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A newsletter for the friends of Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland

Family Matters

From the President

While everyone is affected by the downturn in the economy, Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland faces a special challenge. Our funding is shrinking while we are experiencing an increased demand for services. I would like to share with you the agency's response to cutbacks in funding. We will not know the full extent of funding reductions until the State of Maryland budget is finalized, but we do know that the short-fall in the United Way's campaign last fall will substantially reduce funding to member agencies. In the next fiscal year, starting on July 1, we expect to lose 34% of our funding — \$480,000 — from United Way.

The board and staff of the agency are committed to maintaining our core programs. In anticipation of the funding cuts, we began budget reductions in January. We cut the Pathways to Manhood staff in half and combined our Baltimore City Child Abuse Treatment Program with the Baltimore County CATS program. We have shifted staff to unfilled positions. A position was cut in our Administrative Services department, and two senior manage-

ment positions were eliminated. You may have noticed that *Family Matters* is half its usual size; this, too, brings us cost reductions.

The result of these actions is the elimination of over \$400,000 in expenses. We will decide on additional remedies once we understand the impact of the state budget.

Despite the cuts, no program was eliminated. We continue to seek fund-

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ing opportunities to offset some of the losses. Please consider an additional gift to Family and Children's Services before the close of the 2003 fiscal year on June 30.

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proud 154-year history, and we will take the steps necessary to ensure the agency's fiscal viability during the current crisis. We move forward with renewed resolve to provide the highest level of professional services to our community even in the face of one of the most difficult economies we have experienced.

On behalf of the board of Family and Children's Services, thank you for your continued support.

Charles B. Keenan Jr.

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Welcome New Board Members


The Board of Directors of Family and Children's Services recently appointed four new board members:

Theresa D. Becks, chief financial officer for Campbell & Company, joined the futures trading advisory company in 1991. Previously, she held positions with Bank Maryland Corp. and Ernst & Young. Becks, a C.P.A., holds a B.S. in accounting from the University of Delaware. She resides in Guilford.

Gregory A. Farno, senior vice president of the commercial division of SunTrust Maryland, started his career at MNC Financial in 1978, serving in various capacities through its merger with Bank of America. Farno holds a B.A. in economics from Gettysburg College. He lives in Lutherville.

Kevin A. McCreadie, chief investment officer for Mercantile Capital Advisors, has

worked in the investment field since 1982. Prior to moving to Baltimore in 1999, McCreadie worked for J.P. Morgan Investment Management in Chicago and New York. He earned an M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton School of Business and a B.A. in economics from Rutgers College. He lives in Guilford.

Antoinette P. Williams, president and owner of Green Valley Lawn and Garden LLC, has enjoyed a successful career as an executive in the Mid-Atlantic health insurance industry. For 14 years, she held the position of director of managed care operations for Carefirst BlueCross BlueShield. She holds an M.B.A. from Loyola College in Maryland and a B.A. in health science and policy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Williams, a Baltimore native, resides in Owings Mills. 

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Family and Children's Services is a private nonprofit agency serving Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties. We address the needs of families as they relate to single parenting, parent-child relationships, teen pregnancy prevention and parenting, adult relationship problems, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and issues of aging. FCS is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc., and is a member of the Child Welfare League of America, the National Association for Home Care, and United Way of Central Maryland.

For a copy of the agency's financial statements, call 410-366-1980, or mail your request to Margy Ryan at the address listed above.

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Executive Director

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How Can We Help You?

"Aging in place" describes senior citizens who are living in their homes or the homes of family members. These seniors, while enjoying a quality of life that can't be found in a nursing home, may need some help with household chores, personal care, or keeping track of their medications and vital signs.

Who is helping them maintain their independence? It's the "sandwich generation," a term for people who care for both aging parents and growing children, often in addition to their responsibilities to their employers. An estimated 30 to 35% of American workers are losing time from work or changing to a part time schedule in order to care for aging parents. We can help.

Adults of all income levels benefit from our In-Home Services program when they or a loved one need help with activities of daily living. Services are offered on a sliding-fee scale, and are also available to adults of any age with temporary or chronic disabilities. In Carroll and Harford counties, we also operate Adult Day Care centers. Your neighbor, co-worker or cousin may have used these high quality services. In fact, some donors have also been our clients!

Our fees are affordable, yet our team approach offers a level of care and flexibility that is not necessarily available from for-profit companies. We bring generations of experience in a broad range of human services, so we can tailor a care plan for each family based on their needs. Our team includes a registered nurse who supervises our certified aides and monitors clients. A clinical social worker offers help and support to the family as they deal with family and personal pressures.

If your elderly loved one has difficulty with day-to-day activities including grocery shopping and laundry, or personal care such as bathing, please call us to learn how we can give you peace of mind and ensure that your loved one gets the care and attention he/she needs.

For more information, please call our Elder Services division:

Baltimore City.....410-366-5614
Anne Arundel County.....410-760-6634
Baltimore County410-281-1334
Carroll County.....410-848-2433
Harford County410-838-3222
Howard County410-997-3557

2003 Hunt Valley Antiques Show Another Success!



Charles Keenan, FCS board president, addresses a crowd of nearly 300 prior to the preview party raffle drawing

The record snowfall for the Maryland region over Presidents Day weekend was quite an unfavorable start to the week of the 33rd annual Hunt Valley Antiques Show, which took place from February 21 to 23. Yet, the event was again a grand success. By

Thursday, Maryland residents were desperate to leave their homes. That evening, nearly 300 guests enjoyed the good food and fabulous antiques at the preview party, the annual event that kicks off the weekend of the Antiques Show. Almost 100 attended

the Friday morning lecture by Sheila Chefetz, author of *Antiques for the Table*, and learned how to use stunning antiques and novel items to create memorable table settings.

Nearly 1,500 people attended the Antiques Show over the weekend, with the agency receiving one dollar for every ticket sold.

Through the preview party, lecture and raffle ticket sales, sale of books, catalogue advertisements and corporate and



2003 Event Co-chairs Melanie McCreadie (left) and Susan Carey introduce guest lecturer Sheila Chefetz at the Hunt Valley Antiques Show

individual donations, the Antiques Show has raised over \$2 million for the agency



Executive Director Stanley Levi shares a lighter moment with Paula Silverman (left) and Page Huddles (right), co-chairs of the 2004 Hunt Valley Antiques Show

since its inception. This year, Family and Children's Services will receive an estimated \$60,000. Kudos go out to the dynamic women who comprise the Auxiliary of Family and Children's Services for their dedication. These hard-working ladies handle the many details, from finding sponsors, to handling mailing lists and coordinating the printed pieces, to organizing the preview party and lecture. Well done! 🍀

Save These Dates!

May 12, 2003
Chestnut Ridge Country Club

Golf Tournament to Benefit Agency

Our first annual golf tournament is fast approaching, and you can be a part of it! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for critical agency programs. We'll start at 11:30 a.m. with a cookout buffet. The shotgun goes off at 12:45 p.m. We'll wrap up with a cocktail awards reception once everyone comes in from the course, around 4:30 p.m. The cost of the day will be \$1,000 per foursome (\$400/tax deductible) or \$275 per individual (\$125/tax deductible). Those who do not golf may attend the cocktail awards reception for \$50 per person.



June 22, 2003
Ripken Park, Aberdeen

Join the Family at the Ballpark

Once you've had your fill of golf, get ready for baseball! Please join us for the second annual IronBirds fundraiser to cheer the IronBirds when they take on

the Renegades, farm team for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The game starts at 4:05 p.m.

A \$50 ticket (\$27/tax deductible) includes the game ticket, a buffet in the party pavilion, and an authentic IronBirds baseball cap. All money raised will go to our Harford County programs.

October 18, 2003
The Grand Lodge at Bonnie Blink, Hunt Valley

Spring Thaw Changes Seasons

This annual spring fundraiser is changing its colors and moving to the fall! The first Chrysanthemum Ball will be held on Saturday evening, October 18, at the Grand Lodge at Bonnie Blink in Hunt Valley. While this is the inaugural year for the Ball, it is actually the fifth year for this popular gala. The black-tie evening will feature a classic black and white theme. Guests will enjoy a cocktail dinner buffet prepared by Great Occasions and dancing with Bobby and The Believers. We will hold silent and live auctions with many

fabulous offerings such as one-of-a-kind arts and crafts, celebrity sports memorabilia, summer camp packages, certificates to local restaurants and businesses, and much more. Honorary Chairs this year are former Orioles shortstop Mike Bordick with his wife, Monica, and the Bayhawks' Gary Gait with his wife, Nicole. Tickets are \$125 per person (\$45/tax deductible) or \$1,500 per table of 10 (\$700/tax deductible). Details will be announced in upcoming months,

but you can purchase your tickets now. Come make history with us at the Ball this fall!

The Chrysanthemum Ball

To order tickets to any event, please call Chris Merriken at 410-366-1980, ext. 245 or Denise Harper at ext. 232. Night owls and early birds can get updated details of all Family and Children's events 24/7 by visiting www.fcsmnd.org. 🍀

Strengthening the Fabric of the Business Community


Did you know that Family and Children's Services offers employee assistance services to businesses? When you consider our commitment to communities in Central Maryland, it's only natural that we would have a wealth of experience to offer to the business community. In the past 25 years, we've seen employee assistance programs expand from mainly substance abuse issues to include a wide range of issues that can affect the workplace, including parenting, marital

and financial difficulties, and workplace or domestic violence. As times have changed, our goal has always been the same: to help employees find solutions to the personal and family issues that affect job performance, so they can return to full productivity.

Our team of 30 therapists, all licensed and credentialed in their specialities, provide assessment and up to three sessions for employees and eligible family members. If additional sessions are needed, the therapist will help

the client obtain additional treatment.

The Employee Counseling Program provides comprehensive 24-hour access to treatment. Following a traumatic workplace incident, we provide on-site crisis intervention to help employees regain their optimal level of functioning. We create custom programs to suit the needs of each business.

For more information, please call Jan Martin at 410-366-1980, ext. 278, or email her at janmartin@fcsmd.org 

Our Clients Need Us. We Need You.

The weak economy has affected individuals and organizations alike. Our ability to offer critical services to those in need is in jeopardy. Cuts in United Way funding have forced us to cut staff and reduce some programs. Reduced funding of State programs will affect us as well. Unfortunately, while our operating budget shrinks,

the need for our programs continues to grow.

We are determined to maintain the high level of professional services we offer to families and individuals of all income levels, but we need your help. **Please give generously** to Family and Children's Services, so that we can continue to serve communities throughout Central Maryland.



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