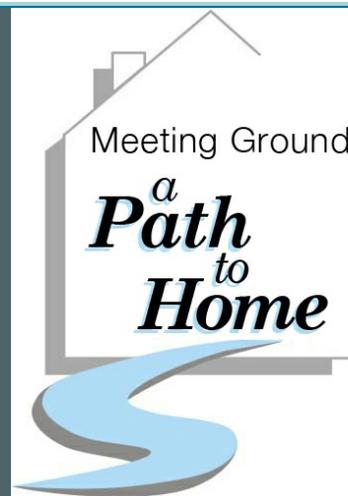


# Meeting Ground E-Newsletter

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## Thank you, Dominique!

Dominique Scantick began her internship at Meeting Ground in August, 2015, at both the [Mary Randall Center](#) and The Settlement House/[Cecil County Men's Shelter](#). Dominique, a lifelong resident of Cecil County, will be graduating from the University of Southern California in August, 2016, where she will be earning her MSW with a concentration in Mental Health and a sub-concentration in Military Social Work and Veteran Services. A "Military Brat," Dominique has brought to her work with us a lifetime of knowledge about military culture and veterans.

She transitioned to working solely at the Settlement House at the beginning of her last semester in May, 2016. While interning at the Settlement House Dominique conducted individual counsel-



*Dominique Scantick plans volunteer at the Settlement House after she graduates.*

ing and group therapy sessions, and assisted in meeting residents' various needs on a daily basis. Since Dominique has been at the Settlement House, she has been able to help all residents, but more so our veterans. She meets with them and listens to their stories, and gives them the opportunity to discuss war, combat, and reintegration.

Upon graduation Dominique hopes to work for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Perry Point VAMC. While Dominique has not served in the military, her entire family has, and she believes that serving those who have served our country

is the next best thing.

## Thank you, Connor!

It is a challenge many military families face, often repeatedly. One that causes husbands and wives to leave new neighbors and support systems, children to make new friends and enmesh themselves into yet another school community, and the enlisted to earn the respect of a whole new crew. Moving. At Meeting Ground, this is nothing new. All moves, for whatever reason, come with change and adjustments.

## The Word

*Galatians 5:13-14 - You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

God calls us to be free so we can best love our neighbor. God calls us to be free; free of addictions, free of pain, free of debt. Blessedly, Meeting Ground and the Cecil County Men's Shelter are now both fully free of debt. Because of the generosity of two individuals who remembered Meeting Ground in their wills, both organizations paid off all remaining debt-the mortgage at the Mary Randall Center and the mortgage at Cecil County Men's Shelter. Retirement of the mortgages coincides with the completion of the repairs after the fire at the Mary Randall Center and the start of renovations at the Cecil County Men's Shelter. Thus, we are experiencing blessing upon blessing.

Yet one thing is a constant in all this chaos. God commands us to "Love your neighbor as yourself."

It is this exact thing that Troop 443 Eagle Candidate Connor Duncklee has shown his community. Knowing he would be moving June, 2016, he chose to do his Eagle project during his short time in Cecil County before his family moved yet again. He had plenty of time to complete a project with his former troop in Georgia where the family was relocating (and once previously lived). But Connor made a different choice. One that shows love for his neighbors here.

Connor led a project at Wayfarer's House to refinish the hardwood floors in the dining room and convert an old hutch into a storage area for the women and their children to store their personal items. Shortly upon completing his project and finishing the school year, he and his family were off to the next stop in their journey. We barely got to say thank you and celebrate his tremendous accomplishment and contribution.



*Check out these shiny new floors!*

We are confident the boxes aren't even fully unpacked in Georgia for the Duncklee family and they are already making re-connections, getting back into the swing of life in their former community, and loving their neighbors.

Thank you Connor for reminding us that God wants us to love our neighbors, where ever we find ourselves in life, no matter **where** we call home.

**SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER  
IN LOVE**  
GALATIANS 5:13

We are blessed that that the funds were so wisely used to serve one another humbly in love and serve as a model to our guests and residents who are seeking to gain independence by focusing on debt reduction and credit restoration as they move forward on the Path to Home. Now that Meeting Ground and Cecil County Men's Shelter are free from debt, we can continue with your on-going support to follow Jesus' command to serve one another humbly in love and love our neighbors especially those who feel most unloved.

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