Homeless shelter site of women's conference

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What was once a Baltimore convent is now a haven for homeless and unemployed women.

The Marian House, located at 949 Gorsuch Avenue, opened its doors to its first resident on April 12, 1982.

Today, the house serves up to 14 women. It was founded by Sisters of Mercy and School Sisters of Notre Dame who were committed to providing housing, counseling and employment assistance to women who wanted to start new lives.

The Marian House and other sources and models of transitional housing were the topics of an all-day conference held at the Belvedere Hotel Friday entitled, "From Dependence to Independence: The Journey to Self-Sufficiency."

The conference featured such speakers as Del. Howard P. Rawlings, (D-40) and Kathleen Riley, vice chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Board on Shelter, Nutrition and Homelessness Services Program.

Professionals, advocates and concerned citizens participated in the conference, which provided information about longer-term residence for the homeless.

The day included a keynote address by Rawlings and morning and afternoon workshops.

In the workshop entitled, "From Dependence to Independence: The Journey to Self-Sufficiency," Carol Melvin, Executive Director of the Women's Housing Coalition and Sister Augusta Reilly, Director of the Marian House, spoke about their residential programs and how they affected the women who have stayed there.

The Women's Housing Coalition began in 1979 in response to the absence of emergency shelter and resources available to homeless women in Maryland.

To address the long term needs of homeless women, the Coalition refocused their attention on providing second-stage housing resources, to serve women coming out of emergency shelters, who needed more time and assistance to stable their lives.

The Coalition has the capacity to house about 20 women in their three facilities in Baltimore.

"Our purpose is to befriend, help set goals for the women, to lick their wounds and to help them chart a course to get permanent housing," said Melvin.

Many of the women referred to both the Marian House and the Coalition have come from drug or alcohol rehabilitation centers, jail and other temporary shelters.

Reilly told the workshop audience that the women who come to Marian House need love, self-esteem and an environment that is free of drugs.

"When we look for staff members, we look for people who can love the residents and tell them that they love them," Reilly said.

Both the Coalition and the Marian House offer structured environments which include rules, curfews, chores, periodic drug testing and educational and vocational training.

Three women, who were residents of the facilities, shared some of their experiences at the shelters.

Patricia Wallace, who entered the Marian House in April of 1985, also lived at a Coalition facility.

She is a recovering drug addict and a former prostitute. She is now a night supervisor at the Marian House.

She explained why she entered the Marian House.

"I wanted to be free from drugs," she said. "I was tired of the things I had done and the anger between me and my family."

Wallace said she was proud that she was able to go from a life as a drug user and prostitute to the independent life she now leads.

Agaither Anderson said when she first entered the Marian House her goal was to "get out as soon as possible and be a bum again."

But then she realized she did not have the stamina to lead a life in the streets.

Like Wallace, Stephanie Sykes is a recovering drug addict and a former prostitute. She has lived in the Marian House for 3½ months and continues to live there.

"I feel real good about standing here," Sykes told the audience.

She said she is proud that she now has a job and is working to earn her high school diploma.

"I have hope and I get a whole lot of support from the people at the Marian House," she said.

The conference was sponsored by the Department of Human Resources, in collaboration with the Department of Housing and Community Development and the McAuley Institute.

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18 AND UNDER BOYS

CECIL-KIRK

	W	L
Cecil-Kirk*	4	0
Kerry's A. S.	3	1
Cadets	2	2

	W	L
Coldstream	1	3
Waverly	0	4

EASTERWOOD

	W	L
Cent. Rosemont*	5	1
Lillian Jones	3	3

	W	L
Easterwood	3	3
St. Edward	1	5

FRED. B. LEIDIG

	W	L
Fred B. Leidig	4	1
J. E. Howard	4	1
Towanda	3	2

	W	L
Bentalou 'B'	2	3
Walbrook	2	3
Catonsville	0	5

HERRING RUN

	W	L
Runnin' Rebels	4	1
Hereford	3	2
Blakefielders	2	3

	W	L
Dixie	2	3
E. Balto. Co.	2	3
Friars	2	3

JAMES McHENRY

	W	L
James McHenry	5	0
Lafayette 'B'	4	1

	W	L
Randallstown	2	4
Mary Rodman	0	6

LEXINGTON TERRACE

	W	L
Woodlawn*	5	0
Lexington	4	1
Grooves	3	2

	W	L
Greater Model	2	3
Upton	1	4
Randallstown	0	5

MADISON SQUARE

	W	L
Lexington*	5	0
Oliver	4	1
Lafayette	2	3

	W	L
Bentalou	2	3
Mary Rodman	1	4
Madison	1	4

NORTHWOOD

	W	L
Cecil-Kirk*	4	0
Northwestern	2	2
Jr. All Stars	2	2

	W	L
Northwood	2	2
Leith Walk	0	4

PATAPSCO

	W	L
Cherry Hill*	4	0
Steuart Hill	2	2

	W	L
Carman's Place	2	2
J. E. Howard	0	4

VIRGINIA S. BAKER

	W	L
Perry Hall*	4	1
Oliver	3	2
Jaguars	3	2

	W	L
Tench Tilghman	3	2
Ralph Young	2	3
Hollander Ridge	0	5

18 AND UNDER GIRLS

TENCH TILGHMAN

	W	L
Leith Walk	3	1

	W	L
Flag House	1	3

TOWANDA

	W	L
J. E. Howard*	4	0
Towanda	3	1
Pioneers	1	3

	W	L
Liberty Road	1	3
Greater Model	1	4

* WINNER FIRST ROUND

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF SOLID WASTE
NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate, addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked "Bureau of Solid Waste, Solid Waste Contract 137 for Clearing and Sediment Controls for Cell No. 5 at the Quarantine Road Sanitary Landfill," located Baltimore City, Maryland will be received at the office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street, Baltimore, Maryland until Wednesday, June 8, 1988 at 11 o'clock A.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time (Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time) and at 12 o'clock noon, on said date, they will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215 City Hall. Board of Estimates employees will be stationed at the security unit counter just inside the Holliday Street Entrance to City Hall from 10:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday to receive bids from Bidders who feel they would not be able to deliver the bid envelope to Room 204 by 11:00 A.M. due to a possible delay by the security check and scanner process. The bids will be processed with a hand scanner and placed in a box and promptly at 11:00 A.M. the box will be sealed and taken to Room 204 City Hall, Comptroller's Office.

Baltimore City hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that Minority Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement. Also, the bidder's attention is called to the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246) which is a part of the Contract proposal. All of these activities shall be done in accordance with Title IV of 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended.

For a bid to be considered responsive, bidders are required to include both minority business enterprise and women's business enterprise particiaption in a percentage which equals or exceeds the annual goals of twenty percent (20%) and three percent (3%), respectively.

The specifications for this contract are in two parts "Special Provisions" and "Specifications for Material, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures" 1979 Edition and any and all amendments thereto.

Special provisions, plans and other documents covering Solid Waste Contract No. 137 are on sale at the price of $25.00 each set. These specifications, plans and other contract documents may be obtained at Room 702, Abel Wolman Municipal Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland on and after May 27, 1988 at the price quoted herein, which amount will not be refunded. The contract documents may be examined at the office of the Utility Engineering, Room 309, Abel Wolman Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

The City of Baltimore, Department of Public Works Specifications for Material, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures, 1979 Edition and any and all amendments thereto (Referred to as the "Standard Specifications") is on sale at the Bureau of Highways at the price of $12.00 each copy, which amount will not be refunded. If the prospective bidder already has a copy of this specification book it is not necessary to purchase another.

The Board of Estimates reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or to waive technical defects, if in its judgement, the interests of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may so require.

Bids, when filed, shall be irrevocable.

A certified check from the bidder, or a bank cashier's check or a bank treasurer's check drawn on a solvent clearing house bank made payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or a bid bond executed on the form as provided in the Bid or Proposal for an amount which is determined by multiplying the total bid submitted by two percent (2%) and rounding the result to the next highest five hundred dollars ($500.00) will be required with each bid.

Performance and Payment bonds in the amount of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

Attention of bidders is called to the minimum wage rates to be paid on this project.

All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee, 1105 Abel Wolman Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, whose recommendations for an assigned dollar Work Capacity Rating and Work Classification(s) are effective after ratification and confirmation by the Board of Estimates. Contractors will not be permitted to bid for any single Contract having a dollar value in excess of the contractor's assigned Work Capacity Rating and will not be awarded any Contract if the Contract dollar value, when added tothe contractor's uncompleted backlog at time of award, exceeds the contractor's assigned Work Capacity Rating. Subcontractors intending to perform work in excess of $25,000 on this Contract must have established qualification for an adequate Work Capacity Rating and the necessary Work Classification(s) before they are permitted to commence work.

The Cost Classification Range for this project will be from $250,000.00 to $500,000.00.

A "Pre-Bidding Information Session" for the purpose of answering, or obtaining answers to questions for parties interested in contracting for the work, relative to the scope of work, equipment requirements, and scheduling, will be conducted at Room 300 Abel Wolman Municipal Office Building at 11:00 A.M., June 2, 1988.

Principal items of work for this project are:
Clearing and Grubbing.....Lump Sum
Unclassified
Excavation.....43,000 Cubic Yards
APPROVED:
Edward F. May
Acting Head, Bureau of Solid Waste
APPROVED:
Sheila C. Aguilar
Assistant City Solicitor

APPROVED:
(Signed) George L. Winfield
Dep. Director of Public Works
APPROVED:
Hyman A. Pressman
Secretary, Board of Estimates

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Baltimore County, Maryland for the following contract will be received from prequalified bidders in Suite 412, Courts Building, 401 Bosley Ave., Towson, Maryland 21204, until the time specified on each contract, THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1988, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

CONTRACT No. 88081 SXO
Repairs to Existing
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2 Junction Chambers

**** PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD ****
on JUNE 13, 1988 at 10:00 A.M.
Room 215, County Office Building

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Plans, specifications and other contract documents may be inspected and obtained on or after MAY 31, 1988, at the Office of Contracts and Specifications Division, Bureau of Engineering, Room 203, Baltimore County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204, upon payment of FIFTEEN ($15.00) per contract. Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents to be mailed will be sent upon receipt of TWENTY ($20.00) per contrat, which includes postage and handling fees. No refunds will be made to anyone.

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All proposals must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, on the approved form provided, in the amount as set forth in the "Information for Bidders". No other form of proposal guaranty is acceptable.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or bids or parts of bids and to waive technicalities as he may deem best for the interest of the County.

TIMOTHY T. HARRISON, Sr.
Purchasing Agent

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