



January Newsletter

VISIT SMGW



On December 7th, 40 people with HIV from Southeast DC and beyond gathered together for a rejuvenating retreat. The weekend started with introductions and was followed by the assignment of prayer buddies. Each participant drew the name of another participant from a hat. Throughout the weekend each participant left notes of encouragement for their buddy, and/or

made a special arts and crafts project for their buddy. This is always a highlight of the retreat!

On Saturday, a local physician spent time with the participants to talk about conditions that many of the participants have or are at risk of having, such as, diabetes and high blood pressure. An honest, informative dialogue ensued, resulting in the participants learning how to take better care of their health.

Bingo games and arts and crafts time were spread throughout the three days with a no-talent talent show held on Saturday night! It is inspiring to see so many people gather together to have a good time and leave the worries of HIV behind them for a night.

Sunday morning is designated for a healing service: a powerful spiritual gathering where people cried, hugged, and supported each other. One participant stated "This retreat has changed my life" while another stated "This is what I look forward to the most every year."

Throughout the retreat, participants were treated to first-class meals and had ample opportunity to relax, lounge, and enjoy the beautiful landscape. The

event was hosted by our friends at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriotsville, and the tranquil setting provided participants with a weekend away from the noise and stress of the District. We are thankful for all those that participated and look forward to next years retreat.

Support and Burial Assistance

We offer compassionate and professional casework as well as financial support for burial expenses (up to \$800) for those whose immediate family member was HIV positive, a DC resident and had who less than \$800 in liquid assets at the time of death.

For more information please contact Jennifer Seager-Valentine 202-889-7702

Need Burial Assistance?

When a loved one passes away, you may feel hopeless. When the person you loved has died with an HIV+ or AIDS-related illness, grieving can be even more difficult. We can help.

If you have lost a loved one who...

- was HIV+ or diagnosed with HIV/AIDS; and
- was a D.C. resident; and
- had less than \$800 in liquid assets

...then call Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington.

To see if your family qualifies for assistance, contact:

Samaritan Ministry's Burial Assistance Coordinator at (202) 889-7702, x 306

Once approved, assistance is paid directly to the funeral home.

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Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Program helps people who are homeless, have HIV/AIDS, and others in need make changes for a better life. Program participants meet with staff members to set goals in employment, housing, health care and other areas. Goals are reached one step at a time with staff providing resources and offering encouragement and support. There are no religious requirements for participation.



Now accepting applications for our February Cohort!

Do you have clients who want a job in the new year? Refer them to our STRIVE training! Participants

will receive three weeks of intense training where they are encouraged to accept responsibility for past mistakes and identify alternative steps to managing workplace situations in the future. The **STRIVE** training model and the **Next Step Program** approach are anchored in the belief that every individual has the power to change and often only need the tools and support to accomplish their career and life goals. Participants must be 18 years of age, have a willingness to work hard, aspirations to become a successful participant in the workforce, stable housing, and are authorized to work legally in the US.

Referrals are WELCOMED!!!

Join us for our next info session!
January 23, 2018 at 10am.
Next course starts February 1st!

Skyland Workforce Center
2509 Good Hope Rd, SE

STRIVE is an approved WEP/Public Assistance Vendor
STRIVE is an Equal Opportunity program and auxiliary aids and services are
available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Call 202-793-2141

www.samaritanministry.org/content/job-assistance



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**We help connect adults with
employment resources and
opportunities.**

The OSHA 30-hour Construction Training course is a comprehensive safety program designed for participants involved in the construction industry. The training developed specifically for Skyland Workforce Center supports construction professionals that desire to move forward in their careers. This industry training also opens doors to becoming more knowledgeable of safety regulations, become promotable as well as prepares individuals for occupations as safety inspectors, foremen and field supervisors.

Requirements

- DC Resident (Wards 6, 7 or 8)
- 18 years or older
- Complete a Skyland Intake appointment
- High School Diploma/ GED
- Current updated resume for Skyland customers
- A minimum of 12 months construction or related experience
- Ability and willingness to commit to seven days of training without absence

Class starts January 23rd

We're located at 2509 Good Hope Road SE

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

www.SkylandWorkforceCenter.org

Call 202-793.2141



NEXT STEP **PROGRAM**

On many occasions, individuals that we serve in our communities are not equipped with what they need to solve life's problems on their own.

They end up either going in circles, discouraged, or not knowing what to do next. That is why Samaritan Ministry offers the *Next Step* Program, to assist our participants in setting their own goals. With our support, participants are able to take realistic and manageable steps toward their goals.

Samaritan Ministry works with everyday people who want to make changes in their lives. There are no religious requirements to participate; we will gladly work with any individual for as long as they actively participate in the program. Most importantly, through our thorough case management process, we follow-up and accompany our participants on their "journey" to accomplish their Next Steps.

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is committed to helping every participant in developing their ability to help oneself attain a better life by providing encouragement, information, referrals, and other vital resources.

To refer a participant, please call any of our offices listed below, or send your participant to the office that is closest to them.

[Office Locations](#)

Pre-GED Classes

SMGW offers our Pre-GED Classes at our NW location
1516 Hamilton Street NW, Washington, DC

Why choose our Pre-GED course?

- Get a head start on GED Studies!
- Gain confidence for starting GED Class!
- Develop skills necessary for employment!
- Restructure your study time!
- Bus tokens will be provided if needed for transportation.

Eight Week Sessions hosted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
For more information on the next class start date please contact:

Ms. Annette Carver
Monday-Friday at 202-722-2280 Ext. 302
or at acarver@samaritanministry.org



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