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## The Annie E. Casey Foundation Announces Grants to Help Baltimore Families and Children in 2006

### *32 Local Organizations Awarded Funding to Provide Direct Services*

Baltimore – The Annie E. Casey Foundation announced today the 32 local organizations receiving grants for 2006 to provide direct services to vulnerable children and families in Baltimore, including programs that help low-income residents build workforce skills and overcome barriers to employment, improve outcomes for at-risk youth, and support family strengthening efforts.

Through its Baltimore Direct Services Grants program, the Foundation supports a wide range of innovative ideas and practices conducted by groups that represent many areas of the city. Now in its eleventh year, the program is administered by the Associated Black Charities and awards grants based on the potential benefits and chances for sustained success.

“Our Baltimore Direct Services Grant recipients reflect the many ways local organizations are working to improve the lives of Baltimore’s most vulnerable kids and families,” said Scot Spencer, Manager of Baltimore Relations for the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Among the grant recipients for 2006: Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc., for its Waverly Family Center where young single mothers receive GED preparation, childcare supports, and employment services; the Fresh Start Program at the Living Classrooms Foundation, a 40-week employment training program for adjudicated and at-risk youth; and Children’s Home, Inc., for its Family Reunification Support Program, which encourages families to participate in the treatment of resident children.

“This program helps organizations work directly with hundreds of residents in Baltimore,” said President Douglas W. Nelson. “The Casey Foundation believes strongly in giving local groups the opportunity to increase skills for individuals and encourage future leadership. The recipients of the 2006 grants are outstanding examples of organizations that can make a difference in our community.”

The Foundation program gives organizations grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 for one year; they are then eligible to receive up to half of the first year grant amount for a second year.

Associated Black Charities, an organization founded in 1985 to represent, respond to, and foster coordinated leadership on issues to Maryland’s African-American communities, administers the Baltimore Direct Services Grants program on behalf of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation, based in Baltimore, is a private charitable organization dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families.

For more information about the Baltimore Direct Services Program, please contact Rona Williams of the Associated Black Charities at (410) 659-0000.

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation Baltimore Direct Services Grants Program Recipients for 2006 are:

**AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc.**, for the development of a structured educational environment for residents and their children, which will employ tutors from local colleges, aid adults in gaining access to GED training, and train parents to become effective tutors and educational advocates for their children. [www.airshome.org](http://www.airshome.org)

**Baltimore Freedom Academy, Inc.**, for its Accelerated Leadership Development Program, which provides a year-long series of events that encompass leadership development activities and professional skills building for high school youth. [www.baltimorefreedomacademy.org](http://www.baltimorefreedomacademy.org)

**Caroline Center, Inc.**, for its Counseling Program, where counseling services are incorporated into a holistic job-training program, which includes small classes and individual instruction, computer training, workshops, field trips, and internships. [www.caroline-center.org](http://www.caroline-center.org)

**Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**, for its Chesapeake Matched Savings Accounts Program, which promotes savings among low-income homeowners by giving participants the opportunity to receive a one to one financial match from other contributing organizations. [www.chesapeakehfh.org](http://www.chesapeakehfh.org)

**Children's Home, Inc.**, for its Family Reunification Support Program, which uses a structured system of supports to facilitate increased involvement and participation of family resources in residents' out-of-home placement and treatment. [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net)

**Christ Deliverance Baptist Church, Inc.**, for its Community Youth Initiative: Teen Violence & Substance Abuse Prevention, which will provide educational and social activities to the Edmondson Village community. (410) 945-8700

**Destination Bright Future, Inc.**, for its Summer 2006 Sailing/Academic Program, which will provide youth with sailing lessons, assistance in building reading and math skills, field trips, and guest speakers. [www.destinationbrightfuture.org](http://www.destinationbrightfuture.org)

**East Baltimore Community Corporation**, for its Juvenile Offender Literacy Program, which provides comprehensive case management support, tracking, and wrap-around support services to youth to reduce recidivism through education and career development. [www.ebcconline.org](http://www.ebcconline.org)

**Empowering New Concepts, Inc./The Portal**, for its YBU (Why Be You) Program, a group level intervention for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth, designed to address homophobia in the school system. (410) 962-8838

**Episcopal Community Services of Maryland**, for The Club at Hampden, which will teach young people how to plan and implement teen events, and how to talk about key issues including dropping out of school, drug abuse, and teen pregnancy. [www.ecsm.org](http://www.ecsm.org)

**Franciscan Youth Center, Inc.**, for its After School Youth Development Program, which provides academic, recreational, and cultural opportunities for children and youth in first through eighth grades. [www.franciscanyouthcenter.org](http://www.franciscanyouthcenter.org)

**Fusion Partnership, Inc.**, for its The Power Inside Family Initiative, which will offer incarcerated and formerly incarcerated mothers, their children, and children's caregivers resources and support to strengthen family bonds, better access services, and improve overall family well-being. [www.fusiongroup.org](http://www.fusiongroup.org)

**Girl Scouts of Central Maryland**, for its In-School Girl Scouting, which provides Girl Scout curriculum-enhancing programs and activities to elementary and middle school girls throughout the day. [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org)

**Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc.**, for its Waverly Family Center, which provides GED preparation, job readiness training, parent and health education services, childcare supports, intervention services, and employment services to young single mothers. [www.goodwillches.org](http://www.goodwillches.org)

**Greater Baltimore Medical Center**, for its Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program, which provides client services and educational outreach to Baltimore City residents who are victims of, or are in a high-risk group for being victims of sexual assault. [www.gbmc.org](http://www.gbmc.org)

**Greater Baltimore Tennis Patrons Association, Inc.**, for its Tennis and Academic Support Program, which provides after school and summer academic support and tennis instruction for youth ages six to 16 in the Barclay, Waverly, Coldstream, and Pen Lucy communities. [www.tennispatrons.org](http://www.tennispatrons.org)

**Humanim, Inc.**, for its Start on Success (SOS) Assessment Component, which will provide career assessments to special needs students to identify individual vocational interests and abilities, along with realistic career goals and potential barriers to employment. [www.humanim.org](http://www.humanim.org)

**Independent College Fund of Maryland**, for its Urban Scholars Program, which will provide minority students with higher education and leadership training opportunities. [www.I-fundinfo.org](http://www.I-fundinfo.org)

**Jewel House, Inc.**, for its Teen Parent Project, which provides parenting classes, counseling, and job training in one-on-one and group settings to empower teen parents, prevent repeat pregnancies, increase school attendance, and provide young parents an opportunity to develop their education and careers. [jewelhouseincorporated@yahoo.com](mailto:jewelhouseincorporated@yahoo.com)

**John Wesley AME Zion Church**, for its Youth Entertainment Studio (YES) project, which provides professional level training in media arts and technology, communication, and business for high school students. [www.caringincorporated.org](http://www.caringincorporated.org)

**Literacy Works, Inc.**, for its GED Program, which will provide individualized, computer-assisted instruction in reading, writing, math, and computer skills to fathers residing at Frederick Ozanam Transitional House. [reading@bcpl.net](mailto:reading@bcpl.net)

**Living Classrooms Foundation**, for its Fresh Start Program, a 40-week employment training program, which provides vocational, academic, and social skills development for adjudicated and at-risk youth. [www.livingclassrooms.org](http://www.livingclassrooms.org)

**Maryland Historical Society**, for its My Neighborhood: A Social and Cultural History of Clifton Park, Baltimore Project, which will provide critical thinking, analysis, writing, and reading comprehension skill building through historical research for middle school children at Baltimore City School #426. [www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org)

**Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network**, for its Upward and Onward Project, which provides a service learning and community service opportunity through the gleaning of fresh fruits and vegetables from farms and orchards for 1,000 children, youth, and families. (410) 366-9779

**Partnership for Learning, Inc.**, for its educational and case management program, which will provide tutoring and mentoring services to first-time youth offenders with learning needs. [www.stattorney.org](http://www.stattorney.org)

**Professional Development and Training Center, Inc.**, for its Baltimore City Teen Court, which provides early intervention diversionary services to youth offenders and leadership development opportunities to juveniles aged 11-16. [www.clrep.org](http://www.clrep.org)

**Progressive Life Center, Inc.**, for its Dream by Design Technology Program, which provides basic computer applications, online research, Dreamweaver programming, JavaScript and additional multimedia arts programming for low-income youth and families. [www.ntuplc.org](http://www.ntuplc.org)

**Salvation Army**, for its Franklin Square Boys & Girls Club programs, which provides tutoring, homework assistance, health education, athletics, functional living skills, computer skills, drama, arts & crafts, a safety educational program, and field trips to youth in the Franklin Square and Harlem Park communities. [www.tsabaltimore.org](http://www.tsabaltimore.org)

**Saint Frances Academy**, for its Pastoral Counseling Program, which provides an in-school counseling program to address non-academic family and neighborhood issues that hinder the academic focus for high school youth. [www.sfacademy.org](http://www.sfacademy.org)

**Southeast Teen Center Inc./Southeast Youth Academy**, for its Youth Leadership Program, which provides leadership development, entrepreneurship, academic, and basic living skills for high school youth. [www.southeastyouthacademy.org](http://www.southeastyouthacademy.org)

**Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.**, for its Multi Ethnic Domestic Violence Project, which provides legal information, representation, and referrals for victims of domestic violence and their children, as well as technical assistance to service providers who work with foreign born victims of domestic violence. [www.wlcmd.org](http://www.wlcmd.org)

**Woodbourne Center**, for its Children's Diagnostic Treatment Center, which provides youth development through academic support, cultural exposure, image enhancement, and recreational activities. [www.woodbourne.org](http://www.woodbourne.org)