

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

GEORGETOWN MINISTRY CENTER

GMC staff members: Gabi Peete, Teddy Sullivan, Titilayo Adegoke, Kelly Andreae, and Delores Jackson pose for a group photo after the annual Memorial Day Cookout



THE SPIRIT OF GEORGETOWN IS BACK!

Coming up this fall, GMC's annual **Spirit of Georgetown** campaign is back! We will be kicking off the campaign with a lovely event on **October 6th**, hosted by Nancy Taylor Bubes at her new home at the Washington Harbor. This year's event is co-chaired by long-time GMC advocates, **Avery Miller and Colman Riddell**. They are leaders in helping end chronic homelessness in Washington, DC.

Georgetown Ministry Center will be honoring, **Elena Tompkins**, founder of Feed the Fight. Elena is the true embodiment of the spirit of Georgetown. Feed the Fight has the double impact of driving business to local restaurants and feeding the less fortunate and those fighting on the front lines of the pandemic. Elena's generosity, and commitment to the community, enabled Feed the Fight to grow into a staple of the DC/MD/VA fight against the pandemic. Feed the Fight was a critical provider of dinners for the GMC Extends program this past winter. We want you to be part of this campaign to end chronic homelessness.

Click here to support the Spirit of Georgetown, and learn more about the kick off event!



COMMUNITY UPDATES

The summer may be ending, but the weather is still hot and GMC's Drop-In Center is full of guests! GMC kicked summer off by bringing back a beloved tradition, the **Memorial Day Cookout**. Staff and guests came together to enjoy burgers and hot dogs outside. The summer is a busy season at GMC. Through outreach and at the center, GMC is connecting our guests with resources and housing. Our Drop-In Center **opened for indoor capacity** in June, and our guests are able to fully access our showers, laundry, computer and bathroom services while escaping the summer heat. Our GMC Pop-Up, led by Alex Perkins, continues to grow every Monday, at Georgetown Lutheran Church, **welcoming new guests and volunteers** to enjoy breakfast, case management, and laundry services.



Street Outreach Coordinator, Gabi Peete, and Outreach Associate, Alex Perkins, pose outside of our Summer Pop-Up location at Georgetown Lutheran Church.



Program Coordinator, Delores Jackson, helps a guest with their laundry.

Join the Spirit of Georgetown!

- Our **Summer Pop-Up** at Georgetown Lutheran Church serves around a dozen guests every Monday. Guests receive breakfast, laundry services, case management, and a place to cool off. **Outreach Associate, Alex Perkins, states:** "The Pop-Up continues to be an amazing experience. We see new guests weekly, and it is a place they all enjoy and can coexist together. We are able to provide them food, an escape from the heat, and many essential services. Wayman is both a guest and a **featured musician every week** with his soothing composition of his own songs on the piano."
- Our Drop-In Center's capacity is growing. Right now, our staff do an average of **35 loads of laundry and 65 showers a week**. Additionally, our coffee, lunch, computer, and bathroom services continue to be popular.
- Our neighbors and community partners at **Dog Tag Bakery and Grace Street Coffee** help make our guests morning brighter through their donation of coffee grounds and pastries.
- We're blogging now! **Click here** to read out **first two blog entries**, which includes an interview with our new Program Director, Dominique Price Conley.
- Our friends, and neighbors, at the **Royal Thai Embassy** visited our Drop-In Center to donate toiletries for our guests. Given the heat, and amount of showers GMC does a day, those supplies were greatly needed! **Click here** to buy essential supplies for the Drop-In Center.
- GMC welcomes two **new Weekend Program Coordinators**, Brandon Foster and Mark Kato. Brandon and Mark serve our guests on Saturdays and Sundays.



Ambassador Manasvi Srisodapo and Executive Director, Kelly Andreae, converse on their way to the Drop-In Center.



Meet our new Weekend Program Coordinators, Brandon Foster and Mark Kato!



Get to know our new Program Director, Dominique Price-Conley!

"I chose to work in homeless services because I truly believe every person deserves the basic necessities to live a full life. People experiencing homeless are resilient and I am happy to join them in advocacy to make life more comfortable."

"The thing I am most excited for when I wake up, and go to work, is to see the impact we have on our guests. Everyday it is something different. Whether it is a thank you, or a smiling face to greet. Service is why we show up every day."

-Dominique Price-Conley



Grill Master (and Communications Associate), Teddy Sullivan, and Executive Director, Kelly Andreae, serving lunch at our Memorial Day Cookout.



Drop-In Center Manager, Titi Adegoke, and Program Coordinator, Delores Jackson, unveil our new Q-Less software that helps shorten wait times for guest's accessing services.

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