
- Recruitment and Training
- Food Procurement and Distribution
- Urban Food Access
- Work Force Development
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