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Dr. Hattie N. Washington, Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc. received the distinguished 2012 Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise Award. The award is designed to acknowledge and pay tribute to outstanding women and minority business owners in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware and The District of Columbia.

Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc. (AHP)

is a 501 (c)3 family-oriented home for foster boys who have been abused, abandoned and or neglected and who most likely will remain in foster care throughout their teenage years and until they age out of the foster care system. AHP intervenes to break the cycle of substance abuse, crime and under-achievement that too often befall children in the foster care system. We strive to make sure each child who resides at AHP leaves self-actualized and empowered with social consciousness.

AHP believes that all children are talented, intelligently, lovable and full of hope. But just need love guidance, structure and discipline to achieve their full potential. To that end, AHP is committed to preparing and developing these youth into productive model citizens by providing wrap-around services and support systems for them through out their childhood and young adulthood.

What We Do

AHP is dedicated to bettering the lives of these underprivileged children and ensuring their academic, psychological, and overall success. Most of our residents,, Whom, AHP lovingly calls "SuperKids," have been abandoned,, neglected and or abused.

AHP's services included implementing individual wrap around service plans that feature clinical and educational assessments, tutoring, academic assistance, life skills training, career development, behavior modification, and medication administration.

AHP currently operates foster homes in the Forest Park community in northwest Baltimore city and in the Randallstown community of Baltimore county for young males between the ages of 13-19 years old. A third home is located in the Sandy Spring community of Montgomery County Maryland for foster male youth between the ages of 13-18 years old.

AHP is committed to developing these "at-risk" youth into leaders in society. The Administrative Team, Board of directors, and the Educational Staff of AHP seeks to develop ethical and socially conscious leaders that embrace achievement. This is our belief , and we work toward that goal every minute of everyday.

IT TAKES AN ENTIRE VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD-African proverb

This year marked Aunt Hattie's Place 15th anniversary dedicated to uplifting the lives of foster male children throughout the state of Maryland. A lot has changed since the beginning in 1997 when the doors opened to eight young foster boys in Baltimore City Maryland, AHP has continued to move forward to expand the services, and to address the needs of your children. AHP can now accommodate a total of 26 boys(formerly 18 boys) up to age 21 (formerly to 18).

Hattie N. Washington (Aunt Hattie) believes that we as members of society, we may be inclined to become involved in mentorship of young people at some level. However, it is the mission of AHP, on a day-to-day basis, to prepare the children in our care for adulthood. We are bound to do so now, more than ever, with the effects of a challenged economy, the pressures of a society with deteriorating social values, and low expectations of foster males. Thus, we facilitate this challenge and commitment by constructing a pathway to a stable future for each youngster by the use of education incentives, support and cultural enrichment programs, counseling and guidance, and life changing and life-preparation measures with much love in the mix, of course. AHP endeavors to provide a family-style and nurturing home to the children growing up in our care in this era and this is our call of the day-each day. Therefore, "Mentoring Boys To Men" is not just our theme for this celebration, it is our charge. These children are the future citizens and leaders of our communities. AHP s dedicated to insuring that the foster boys in our care succeed and have the opportunity as adults to engage in the pursuit of happiness.



Aunt Hattie can not do any of this without the help of the Lord and her very much appreciated staff such as : Youth care workers-Vanessa Alford, Tameka Armstead ,Jamodd Bryant, Devin Collins, James David, Rose Enekwe, Kimberly Gardner, Akil Gordon, Quentin Johnson, Dontrewell Kelly, Sharrod Kenney, Reno Lucas, Bridgette Matthews, Thomas Moody, Jamel spencer, Oreese Stevenson, Thaddeus Williams. Social Worker-Rachael Cupid, Administrative Specialist—Diane Pruitt, Case Worker-Lizette Rivera and countless other support services too numerous to mention here.

Dr. Hattie N. Washington has been a teacher for years (in the US and abroad—Scotland & Greece), a local and state administrator, college professor, TV Hostess, and civic activist. She was the PTA President of her daughters' middle & high schools throughout their years in those grades. Today, one daughter is a physician (practicing in Florida) and the other daughter is a lawyer (in Baltimore). She, along with Congresswoman Donna Edwards and Montgomery county Councilwoman Valerie Ervin, recently received the Finer Womanhood Award from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on April 25, 2009.

The Summer Reading Program

Dr. Washington conceived a plan to encourage the young men of AHP to read more during their summer hiatus from school, thus the AHP Summer Reading Program was created. The last Sunday in June is called "Sundaes on Sunday Summer Reading Program Kickoff". On this day, members of the community are invited along with the residents and staff to make and enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes after which everyone would choose ten books that they would like to read. After reading each book, a book report is presented to the group with a round table discussion. This is an annual event.

She sees her vision/dream of work with AHP as a mission and a ministry-not a position-and as that of "creating a winner" rather than just "picking winners."

Executive Program Director, Eric Fenwick (Uncle Eric) states "we don't think of Aunt Hatties Place as a group home; but rather as a welcomed extended family unit that's offered when extenuating circumstances present a separation crisis in the home of origin of our young men." "At AHP, we want our residents to be proud of being a part of the AHP program family, and it's our goal to help all of them succeed: and when they do succeed in whatever their endeavors, it's the greatest and most humbling felling one could ever experience."

Dr. Lorne Garretson, AHP Board Member remarks "Sandy Spring and its surrounding communities welcomed Aunt Hattie's Place into our community. Sandy Spring was founded in 1728 by Quakers moving here from the south of Maryland. The Quaker community has provided volunteers, financial assistance, and tutors from the beginning of AHP". It's their way of recognizing that God is in every person, a central belief in Quaker teaching."

The 7,500-square-foot home on Norwood Road was left to Dr. Washington by **Robert H. Hill, (Uncle Bob)** president and founder of the Sandy spring Construction Company and former player with Negro League Baseball. Hill built more than 500 homes in the Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia area and loaned many African-Americans money to finance the homes he built for them. As his last philanthropic effort, he donated his own home specifically for the construction of this extraordinary project because he believed it was the best way to continue his legacy and to fulfill the heritage traditions of the Sandy Spring community by reaching out to provide disadvantaged youth the opportunity to have a caring and secure home;





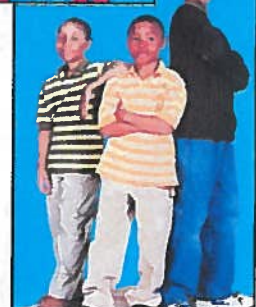
Wayne Saunders: a former foster son of Dr. Washington wrote "while all of the other foster boys call my mom "Aunt Hattie," I call her "mom," because I was adopted into her family and lived in her personal home— not the boys group home. When she officially opened a group home in 1997 , I was in the 10th grade and was happy that she loved me enough to keep me in her personal home so I could finish the high school I was attending at the time. I am the first person in my family to graduate from college and to now employed in the IT field. Mom promoted education and exposed me to numerous mentors, cultural enrichment, recreational and spiritual activities, which have led me to become the person that I am today.

There has been over 100 young men to come through the doors of Aunt Hatties Place and over the last 15 years she has more than paid it forward, by opening three group homes for troubled teenage foster boys in Baltimore and Montgomery county. Each home, dubbed Aunt Hattie's Place, provides structure and nurturing to six to 12 boys. Washington lives next door to her newest group home in Sandy Spring, Md. She also teaches graduate students in the education department of Coppin State University in Baltimore. Back in 1994 , though, Washington thought she was just helping one boy for one night. But Social services never came to collect him, and over the following year Washington found herself taking in several other boys she found sleeping on street corners in inner city Baltimore when they should have been attending school. She eventually housed at her Baltimore home six boys who were slipping through the cracks of the foster care system, taking a 12-hour course to become a licensed foster care provider.

AHP is bound to raise the children in their care to become productive responsible adult citizens. Believing in the concept that "It Takes The Entire Village To Raise A child," AHP feels that Sandy Spring is a wonderful community to raise children because of its history of opening their homes and hearts to care for persons in need.

Partner with us in our continuing efforts to uplift the lives of young boys in foster care, join our mission to create winners by nurturing them with love, guidance, discipline, structure, and education for each to reach his full potential. Your support , your time, talent and/or treasure will contribute greatly to the lives of these young boys who simply want a "helping hand" not a "hand out".

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