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The 2008 Annual EHC dinner

EHC held its Annual Dinner on November 12th. This tradition allows board members and guests to celebrate EHC's accomplishments in the past year and to announce plans for the coming year. The dinner was held at the Diocesan Center on University Parkway. Executive Director Daniel McCarthy celebrated 2008 which included the opening of the Collington Square Oxford House, completion of the Parktown Apartments and a look forward to new projects for 2009.



EHC Executive Director Daniel McCarthy and Guest speaker Elder Harris.

Distinguished and long serving EHC Board members, Ardath M. Cade and Rev. W. Bruce McPherson were given awards in recognition of service to EHC. Keynote speaker C. Elder Harris started his address with a prayer and a rendition of This Little Light of Mine. He then spoke about the mission that EHC upholds for affordable housing and the power that can be found within a community that works together.

EHC and Light of Truth Center join to develop housing for women

EHC and the Light of Truth (LTC) will develop eight units of permanent, supportive housing for women in Baltimore's McElderry Park Neighborhood. LTC has signed a contract to purchase the former office of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Baltimore. NHS will also provide a loan for the acquisition and renovation of the building. The building will house LTC's administrative offices and program space for the residents and neighborhood.

For the past ten years Light of Truth has successfully operated a transitional house in west Baltimore. The new facility in east Baltimore will provide permanent housing for women graduating from transitional housing as well as other women seeking a supportive living environment on their path to self-sufficiency. Light of Truth expects to complete the purchase of the property in May with renovation starting this summer.



Marian Gillis

EHC welcomes a new Projects Manager

Marian Gillis joined Episcopal Housing Corporation in January 2009. She is a community development professional who has studied Baltimore's built environment for 30 years. She began her career in housing and community development as the Coordinator of The Belly Food Coop in Waverly in 1983. Marian learned the business of housing development at Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore, where she worked from 1985-1992.

Trained to develop housing through Neighborhood Reinvestment and the Enterprise Foundation, she planned and managed the renovation of hundreds of houses and multi-family reuse and infill projects in Baltimore. Marian is passionate about justice realized through sustainable design in authentic places.

EHC and APO team up in Remington

Working together for the fourth year, EHC partnered with Alpha Phi Omega, a fraternity from Johns Hopkins University and to assist Remington residents in winterizing their homes and lowering energy bills. The residents signed up through EHC and students went to their houses to install plastic insulation on the windows, door sweeps and sometimes pipe insulation.

EHC provided funding for supplies and APO provided Remington neighborhood residents with pledges for this project. This year there were 70 APO members and even 7 alumni that came to help. Kitty Wilhelm, age 82, and a resident on Miles Ave said "they are just wonderful to do this and it will help this winter."