

# 2016 CHOCOLATE AFFAIR A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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## Dear 2016 Chocolate Affair Volunteers,

Chocolate! It just keeps getting better. And better. You made the Health Care for the Homeless Chocolate Affair more successful than ever before.

During the event, we watched a powerful video that provided an up-close glimpse into our West Baltimore community, a community that has endured poverty, drugs, the flight of wealth and jobs, but whose members are taking a stand to reverse decades of decline. Please share it with others.

Inspired by this opportunity in West Baltimore, our Fund-A-Need Auction volunteers of you helped fulfill an unprecedented Fund-A-Need matching challenge. All told, the auction raised \$140,000 to support the amazing work our providers do every day. That's \$40,000 more than the original \$100,000 CareFirst challenge. And in response, our friends at CareFirst agreed to match the entire \$140,000 amount – bringing our grand total on the evening to over \$500,000.

Thank you for being such an integral part of a memorable night of volunteerism, and of course



dancing, fellowship and giving—all to help our neighbors without homes move toward better health and stability.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and helped make possible this year's Chocolate Affair. Please take a minute to check out some of the post-event photos in our Facebook Chocolate 2016 gallery.