



*Julie Community Center, Inc.*

*The Julie Community Center, founded in 1975 and incorporated in 1976, is a non-profit organization of 501 (c) (3) status. Since its foundation, it has served the poor and low income families in the sector of southeast Baltimore bounded by Monument Street-Eastern Avenue and Patterson Park Avenue-Broadway. This population is a rich mix of races and ethnic groups -- an almost equal percentage of African and European American individuals and families, with a small but growing number of Latino families and the largest group of Native American Indians in the City of Baltimore.*

*Historically, the southeast sector of Baltimore was a working class community, but according to the 1990 census had suffered between 1980 - 1990 a 48.5% loss of industrial jobs and is consequently suffering a high rate of unemployment. Other statistics include a decline in commercial strips, an 11% vacancy rate in housing, and a shift from owner to renter occupancy in a number of neighborhoods. Drugs also play a negative role on many southeast street corners.*

*The purpose of the Julie Center is to help develop groups and projects that not only combat the above set of problems, but also serve as instruments for fostering neighborhood pride, participation, and self-determination. Currently, we coordinate six programs:*

- *The People's Rights Office reaches out to people in critical need.*
- *The Neighborhood Health Promoters act as community health workers responding to the public health needs of children, parents, and elderly.*
- *The Youth Program gathers children and teens from the neighborhood and involves them in productive cultural, recreational, and educational programs.*
- *Community Organizing takes the Center into the heart of the community working with others to provide and maintain stable and safe neighborhoods. Current priority projects are the work of the Southeast Youth Academy and the Southeast Education Task Force.*
- *The Adult Education Program provides GED coaching for former high school drop-outs.*
- *The Notre Dame AmeriCorps Program trains and supervises a corps of adult reading tutors who work with children from local public schools.*

*The Julie Center is in its 25th year of service to southeast Baltimore. It has seen the expansion of community health and educational services; partnered with others to organize the Southeast Community Plan, a blueprint for the future; worked hard to foster an economically and racially diverse community; and has been blessed in seeing progress and maintaining hope for the full revitalization of the Southeast community.*