



Baltimore Promotes Aging in Community Initiative



(Photo Credit: John Beck, Baltimore)

The EngAGEment Initiative has been the inspiration behind an exceptional plan to promote and support “aging in place”/“aging in community” in Baltimore. This project involves a partnership between the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers’ (ABAG) Aging Affinity Group and the Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative, a ten-year funder collaborative that invests in neighborhood revitalization. The name of this new initiative has yet to be determined but even without a moniker, it is generating a good deal of excitement in the Baltimore area.

The intent of the project is to create a sustainable network of services to support older Baltimore homeowners in targeted neighborhoods.

This project has four goals:

1. To improve safety conditions in homes so that older homeowners may remain in their homes longer
2. To improve integration of older homeowners into the community life of their neighborhoods
3. To enhance elderly homeowners’ equity in their homes
4. To improve neighborhood stability

The goals outlined above were defined based on the principle that providing assistive services—which, in this scenario, include home repair, retrofitting and service coordination activities—to older homeowners will help preserve their independence, functional health, and perhaps most importantly, positively affect their quality of life. In addition, support of this kind can be critical in assuring urban neighborhoods remain viable as livable communities for residents of any age.

ABAG has received three grants for the project from:

- * Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation
- * David & Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation
- * Leonard & Helen R. Stulman Foundation

This program will be administered by housing non-profits and neighborhood organizations and is expected to be launched by late summer. Contact Jim Macgill, Coordinator of the Aging Affinity Group at (443) 910-1162 or via e-mail at jmacgill@abagmd.org for further details/information.

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The Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging was held in Chicago March 7—March 10, 2007. Carol Farquhar and Pamela Tyler from GIA were in attendance. GIA and Civic Ventures co-sponsored a reception featuring several of the Purpose Prize winners—entrepreneurs over age 60—and their creative ideas for social change.



There were a multitude of sessions offered at the conference. Some of the categories included: the aging network, AD & related dementias, EOL, health promotion/wellness, intergenerational programs, urban and suburban issues, transportation, workforce issues, civic engagement, emerging aging issues and more! Also, there are audio recordings from selected sessions of the Joint Conference; to obtain a catalog of sessions, costs, and format visit the following website: <http://www.nrstaping.com/asa>. If anyone would like further details on a specific topic covered at the conference, contact Pamela Tyler for session summaries and/or presenter contact information.

COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS 58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Seattle BREAKFAST PRECONFERENCE SESSION

National Initiatives in Aging and Philanthropy: How Can National and Local Funders Develop True Collaborations?

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This session will allow attendees to examine national initiatives and explore opportunities for collaboration and networking. National initiatives offer unique opportunities for local funders to take the lessons learned by larger programs and apply them to their communities. Many exciting national initiatives have been launched in the last few years, among them the Community Foundation Project—which encourages civic engagement among older adults—and the Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative—a funder collaborative that invests in neighborhood revitalization.

NOTE: Betsy Nelson, Executive Director of the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers (ABAG), will be one of the presenters at this session.

The EngAGEMENT Initiative, funded by The Atlantic Philanthropies, is a pilot program to introduce new funders to aging through a partnership Between GIA and Regional Associations of Grantmakers
EngAGEMENT's National Outreach Director, Pamela S. Tyler, Ph.D.