March 2023

NEWSLETTER

GOVERNOR WES MOORE
visited Living Classrooms.

CROSSROADS SCHOOL CHARTER
RENEWED FOR ANOTHER 8 YEARS

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING IN
WASHINGTON DC

OPERATION RESPOND: COMMUNITY
SAFETY LISTENING SESSION

BEARMAN GALLERY: THE VILLAGE OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN DOLLS

MARITIME EDUCATION SUMMER
PROGRAM

VOLUNTEER NEWS &
OPPORTUNITIES

LIVING CLASSROOMS GOLF
CLASSIC: MAY 22, 2023

MARITIME MAGIC 35:
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GEM BEDAZZLE 2023:
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On February 24th, Governor Wes Moore and Comptroller Brooke Lierman visited Living Classrooms Foundation. The Governor attended Project SERVE's morning meeting in our newly renovated Bauer Workforce Opportunity Center and spoke with a young man in our Fresh Start program as he was working with our Historic Ships team in the Frederick Douglass Isaac Myers Maritime Park workshop. The Governor learned about our Target Investment Zone progress, visited our Douglass-Myers Museum, spoke with the curator of the latest exhibit in the Bearman Gallery, and visited with our 7th Grade Crossroads students during their Pre-Algebra class in the Founder’s Room.
Our Crossroads Public Charter Middle School received unanimous approval from the Baltimore City Public Schools Board of Commissioners to extend our charter for an eight-year renewal (the maximum length possible). This is BIG news and an important step in our efforts to expand Crossroads.

The Green Infrastructure Systems Career Pathways Program four week training began at our Dent House Community Center in Washington DC. Participants receive computer training with Community Tech, along with soft skill development and career readiness training before entering an 8 week paid internship. The program also includes case management and job placement assistance into green energy, construction, and landscape fields.
Sixty community members, partners, and political leaders attended the **Community Safety Listening Session** held at Belair Edison Middle School. Community members expressed their views and opinions on the root causes of violence and how Living Classrooms can help through our new community based safety initiative, **Operation Respond**. Our next session will be held in April in the McEllderry Park community.

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**BEARMAN GALLERY**

"The Village of African American Doll Artists"

Gallery Hours: March, M-F, 10AM – 4PM

A group of renowned African American doll and puppet artists create perspective through the lens of identity in this exhibit. Their work includes dolls and puppets made of fabric, wood, paper-mâché, ceramic, air-dried clay, found items and so much more.

**ARTISTS:**

Kibibi Ajanku, Judy Bouldon-Bain, Diana Baird-N'Diaye, Camila Bryce-Laporte, Schroeder Cherry, Julee Dickerson-Thompson, Francine Haskins, Jeri Hubbard, Sehar Peerzada, Imani Russell, Cynthia Sands, Paula Whaley
Registration is now OPEN for Living Classrooms' multi-day science, sailing, and adventure programs aboard our ships Sigsbee and Mildred Belle. Programs are for youth aged 12-15.

The Sigsbee is offering 3- and 5-day overnight trips from Baltimore, MD and will visit ports like Rock Hall, Sandy Point, Tilghman Island, and Annapolis. By day, youth will learn to set the sails, steer the boat, go trawl fishing, and explore the maritime history of the Chesapeake Bay. At night, groups will camp ashore and sleep in tents under the stars.

The Mildred Belle is offering 3- and 4-day overnight trips and will travel down the Chesapeake Bay to Washington, DC while visiting ports like Sandy Point, Annapolis, and St. Mary's City. During the day, youth will learn about the rich maritime and ecological history of the Chesapeake Bay, help stand watch, learn how to steer the boat, and go trawl fishing. At night, groups will camp ashore and sleep in tents under the stars.
On February 8th, volunteers from Southwest Airlines made blessing bags for community members experiencing homelessness and revitalized the garden beds on our East Harbor campus. The blessing bags included hand warmers, hand sanitizer, tissues, socks, deodorant, toothbrush + toothpaste kit, band-aids, and Vaseline. Garden revitalization consisted of churning the soil and prepping it for Spring. Volunteers even saw Emily in action as she tended to a turtle stuck in some brush.

Interested in volunteering?

CLICK HERE
to see a menu of opportunities and to apply

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INSPIRED TO SERVE

Inspired to Serve uses hands-on volunteer and internship opportunities at Living Classrooms’ campuses in Baltimore and Washington, DC to teach students about leadership, community solutions, and social change. We have recently partnered with Morgan State University to engage student interns in service.

INTERN HIGHLIGHTS

Rianna Johnson is a senior at Morgan State University majoring in Applied Liberal Studies. She states, "One thing I love about interning is that it gives me the opportunity to be collaborative and creative." Rianna is placed in the Volunteer Department. Her project focus is the Spring Resource Fair- connecting college, career, and lifestyle partners to community members.

Nigee Pratt is also a senior at Morgan State University majoring in Applied Liberal Studies. He states, "One thing I love about interning with Inspired to Serve is that I’m able to help young people of color excel and show them that there are so many opportunities in the world." Nigee is working in the Fresh Start Program. His project focus is Academic Coordination, which uplifts adjudicated youth through education and practical learning.
SAVE THE DATE
MAY 22, 2023
LIVING CLASSROOMS CLASSIC AT
LANGSTON GOLF COURSE
DETAILS COMING SOON!

CLICK HERE for sponsorship and registration information

Questions? Contact TJ Keilty, keiltytw@gmail.com or Thara Taylor, thara@livingclassrooms.org
SAVE THE DATE

35th ANNUAL MARITIME MAGIC

Friday, October 6, 2023

GREAT FOOD AND DRINKS
GREAT MUSIC
GREAT CAUSE
BeDazzle 2023
A bright night for GEM
CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING PRECIOUS LIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2023
The Suburban Club
7600 Park Heights Ave, Pikesville, MD

VIP sponsor reception: 5:30 PM
Doors Open: 6:30 PM
Dinner and Program: 7:00 PM

Join us for cocktails, silent auction, and dinner.

Our program features Jodi Kantor, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author of “She Said”
Investigative reporters, Jayne Miller & Kai Reed and GEM girls sharing their truths.

Honoring Lindley Weinberg
for her extraordinary dedication to GEM

Tickets $125.00
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