



### **Collington Square Men's Oxford House opens**

On September 17th, EHC celebrated the completion and opening of the Collington Square Men's Oxford House. Three vacant row houses were rehabilitated into a seven-bedroom house for men in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. The open house provided an opportunity for community members and project partners to see the transformation of the long vacant houses into a beautiful new home that will provide a safe and stable living environment for men in recovery. The celebration also included a house blessing by Rev. Kathryn Wajda of Epiphany Episcopal Church and EHC Board member.



Appreciation and many thanks to the partners who helped make this project possible, including the architect, Arch Tech design, and general contractor, Southway Builders. A special thank you to the funders whose generosity made the project a reality: City of Baltimore HOME funds, Maryland Affordable Housing Trust, The Abell Foundation, The William F. Baker Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and the Episcopal Churches of Old Saint Paul, Emmanuel, Trinity Towson, and St. Margaret's Annapolis.

### **EHC and Tuerk House team up**

EHC is pleased to be working with Tuerk House, one of Baltimore's most effective substance abuse treatment programs. Tuerk House's main location and the site of their residential treatment program, is located at 730 N. Ashburton Street in West Baltimore. EHC has partnered with Tuerk House to coordinate the installation of a new roof on this four-story, 40,000 square foot building as well as the installation of a sprinkler system.



EHC is also working with RM Sovich Architecture and Tuerk House on a feasibility study for the long range renovation of the building. The study will examine the current uses in the building along with the needs of the patients and the organization. The goal of the study will be to develop a design for the renovation of the building that will fully utilize the space and provide Tuerk House flexibility in the delivery of their substance abuse treatment services.



### **2008 Remington Back to School Fair**

On August 23rd the Church of the Guardian Angel in Remington hosted their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Fair. EHC and local business sponsored this event. Guardian Angel was able to hand out over 200 backpacks to neighborhood children to get them ready for the new school year. The backpacks were stuffed with school supplies including pencils, pens, binders, notebooks, paper and colored pencils.

The fair featured free back to school hair cuts from a local hairdresser, snowballs donated by a community resident and face painting. Neighbors enjoyed free hot dogs and cool fruit drinks. The community association, GRIA, sponsored a creative arts area for local children and Guardian Angel's after school Homework Club signed up students for the coming year.