Melodie Cunningham
*Director of Philanthropy, Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO)*
*mcunningham@gedco.org*

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.
Renata Fries
Founder and Executive Director, EndsideOut
renata@endsideout.org

Renata Fries is the founder and Executive Director of EndsideOut, a non-profit organization focused on health, nutrition, fitness, and wellness education to empower students, families, schools, and communities in the City of Baltimore. Health equity is fundamental to a strong society, yet there are often health disparities based on poverty, geography, race, and other socio-economic factors. Under Renata’s leadership and strategic planning, EndsideOut seeks to bridge these gaps through community-based nutrition and exercise interventions to sustain healthier and happier lives. Through her work with EndsideOut, Renata leads in the creation and implementation of several programs and guides the evolving redevelopment process to best meet the needs of the Baltimore community in an ever-changing social context.

Prior to founding EndsideOut, Renata worked in the healthcare industry. She has over 30 years of experience with healthcare policy, and regulation in both the private and federal sector. Throughout her entire career, Renata has demonstrated commitment and passion to service. Through establishing a community-based organization, Renata’s commitment to youth, their families, and communities will contribute to creating strong, healthy communities in the City of Baltimore and beyond.
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 an 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
Volunteer Coordinator at The Family Tree
ljacks@familytreemd.org

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.
Angie Kelley  
*Volunteer Manager, Moveable Feast*  
*AKelley@mfeast.org*

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.
Jeremy LaMaster (he/they) is the Executive Director of FreeState Justice, a social justice organization that works statewide to improve the lives of LGBTQ Marylanders and their families through legal services, policy advocacy, outreach, education, and coalition building. As an upwardly mobile queer person, Jeremy experiences and witnesses the ways power and privilege circulate to inform systems of oppression within our communities. His career has focused on translating feminist and anti-racist theory into practice by incorporating social justice into programs and adapting business tools to address systemic inequities.

Before joining FreeState Justice, Jeremy was an educator and student affairs professional at Rutgers University, teaching undergraduate courses on race, gender, class, sexuality, and social justice. More recently, Jeremy managed the merger of two landmark national HIV research programs at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He employed vision and strategy to streamline study operations and to ensure that the experiences of Black women, trans folk, and gay/bisexual men remained centered.

Jeremy holds Bachelor’s degrees in Women’s Studies and Biology from Penn State, a Master’s degree in Women’s & Gender Studies from Rutgers University, and recently completed his MBA at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. Jeremy lives in Baltimore City with their French Bulldog, Bohunka. When he has time, Jeremy enjoys video games, cooking, and Grey’s Anatomy.
Randi Alper Pupkin  
*Founder/ Executive Director of Art with a Heart, Inc.*  
randi@artwithaheart.net

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 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.
Glenn Ross
Founder/Chair Southeast Community Stakeholders Coalition; Vice Chair Southeast Community Organization; Community Consultant JHU SOURCE

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 serve 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.
Jose Simmons  
Chief Operating Officer, Total Health Care  
JSimmons@totalhealthcare.org

My position at Total Health Care, Inc, a Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC), located in Baltimore City, MD, is the Chief Operating Officer.

At Total Health Care, Inc., I am responsible for the daily operations of our eight ambulatory care clinical sites located in West Baltimore with the capacity to serve 35,000 patients annually. My responsibilities include overseeing the daily operations of each site, collaborating with Senior Leadership, our clinical managers and staff, and outside agencies. My work strategy and plan is to develop a system-wide ambulatory strategy focused on expanding ambulatory patient volume, improving the overall care delivery environment, fostering best practices in ambulatory care, enhancing use of administrative and clinical data to innovate and improve the patient care experience and oversight of the Information Technology systems for the organization, driven by a commitment to health justice and equity.

For the past 28 years, I have worked in FQHC’s in multiple jurisdictions such as Los Angeles, New York, DC, and other metropolitan cities where the poor and underserved utilize FQHC’s to gain access to medical care. I’ve found a professional home and a worthy movement in helping inner city communities. Within the FQHC environment, I have had multiple opportunities to serve in several ways in both administrative and clinical roles from acting Chief Operating Officer, to that of a behavioral health clinician. As a licensed, LCSW-C, and as a leader in behavioral health, I’ve developed, and managed opioid medication assisted treatment (MAT) and LGBTQ behavioral health programs and services.

I hold a BA, MSEd and MSW and graduated from New York University with specialized training in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.
Kristin Topel is the Program Manager of the Hopkins Community Connection program within the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has a background as a mental health therapist and in public health, with a particular focus on addressing health inequities. In her role she is responsible for overseeing social needs programing across five clinical sites, serving more than 3,000 unique patients annually with a workforce of nearly 100 undergraduate volunteers, case managers, social work students, and community health workers. She serves as a subject matter expert regarding food insecurity, social need screening and navigation, and facilitating partnerships with Community Based Organizations across the system.
Majid Zaghari
Vice President of Saint Vincent De Paul's Good Harvest Community Kitchen
Majid.Zaghari@vincentbaltimore.org

Majid Zaghari is the Vice President of Saint Vincent De Paul's Good Harvest Community Kitchen. 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. Good Harvest Community Kitchen is a social enterprise expanding access to healthy food for children, adults, families, and seniors in group settings such as shelters, pre-schools, after school programs, summer camps, adult day care centers, group homes and senior centers. 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
SOURCE Team

Mindi B. Levin, MS, CHES ®
Founder and Director

R. Tyler Derreth, PhD
Associate Director

Tony Bridges
Assistant Director

Vanessa Pinkney
Administrative Coordinator

Ezzat Shehadeh
Communications and Events Specialist

410-955-3880
SOURCE@jhu.edu
http://SOURCE.jhu.edu
615 N. Wolfe St.
Suite W1600
Baltimore, MD 21205