

THE APOLLO TRIP - DECEMBER 27, 2006 Ms. Karen Brown

The Apollo trip was most enjoyable. We stopped in New York and did a little shopping, which is always fun. Later we were greeted by the ushers and shown to our seats for a fantastic show. Though this was my 3rd time going, I must say this show was by far the best I'd seen. It was a show compiled of various winners from previous shows, so they were giving the skills up. I loved it. I yelled and clapped the whole time from excitement and enjoyment. Our New Pathways family were on their feet applauding and cheering on their favorite acts as well. We ended the evening with smiles on our faces and great memories that will last a life time.

Thanks New Pathways for such a wonderful outing.

WOMEN'S GROUP TEA PARTY Ms. Lisa Pringle

The Tea Party held January 10, was the first event to introduce the new "Woman's Group," The ladies learned tea party etiquette and enjoyed sampling different types of teas, desserts, fruits, and cookies. Each young lady was able to take home a tea cup and saucer as a memento of the event. The tea party was enjoyable for all and we had a chance to talk, laugh, and get to know one another.

We talked about what we would like to do in our Woman's Group. The ladies came up with many different ideas and activities. Our next event will be bowling and we would like all the ladies of New Pathways to join us.

We are looking forward to seeing all you ladies there.

NP LANCASTER SHOPPING TRIP LaShawn M.

The New Pathways shopping trip that took place on Saturday, January 27 turned out to be extremely fun. There were a lot of stores to shop in at both shopping centers. Tanger Shopping Center was the one that I say flattened everyone's pockets. There were plenty of Brand name stores to shop in ecko unltd, JCrew, Banana Republic, Eddie Bauer, Gap, etc. There were great clearance sales in every store; of course, that didn't stop me from going broke. The shopping center was so big, with so many outlets you couldn't help but to shop till you drop. That is exactly what I did; I couldn't walk any longer because my feet were hurting. Over all the experience to be in a state other than Maryland was interesting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to the following young people for achieving academically:

Toshuna

Licensed Cosmetologist

Elaina

High School Diploma

Caroline

Finishing Massage Therapy School

Adanna

Honor Roll Status for Fall 2006
(Baltimore City Community College)

Courtney L.

Honor Roll Status Fall 2006
(Community College of Baltimore County)

Jamal C.

Honor Roll Status Fall 2006
(Baltimore International Culinary College)



New Pathways, Inc. would like to wish a big Happy Birthday to Reggie J, Courtney H, Evan C, Eugene T, Jeremy W, Ms. Judy, Ms. Yolanda and Mr. Barry.



Congratulations

Cheyenne C.

Jada W

Born: January 14, 2007 At: 2:30 p.m.

Weight: 5 pounds, 14.9 ounces

GROUND HOG DAY

Ms. Carey Andrews

Six More Weeks of Winter!

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. What does this mean? As the American tradition goes, this means we have six more weeks of winter to bear before the seasons change and we can enjoy the warmth, showers, and flowers of the spring.

The legend of Groundhog's Day is based on a Scottish saying, which goes, "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there will be two winters in the year". In 1887, the first ever Groundhog's Day, this saying was modified and the tradition became predicting the seasons based on whether or not our beloved groundhog sees his shadow. For many years, the ceremony was held in secret, with the prediction being announced afterwards. But since 1966, the forecast has become a national event, with many spectators traveling for miles to see the event.

To learn more about Groundhog's Day, you can watch the movie "Groundhog's Day", starring Bill Murray. It's a great way to stay warm on the many winter days between now and spring!

SUGGESTED BOOKS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Quote: "Those that forget the past are condemned to relive it" (Unknown)

Mr. Jamal Evans

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied-or even documented-when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books. Check these out:

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

The Philosophy and Opinions of Marcus Garvey, or Africa for the Africans by Amy Jacques Garvey

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X

In His Own Words: From Freedom to the Future by Nelson Mandela

The Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr. by Martin Luther King

Christopher Columbus and the Afrikan Holocaust: Slavery and the Rise of European Capitalism (Paperback) by John Henrik Clarke

Ali Rap (Paperback) by George Lois

Seize the Time: The Story of the Black Panther Party and Huey P. Newton by Bobby Seale

The Pursuit of Happyness by Chris Gardner, Quincy Troupe

We encourage you all to celebrate and educate yourselves about the culture of African-American history

PRESIDENTS' DAY

The third Monday of February is celebrated as Presidents' Day; however, the official name is Washington's Birthday. Many Government offices are closed, as well as business offices. Looking in the malls or reading newspapers you will see special sales for Presidents' Day.

But, what about the history? Originally February 22 (instituted in 1880 by the Federal Government), was celebrated as George Washington's Birthday who is known by many as The Father of Our Country. George Washington was a hero of the American Revolution, chairman of the Constitutional convention and the first President of the United States. Washington served two terms as president and declined a third term. This year (2007) the country will celebrate Washington's 275th birthday.

In 1971 the federal holiday was changed to the third Monday of February and recognized all U.S. Presidents. How many US Presidents can you name? Can you tell something about each President? Please take a moment to know the Presidents of the United States

1. George Washington 1789-1797
2. John Adams 1797-1801
3. Thomas Jefferson 1801-1809
4. James Madison 1809-1817
5. James Monroe 1817-1825
6. John Quincy Adams 1825-1829
7. Andrew Jackson 1829-1837
8. Martin Van Buren 1837-1841
9. William Henry Harrison 1841
10. John Tyler 1841-1845
11. James K. Polk 1845-1849
12. Zachary Taylor 1849-1850
13. Millard Fillmore 1850-1853
14. Franklin Pierce 1853-1857
15. James Buchanan 1857-1861
16. Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865
17. Andrew Johnson 1865-1869
18. Ulysses S. Grant 1869-1877
19. Rutherford B. Hayes 1877-1881
20. James A. Garfield 1881
21. Chester A. Arthur 1881-1885
22. Grover Cleveland 1885-1889
23. Benjamin Harrison 1889-1893
24. Grover Cleveland 1893-1897
25. William McKinley 1897-1901
26. Theodore Roosevelt 1901-1909
27. William Howard Taft 1909-1913
28. Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921
29. Warren G. Harding 1921-1923
30. Calvin Coolidge 1923-1929
31. Herbert C Hoover 1929-1933
32. Franklin D Roosevelt 1933-1945
33. Harry S Truman 1945-1953
34. Dwight D Eisenhower 1953-1961
35. John F. Kennedy 1961-1963
36. Lyndon B. Johnson 1963-1969
37. Richard M. Nixon 1969-1974
38. Gerald Ford 1974-1977
39. Jimmy Carter 1977-1981
40. Ronald Regan 1981-1989
41. George Bush 1989-1993
42. Bill Clinton 1993-2001
43. George W Bush 2001-Present

OFFERING HELP FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTHS

By **ERIK ECKHOLM**

Published: January 27, 2007 New York Times

Submitted by Kevin Keegan

DETROIT — When current and former foster children formed a group to help youths who had turned 18 and were “aging out” of the system, one of the first things they did was hold a luggage drive.

“We saw that a lot of the kids were taking their clothes out in garbage bags,” said Chilton Brown, 23, a former foster child who spent ages 3 to 18 as a ward of the state, bouncing around 15 family homes or group residences.

A life contained in green plastic bags: it is the kind of humiliating detail that hits home hardest among foster youths themselves. It is also a telling sign of how unprepared many of these 18-year-olds are to live on their own, without families, jobs or school diplomas to shore them up.

In part because of the increasing advocacy by foster youth groups like Mr. Brown’s, many states are expanding efforts to help young adults prepare for life outside the system, offering transitional housing, education, medical care and mentoring as they step out on their own. States are also extending aid for extra years, in some cases to age 21 or even beyond.

“We’re finally seeing a recognition by public agencies that they have a responsibility to this population beyond the age of 18,” said Gary Stangler, director of Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, a foundation in St. Louis that is helping to organize foster youth boards and offers matched savings accounts as well as job aid in 10 states. “In our society, most 18-year-old kids aren’t ready to be thrust into the world.”

Long in the shadows, the plight of aging out foster youths — some 24,000 a year nationwide who fail to be adopted and usually leave court-monitored care at 18 — is gaining new attention, as youths speak out and research reveals the numbers who end up in homeless shelters, jail and long-term poverty.

California, spurred by the lobbying of the country’s largest and most powerful group of former foster children, the California Youth Connection, plans to provide 1,200 transitional housing units and support counseling for young adults emerging from care.

In New York City, as part of a wider effort to fight homelessness, the state and city are creating 200 apartments for foster care veterans with special needs. Several private agencies are expanding their programs, as well.

Washington and Iowa have recently joined at least 17 other states, including New York, that allow youths under some circumstances to remain in foster care until age 21. The move keeps the youths under the protection of a court that can press for aid to which they may be entitled into their twenties but is not always offered by overwhelmed state agencies.

But a universal option to remain in foster care until age 21, which is supported by the American Bar Association and many experts, has been hampered by a lack of money. The large federal subsidies that help pay for the system’s courts, lawyers and social workers are provided only up to the age of 18, or 19

for those finishing high school. In Illinois, where nearly half of foster children now stay to 21, the extra years are paid for by the state. Early studies by the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago indicate that those who remain are faring better than those who leave at 18.

But it is too soon, scholars say, to know how much difference all the new efforts will make in the lives of children who have suffered abuse or neglect and separations from their families.

In Michigan, nearly 500 youths age out annually, usually at 18. A study of 264 former foster children, released in October by psychologists at Wayne State University, showed how poorly many had fared. Youths from Detroit and two surrounding counties who aged out in 2002 and 2003, mainly African-American, were surveyed three and a half years after they left care. Seventeen percent had stayed in the streets or in shelters for an average of two months each. Some 33 percent had spent long periods “couch surfing” with friends or relatives. Four in ten were high school graduates. The average youth had been unemployed half the time since leaving care; most jobs were in fast food, averaging just \$600 per month. More than one in four males had spent time in jail.

Under a 1999 federal law that provides some “independent living” assistance to age 21, many aged-out youths can get financial aid, including up to \$1,000 to help rent an apartment and up to \$5,000 a year for those enrolled in college or training schools.

“If it weren’t for these programs, I’d probably be in a shelter and I’d have to drop out of school,” said Stacey Kline, 21, who left Detroit’s foster system at 18. Ms. Kline has been an active leader in the city’s youth boards and is now in college, hoping to someday run a home for aged-out youths.

Still, for Ms. Kline it has been two steps forward, one step back: she recently borrowed emergency money from the Jim Casey program to help her rent a new apartment after, she said, an angry ex-boyfriend vandalized her previous apartment.

In other common patterns, many youths are eager to sever ties with the child welfare bureaucracy, some squander their limited aid and others are in no shape to take advantage of these benefits.

Michael Morris, 21, says he regrets forfeiting his transitional aid. Born to teenage drug users, he was in foster care in Detroit from the age of six months, drifting through dozens of private and group homes. Though he had never even met his parents, Mr. Morris said, “I wanted a family and I wanted to be with my parents no matter whether they were on drugs.” Before he turned 18 and exited foster care, he met his sister and mother for the first time and decided to move in with his mother without the consent of the court, thus losing transitional rent and school subsidies.

He later joined one of the emerging foster youth boards in Detroit and received some matching money for what he saved while working as a security guard. But living with his mother did not last long. Mr. Morris then tried sharing apartments, but the roommates did not pay their share of the rent. He became unemployed and recently arrived at the crisis center of Covenant House in Detroit, where he shared a barren room with two other homeless youths. “I hope to be out by March,” Mr. Morris said.

“I got a good lead on a job at Popeye’s,” he added, which would pay \$7.25 an hour. Through the matched savings program, he hopes to rent his own apartment and enroll in community college.

The growing advocacy by foster children themselves has done more than anything else to draw the attention of state and national officials, said Robin Nixon, director of the National Foster Care Coalition.

In Michigan, Marianne Udow, director of human services, said one of her first acts after taking office in January 2004 was to meet with youth boards to ask for advice. “I left that meeting feeling that the whole system was broken,” Ms. Udow said. The youth boards later issued 15 recommendations for improving the system and lobbied the governor and legislators. Some suggestions were accepted, including making sure that all foster children get a certified copy of their birth certificate and a Social Security card and help obtaining driver’s licenses.

Other suggestions would be more costly and remain under discussion, including offering free college tuition, giving former foster children cars being auctioned by the state and giving all the option to remain in care to 21.

But the youths also made it clear they believed that the problems start when the state removes children from their parents — sometimes too readily — and moves them away from relatives, friends and familiar schools. Their first recommendation was that foster youths should have a say whenever changes in their status were considered. Their second was to provide them help maintaining ties with their birth families and hometown friends.

The state created a task force with youths on every panel. One top recommendation, the automatic extension of Medicaid coverage to age 21, has just been put into effect. The State Housing Development Authority has also allocated \$3 million for rent subsidies, whose recipients will also be eligible for regular mental health and other services.

At the same time, Ms. Udow said, the state is working to reduce the frequency with which children are removed from their parents and trying to keep more children with relatives and in the same schools. The state is in settlement talks with the advocacy group Children’s Rights, which brought a suit accusing Michigan of providing inadequate protection and support to children in its care. For the hundreds who have joined, the youth boards, with their weekly meetings and election of officers, have offered personal breakthroughs as much as a way to influence policy.

“When we come together it’s like family,” said Alice Harris, a 22-year-old mother of three children who lived in a home for unwed mothers when she entered foster care, then ran away at 16 and survived on the streets for more than a year. More recently Ms. Harris has lived with a boyfriend, received welfare and become certified as a nurse’s assistant. She has become heavily involved with her local youth board in central Detroit, getting elected as an officer and lobbying in the state capital.

When she attended her first board meeting two years ago, she said, “I didn’t want to leave. We were just gossiping, and I made friends, some of them worse off than I was.”

Chilton Brown, who says he “acted out” during his 15 years in foster care, has benefited from the new aid programs in Michigan but also illustrates how hard it can be to turn things around. Mr. Brown gained confidence as a public spokesman, especially for the special challenges facing gay youths like himself, and has worked as a trainer of new foster parents. He entered Wayne State University with financial aid and aspirations to become a social worker. He took advantage of the matched savings program to buy a car.

But he has also lost a series of jobs, could not keep up payments on his car, lost his home when a relative moved away and has missed the last two semesters of college. He has spent the last three months living in Covenant House. “I got too adapted to having other people take care of me,” he said in the sparse double room he shares. Now Mr. Brown’s belongings are stuffed into one suitcase, and two large plastic shopping bags.

THOUGHTS FROM MR. KEVIN

Welcome to the coldest, but shortest month of the year. This is the month where standing on the bus stop will test your commitment, so make sure you are clear about what you need to do and don’t let anything get in your way. We are busy planning a number of events, both for this month as well as for the future. We have moved our Summertime Family Reunion to Druid Hill Park this year on Saturday August 25, so please mark your calendars now. We moved the event closer and to a weekend so more people will be able to stop by.

One of the very important items we will be discussing in this month’s all client meeting is how important it is for everyone to take advantage of the NICHAC program. Many times, young people confuse the short term cost of having to pay a little bit toward your rent each month with the long term benefit of being prepared before you turn 21. The success of the young people who take advantage of the NICHAC program is amazing.

I heard an interesting quote this week I thought I would end with:

“Watch your thoughts for they become your words;
Watch your words for they become your actions;
Watch your actions for they become your habits;
Watch your habits for they become your character;
Watch your character for it becomes your destiny.”

Take care and be safe,
Mr. Kevin

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

By Jeff Lambert

Winter is not just a time to stay indoors and wait for spring. Once outdoors, however, you may need to take extra steps to keep safe in the cold. In ice and snow, accidents can occur easily, and before you know it, you may be on your way to the emergency room. There are ways to keep safe and stay fit during the cold months. By following a few tips, you can have a great time outside, no matter how much it snows.

Why Is It Important to Be Safe in the Cold?

Certain injuries are more common in the winter because of cold-weather activities. Activities like ice-skating, sledding, snowboarding, and skiing lead to the most accidents and injuries in the winter. Now that snowboarding is drawing more young people out into the cold weather, emergency rooms are seeing more abdominal, head, and neck injuries from those who run into trees or large rocks while snowboarding. It is not just winter sports that send people to the hospital or to a doctor's office. Certain illnesses are more common when the seasons change. Respiratory illnesses, especially viruses like the flu, are particularly prevalent during this time of year. That's because everyone spends more time indoors in winter, exposing themselves to more germs in the air.

At Home

One way to stay healthy while cooped up inside is to make sure you wash your hands. It is especially important to wash your hands after you share items with others and after you cough or blow your nose. It will help to prevent the spread of viruses. Otherwise, it's difficult to avoid getting sick. People who sleep and eat healthy may be less likely to get sick because their bodies are more resistant to viruses, germs and bacteria.

If you want to go outside to shovel the snow, that's fine, but take care. Snow shoveling is actually more strenuous than it may appear to be. Also, know when it's time to come inside from frostbite, make sure that fingers and toes are warm and dry, and your nose and ears are covered.



Braving the Cold

If you are going outside in the cold, stay safe, warm and dry. Have a snack before going out. The calories will give you extra energy in the cold weather. And protect your face with sunscreen. Even though the idea of sunburn in January can seem odd, snow can reflect up to 85% of the sun's ultraviolet rays. And wear sunglasses. Light reflected off snow can be damaging to your eyes.

Dress warmly using layers of clothes. If the top layer gets wet from snow or freezing rain, you can peel off some clothes down to a dry layer. Avoid cotton clothing because it will not keep you warm. Wool and synthetic fabrics work best. Dress in long underwear, a turtleneck, and a sweater and coat. Add more layers depending on the temperature. Water-resistant pants and jackets are great top layers because they don't let moisture seep into the other clothing. Be sure to wear warm socks and boots to keep feet dry and a hat to keep your head warm. Surprisingly, most of the body heat you lose when outside is from the top of your head.

As long as you are warm and dry, there's no set amount of time you should stay out in the cold. However, when being cold becomes unpleasant, it's time to go inside. It helps to have an extra pair of gloves tucked in your pockets if you plan to be outdoors for a while.

Children and Cold Weather

A small child who has the opportunity to go outside and play will not tell you if they are cold. As the adult you need to make sure the child body is completely covered before going out. The same guidelines above should be used for children. A Child's first layer of clothes should be warm underclothes – long sleeve undershirt and long underwear or tights (can also use PJ bottoms or another pair of pants). The second layer should be daytime clothes – long sleeve shirts with high necklines, long pants (choose warm fabrics), sweaters and/or vests. The third layer should be a warm coat or snowsuit, HAT (keep the Child's head covered), scarf, mittens or gloves, and warm boots.

What to Do in an Emergency

Frostnip is an early warning sign of the onset of frostbite. It leaves the skin white and numb. After coming inside, remove all wet clothing because it draws heat from the body. Immerse the chilled body parts in warm water (not hot, 104 to 108 degrees Fahrenheit) until the numbness goes away and you can feel sensation again. Frostbite occurs mostly on fingers, toes, ears, noses, and cheeks. The area becomes very cold and turns white or yellowish gray. If you notice frostbite, you should immediately seek medical attention.

If you have a car, make sure you have a first-aid kit, and extra blankets and gloves in the car.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

New Pathways Family Reunion



Saturday, August 25, 2007

at Druid Hill Park – Columbus Pavilion

Noon – 8:00 PM

Watch for further information

FINANCIAL TIP OF THE MONTH



Dear Penny Bank:

What is the best way to get my taxes done? Tax preparer companies charge high fees and that cuts into my money I should be getting back. I want that money to spend on me and not make them rich.

I WANT ALL MY TAX REFUND

Dear I Want All My Tax Refund:

You are a smart cookie to want it all back and you should get all you are entitled to. People with small incomes can file their own taxes with a little guidance. I suggest you see Mr. Jamal for assistance. He will be able to guide you on how to file your taxes. This way you will get your money back without contributing to someone else's pocketbook. (Don't forget to spend some of that money at the bank – this is a great way to boost your savings account).

Penny Bank

Do you have a question or problem about bill paying, saving money, budgeting or other money related question? If so, please send your questions to Penny Bank NP News c/o Main Office (this can be done via your case manager or other staff member) and we will be happy to answer your question in the next issue. Answers to Penny Bank will be kept simple.

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LETTERS TO MR. BOB

Mr. Bob:

I have a roommate that will not clean up after herself. I like to keep my apartment clean and she don't help. I let stuff go because she should do her part and then I get in trouble. I tried mediation, but it don't work. What can I do?

Don't want to clean up after someone dirty

Dear Frustrated Roommate:

A staff member who knows about mediation can help you both. Please reach out for help.

Mr. Bob

Do you have a problem or question and don't know where to turn for an answer? Send your problem or question to the NP News Desk at the main office. We will respond in the next issue of the NP News. All submissions will be discrete and no names will be published.

**RECIPE FOR A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT
SPAGETTI & SAUCE & GARLIC BREAD**

Ingredients:

- 1 Jar Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Package Spaghetti Noodles
- 1 Package Frozen Garlic Bread

Optional Ingredients:

- Green or Black Olives
- Broccoli
- Pepperoni

Topping:

Shredded Cheese – Sharp, Mozzarella, Parmesan

- Cook Spaghetti Noodles according to package directions
- Heat spaghetti sauce over low heat. Make sure spaghetti sauce is cooked for at least 10 minutes to get really hot.
- Prepare Garlic Bread according to package directions.
- When noodles are finished, drain and stir in spaghetti sauce along with optional ingredients you want to add.
- Serve spaghetti and sauce topped with your favorite cheese and a slice of Garlic Bread.

**WHAT IS VALENTINE'S DAY,
ANYWAY?**

Mrs. Jennifer Pettis

Here's a quick quiz...St. Valentine was:

- a) A priest in the Roman Empire who helped persecute Christians during the reign of Claudius II, was thrown in jail and later beheaded on Feb. 14
- b) a Catholic bishop of Terni who was beheaded, also during the reign of Claudius II
- c) Someone who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden, or suffered in Africa, or wrote letters to his jailer's daughter, and was probably beheaded
- d) all, some, or possibly none of the above

If you guessed d), give yourself a box of chocolates! For many, Valentine's Day can be stressful...even if it doesn't end with a beheading! Whether or not you have a significant other, there are pressures that come along with this romantic holiday. If you count yourself among the single folk, seeing all the happy couples can be downright depressing. If you do have a significant other, but he or she doesn't seem to have a romantic bone in his or her respective body, then the day may not live up to your expectations. And if you do have Prince or Princess Charming in your life, the pressure to get them the perfect gift can be completely maddening! So, who wins with this holiday?

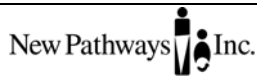
I have a few suggestions to ease the stress. First, if you don't have a significant other, take this opportunity to let your close friends know how important they are to you. After all, aren't they the ones who stand by you when boyfriends and girlfriends come and go? Second, if you do have that special someone, show him or her your love in simple ways. Cook dinner for them, get their favorite dessert, and skip the roses for which the florist charges double on Valentine's Day! If you're creative, make a card that expresses your true feelings. Or, (like me) hoof it to Party City and get one funny, cute card, and another sweet, romantic one, to cover all your bases. As long as it comes from the heart, your honey will enjoy whatever you do! So, keep your head and neck intact, and enjoy the day!

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Find the list of words in the NP News and
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Word Search Challenge**

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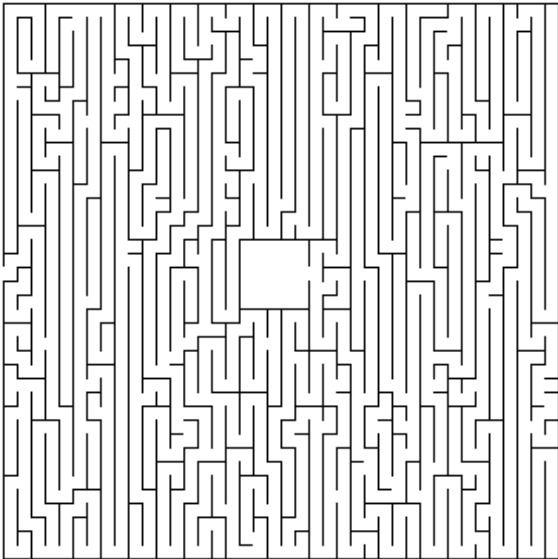
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**Independent Living Programs for Maryland's Youth
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New Pathways is committed to the development of self-sufficiency in young adults. We prepare youth to become empowered, educated, and economically independent adults, who are able to meet the daily challenges of life and make positive contributions to the community.

**USING YOUR EYES
CAN YOU FIND YOUR
WAY THROUGH THE MAZE?**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS & HOLIDAYS
February 2007**

2/2/2007 Groundhog Day

2/8/2007 All Client Meeting and Movie Night

2/14/2007 Valentines Day

2/19/2007 Presidents Day – Belvedere Square Office
Closed

2/20/2007 Client Dinner at Dukems Ethiopian Restaurant
6:00 PM – Watch for further details

8/25/2007 Family Reunion – Mark your calendar!

****ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



EDUCATION REMINDER

**Remember that the Financial Aid deadline is
March 1, 2007. See Miss Brenda Campbell if you
need assistance with completing your financial
aid.**

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Echo G. Hester - Jeff Lambert – Carey Andrews

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- Yolanda Hawkes, Life Skills Counselor
- Sharnett Kelly, Life Skills Counselor
- James Richard Jr, Life Skills Counselor
- James Sippio, Sr. Life Skills Counselor
- Christopher Sutton, Life Skills Counselor
- Gloria Taylor, Life Skills Counselor
- Alexander Watson, Life Skills Counselor
- Daphney Williams, Life Skills Counselor
- Deborah Young, Life Skills Counselor
- Second Generations
- Laura Fertig, Program Director
- Makda Belay, 2G Life Skills Counselor
- Beth Bitler, Parenting Trainer
- Judith Dukes, 2G Life Skills Counselor
- Deanna Murray, Life Skills Counselor
- Brenda Phelps, 2G Sr. Life Skills Counselor