



Mental Health Association
of Frederick County

Building Campaign Update

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It's Official: MHA Purchases New Building

On March 2nd, the Mental Health Association of Frederick County (MHA) celebrated the purchase of its new building, located at 226 South Jefferson Street in Frederick. The building is currently home to the El Shaddai Congregation. Plans call for El Shaddai to continue to rent the space for the next 12 months while MHA raises necessary funds to begin building renovations in spring of 2011. MHA plans to move its operations to the new facility.

New MHA building: 226 S. Jefferson St., Frederick, MD



"The property closing was a great event, but what made it truly special was that a good number of our board members, several staff, our lender (Blue Ridge Bank) and the Ausherman Family Foundation (represented by Norine Haas, my predecessor at MHA) were all present to mark this momentous occasion" says MHA CEO, Patricia Hanberry.

Having served the community for over 45 years, MHA will utilize this larger space to house and expand its programs and serve the Frederick community at an even greater capacity. Since 2004, demand for MHA services has increased by 75% - which equals 16,000 more individuals and families needing help. "Purchasing this building allows MHA to devote more time and effort toward helping the people of Frederick County. We have the expertise and experience to deliver critical services, but up until this point we did not have the space to effectively execute them" states Hanberry.



"Purchasing this building represents the beginning of meeting one of our strategic goals - procuring new space for MHA's programs to ensure better service to the mental health needs of Frederick County. With a lot of hard work and donations from individuals and groups, as well as the Ausherman Family Foundation, we were able to accomplish this goal in less than three years. We are looking forward to the challenging next phase - raising funds for the renovation" says Kathy McGee, MHA board president.

Serving over 41,000 people in 2009, the Mental Health Association provides numerous mental health and wellness services such as 2-1-1 (Frederick County Hotline), sliding-scale professional therapy services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for foster children in the court system, supervised visitation between at-risk children and their parents, *Kids on the Block* Puppet Troupe, child abuse prevention programs, childcare provider training, and Survivors of Suicide Support Group. "Good mental health is an essential part of everyone's lives. This is a very exciting expansion time for MHA. It will give us the ability to extend our diverse and comprehensive services to those in need" states MHA board member, Nancy K. Cline.



Other Campaign Updates:

MHA Campaign Investors

CLICK HERE for a list of our generous building campaign investors

Campaign Website The MHA Capital Campaign web page is now up and running. Since we are still in the quiet phase of the campaign, *the web page is password protected and only our special campaign donors have access to it.* Watch for more updates and information as the campaign project unfolds.

Link to campaign web page:

<http://www.fcmha.org/CapitalCampaign/index.php>

Password: specialdonors

Campaign Project Description Some of you may not have received the packet of information about the campaign given out during the Fall campaign "blitz." If you would like to learn more about the need for the facility and the campaign, and to read a description of the project, please **CLICK HERE**.

MHA 2010 Staff "Building Foundation" Donation MHA 2010 staff made their goal of donating \$5,000 to the campaign. Thirty-three staff members made gifts - that's 95% of the professional staff! "You all are just incredible!! What a fabulous show of support for MHA and a great tribute to the work you do here" MHA CEO, Patricia Hanberry, told the staff.

Donate to MHA Campaign Online

You can now donate to the building campaign using your credit/debit card. Go to the **Online Donation** web page and when it asks, "Please select where you would like your gift to be designated" choose "Capital Campaign" from the pull-down menu. *Using your credit card for donations saves you postage, gets your donation to MHA quickly, and allows you to receive airline miles and other benefits from your credit card company.*

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