

GEDCO Success Stories

John, Gallagher Mansion Resident, GEDCO's Senior Services

John struggled with his sobriety throughout much of his adult life, which made it difficult to retain a job and ultimately lead to homelessness. Through his enrollment in GEDCO's Micah House program, John not only found permanent housing, but also overcame his addiction and obtained his Bachelor's degree. John has since transitioned to GEDCO's Gallagher Mansion program, which allows him to engage with other seniors, access community resources, and continue his college career. At 67, John remains upbeat and tenacious, and he will be graduating with his Master's degree this summer.

Darrel, CARES and CARES Career Connection Client, GEDCO's Community Services

While away at school, Darrel, a single father of four, learned that his mother, who was the children's primary care giver, had a stroke. Darrel returned to Baltimore and had to find a place for his family to live. While at a shelter, he received assistance finding housing. He got a job and moved in to the new place, but he could not get gas and electric service turned on there until he paid off an old bill. At CARES, dedicated volunteers were able to get the bill paid and power established at his new home.

Tanya, Justice Housing Resident, GEDCO's Homeless Services

Recently, one of our Justice Housing clients, "Tanya," was able to complete her Maryland Department of Rehabilitation Services program and to secure two part time employment positions. GEDCO's case managers are able to work with her in order to encourage her to monitor her energy levels and adjust her appointment schedules so that she may balance her work commitments accordingly.

Joe, CARES and CARES Career Connection Client, GEDCO's Community Services

Joe, who has thought processing issues due to a gunshot wound to his head several years ago, came to CARES looking for help in finding a job through our CARES Career Connection program. He mentioned to one of our volunteers that he cannot afford his prescription medication to cope with his physical ailments, and it was hindering him from applying and maintaining a job. We were able to assist in fulfilling his prescription, which then allowed him to start applying to jobs again. Joe has been hired by Walmart and has been working there for over a month now!

