

Meeting Ground E-Newsletter September, 2016



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Bright Future for MRC Guest

Vernon Thompson recently received his CDL license, after training at the [Mid-Atlantic Transportation and Logistics Institute \(MATLI\) at Cecil College](#). Shenise Daughtry, director of the Mary Randall Center and Thompson's case manager, recently interviewed him about his accomplishment.



Vernon Thompson

SD: How do you feel?
VT: *Pretty good!*

SD: What's next?
VT: *My career. It was a long journey.*

SD: What kept you going?
VT: *My daughter. She is my pride and joy.*

SD: What was your most challenging barrier to this goal?
VT: *Transportation. It's hard to get around in this county without a car.*

SD: Who were your most fervent supporters?
VT: *My aunt and uncle, Meeting Ground staff and a Meeting Ground supporter who became my mentor.*

SD: What do you say to a person who is where you were?
VT: *Keep moving. It's hard. When you're living out there in a tent, it gets depressing. Don't get around a bunch of knuckleheads. They just want to bring you down.*

Shortly after receiving his CDL, Vernon received a job opportunity with a trucking company providing services throughout North America and Mexico.



Employment Successes at CCMS

The Cecil County Men's Shelter (CCMS) works closely with our residents to help those who are in need of finding employment. A number of the men have taken advantage of the [Susquehanna Work Force Center](#) in order to work on resumes and locate companies that are hiring. They have also been online to search for jobs and to fill out

The Word

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Every day at Meeting Ground and the Cecil County Men's Shelter, we witness labors of love. On Saturday, September 10, volunteers participating in CecilCares 2016 repaired and replaced fencing at the Mary Randall Center. They worked conscientiously even while the heat index registered 106 degrees.

Staff of Meeting Ground and the Cecil County Men's Shelter continually and diligently work with guests and residents to seek benefits, employment, and housing.

Most importantly our guests and residents proudly enter, re-enter, or advance in the workplace. The September e-Newsletter will feature one of our residents who recently prepared for employment by obtaining his Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Without your steadfast financial support none of these activities and achievements would be possible.

As we pray each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. we hold you in our prayers of thanksgiving.

Remember God is smiling about you.



applications.

Their hard work has been paying off as some have found employment and others are waiting for the final call back to begin working in early October.

Employment is a key to helping some of our residents move forward toward

permanent housing and self-sufficiency. It continues to be an integral part of the work at CCMS.

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

Our thanks to those hardy...and hearty...volunteers who came out on the blistering hot Saturday, September 10, for CecilCares 2016 at Mary Randall Center. The fencing was repaired thanks to their diligence. Now it awaits a fresh coat of paint! And thank you Sarah McDaniel, Cecil College photography student, for the wonderful pictures of the day.



Follow Pat's blog at www.meetingground.org

Employment Opportunity

Program Director - Cecil County Men's Shelter.

Closing date for applications: October 21, 2016

Calendar of Events

Friday, October 7, 4:30-8:00 pm: Empty Bowls. Benefits Wayfarers' House

Saturday, October 15, doors open at 6:45 pm
North Elk Coffee House with Steve Birney
Benefits Meeting Ground

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