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The Donor Newsletter of Chase Brexton Health Care

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE THAT HONORS DIVERSITY, INSPIRES WELLNESS, & IMPROVES OUR COMMUNITIES.



TAKING A BITE OUT OF DENTAL NEEDS

While nearly half of Chase Brexton dental patients have Medicaid coverage, Medicaid only pays for dental services for children and pregnant women, and Medicare does not pay for any dental services. Further, one-third of the population Chase Brexton serves has not seen a dentist in the last year. But with the help of our partners and community members like you, we can change this.

Chase Brexton has expanded our state-of-the-art, Mt. Vernon dental center, thanks to a \$15,000 grant from the **Herbert Bearman Foundation** and help from **Patterson Dental**. The addition of a new exam room, valued at \$22,440, is expected to allow an additional 1,200 visits per year, reducing wait time and improving access for patients requiring emergency services.

"Thank you to the Herbert Bearman Foundation and Patterson Dental," says **Dr. Brooks Woodward**, Director of Dental Services. "This contribution has allowed us to greatly expand our dental services at the Mount Vernon Center, providing much-needed oral health services to our patient population, many of whom are underserved. In order to continue to provide this level of support to the community, it is essential that we receive support like this from our partners."

To help support Chase Brexton's dental services, go to ChaseBrexton.org/Give or contact Alexa Milanytch, Director of Community Engagement, at amilanytch@chasebrexton.org.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: TAHIRA PEMBERTON

PATIENT NAVIGATOR, CHASE BREXTON
RANDALLSTOWN

When **Tahira Pemberton** began working as a front desk manager at Chase Brexton Health Care's Randallstown Center in 2005, she felt an immediate connection to her new organization. "I was just finding myself, having recently come out to my family," she recalls. "When I came to work here, I felt like I could be myself with absolutely no judgement."

Over the years, Tahira has held multiple positions and has been a part of three different Randallstown Center relocations, but she's discovered that one thing has remained constant: the Chase Brexton mission. "Taking care of the patients who need us the most has always been Chase Brexton's number one priority," she says. "That's part of the reason why I have stayed here so long, and the reason why I couldn't imagine a better place to work."

It's also the reason why she made a generous \$500 gift to our 2016 Employee Giving Campaign. This year, the average employee gift was \$118.12—an astounding \$25 more than the previous year's average. For many of our 400 employees, giving allows them to show their personal support to the communities that they professionally—and passionately—serve.

And for Tahira, the gift is truly personal. "I give because I was in their shoes," she says.

Did you know? The gift of just \$5 provides patients with transportation to their medical appointments. Every donation makes a difference. Join Tahira and give today at ChaseBrexton.org/Give.



SAYING FAREWELL TO FLU SEASON

We did it! When our walk-in flu clinics wrapped up on January 31, all Chase Brexton locations surpassed the flu clinic vaccination rates from last year. That's 1,108 more patients.

Did you know that during the 1918 flu pandemic, 1 in 4 American became sick and 675,000 died? It wasn't until 1938 that the first flu vaccine was developed. While the flu is unlikely to cause death today, it can contribute to serious health complications, so it's important for everyone 6 months and up to get vaccinated.

"The success of our flu clinic wouldn't have been possible without our staff," says **Angela Duffy**, Assistant Director of Population Health. "And we are so grateful for their support."



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LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

In 2006, **James Zabora** found Chase Brexton Health Care.

After trying to donate a kidney to save a friend, he learned he had a severe medical condition. Struggling with the news, suffering from severe depression, and having to sell the home left to him by his deceased partner because he could no longer afford it, James was at an end. He was 47 years old and in need of help—lots of it. It was James’ realtor who suggested he call Chase Brexton.

“Before I found Chase Brexton, I wondered if there was no good left in the world. It seemed like everywhere I turned, something bad happened,” James said. “But then they came along and totally changed my perspective on life.” After working with Chase Brexton’s medical, behavioral health, and dental providers, as well as case managers and pharmacists, Chase Brexton helped him turn his life around.

Even after going through all he had, both personally and medically, James said it was a blessing - because otherwise he wouldn’t have known about Chase Brexton and our great people.

In 2013, James became Chase Brexton Health Care’s first Legacy Society donor. He turned his gratitude for the help and support he received into a lasting gift by naming the organization as a beneficiary in his estate plans.

“I’ve finally found a home at Chase Brexton,” James said when asked about his donation. “You get wonderful care and they treat you like family. If it wasn’t for Chase Brexton, I wouldn’t be here today. Anything I can do for them, I will do it.”

With great fondness and sadness, we announce that James passed away in 2016. We are forever grateful to him for his generosity, and will do all we can to ensure his memory remains alive by helping others to receive the health care they need.

The Legacy Society recognizes and honors those who have created a planned or deferred gift for Chase Brexton Health Care to ensure a better future for those living with health imparities. The Legacy Society exists to inspire and stimulate others to join in the quest for a world where everyone has access to health care by making a planned gift. To learn more, visit ChaseBrexton.plannedgiving.org/chasebrexton/giving/3.html.

TALKING TURKEY WITH OUR PARTNERS

We were thankful to deliver 70 baskets—all of which included Thanksgiving goodies and a generous gift card to purchase a turkey and fresh produce—to patients in need on Thanksgiving Day. With the help of **CliftonLarsonAllen**, **Lord Baltimore Hotel**, and **individual contributions**, this year’s baskets impacted approximately 500 individuals.

“It was our biggest success yet,” says **Andy Zipay**, Case Manager and annual organizer of the drive. “And we hope to help even more people next year.”

Discover all the ways you can get involved in 2017 by visiting ChaseBrexton.org/get-involved/volunteer.





MAKING STRIDES TO SAVE LIVES

On Sunday, May 7, Baltimore is coming together to raise awareness and provide support for people living with HIV/AIDS. Registration opens at 7am

at the Maryland Zoo and there are a variety of fun ways to get involved. Walk, run, become a team captain, sponsor a runner, or volunteer your time. Now in its third year, the AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore is making strides toward ending this epidemic once and for all.

While only 30% of HIV patients nationwide have their

viral loads suppressed, at Chase Brexton 90% of patients do. Yet Baltimore still has the third highest rate of HIV infection in the US. Thankfully—with partners like **Quest Diagnostics**—we’re uniting to change this.

“Quest Diagnostics is highly committed to the HIV/AIDS community and we’re honored to be a multi-year supporter of the AIDS Walk & Run Baltimore,” says **Dr. William Meyer**, Technical Director of the Quest Diagnostics Laboratory in Baltimore. “Since 1983, our staff has been providing state-of-the-art laboratory testing services for those at risk of infection and those infected with this virus. As an organization, we strongly believe in empowering better health and giving back to the community through events like this.”

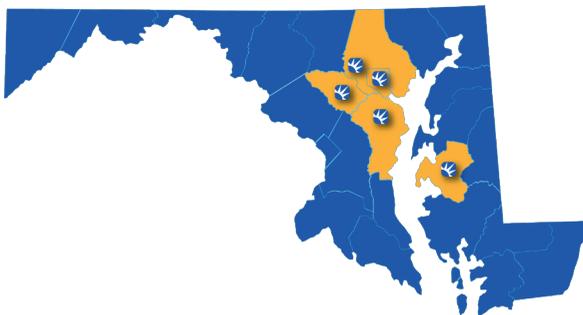
To register, go to BaltimoreAIDSWalk.org or contact Amy Tignanelli, Special Events Coordinator, at atignanelli@chasebrexton.org.

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ABOUT CHASE BREXTON HEALTH CARE

Chase Brexton Health Care is a primary care provider serving a diverse group of patients at our five centers in **Baltimore City, Randallstown, Columbia, Glen Burnie** and **Easton**, and as provider of student health services at the Maryland Institute College of Art. A Joint Commission-accredited Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Chase Brexton Health Care provides a range of clinical services from primary medical care to behavioral health services to pharmacy. Our 400 staff members work as a team to put patients at the center of their own care, empowering them to live their healthiest lives.



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