The Dream Becomes a Reality
**HISTORY**

*First program to have an open approach to improving social justice for all Ethnic and Cultural backgrounds.*

Our organization is new, just receiving our EIN in March, 2011, and our LLC in the state of Maryland on May 20, but already we have began to make a difference in the lives of those we seek to serve. Our venture has grown from an idea and a common desire to bring improvement to the lives of those facing similar circumstance, and over the years, we will continue to grow.

In only a few short months, we have had two board meetings which produced the board members, developed our website, acquired partnerships and on our way to watching our first client hire her first employees.

Tamala Marie Burgess became the first client of Rounding the Bases with respect to business creation and development. Miss Burgess had applied for and received an EIN for her business. Rounding the bases will work with her to grow the business to the point where Keeping U Comfortable will find it necessary to hire employees, and will interview clients referred by Rounding the Bases.

Also, Jerry Clifton will be the Director of the Baltimore Area Office of Rounding the Bases, and serve as point of contact for any clients, acting as go between for Rounding the Bases and the probation department, substance abuse programs, and other such organizations such as P.A.C.E., in the Baltimore area that service the population we choose to engage.

Arnetta Baty has been acting as the Director of the New England Area Office. We are in the process of bidding on city contracts in both Boston and Baltimore.

Earnest Ferguson Jr. has recently become the second client, and Tammy and Earnie will hopefully become sub-contractors on city contracts in Baltimore.

[Review the contract] [We already have a bid on this one in Boston]
Once again I thank you for your interest in our newsletter. Our organization is growing, and at times I feel intimidated by the magnitude of what we seek to accomplish. We still have not garnered the support of any established businesses, but we have not given up, and are finding support among those with a similar mind toward social justice. Bear with me as I attempt to bring you up to date.

Our church, Metropolitan Baptist Church, installed Reverend Ronel Gunn as its new pastor on September 18, 2011. My wife and I prepared the pre-installation dinner on September 16, 2011.

November saw the Board Chair orchestrate a Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of the group home where I am employed.

Christmas saw her back at work with the creation of that “Adopt a Neighbor Program” in conjunction with the Fuller Bailey Neighborhood Association. Again there was a dinner for the residents of the group home, and members of the FBNA adopted a resident to provide a Christmas gift.

February saw us off to Baltimore to meet with City Council President, Bernard “Jack” Young’s Deputy Chief of Staff, Ms. Carolyn Blakeney. Later that same day, I was at Goucher University for my annual lecture with the “Being Human” social justice class taught by Professor Bess. (You might want to examine the required reading for that class, “The Little Bastard”.)

We returned to Boston and met with Councillor Charles Yancey.

From the meetings with Councillor Yancey, and Deputy Chief Blakeney sprung the two current bids we are pursuing. (Bid #1) (Bid #2)

Just yesterday we received information about a service that would be helpful to several of our clients, and without thought, we have agreed to pursue this venture also. Family Nurturing!

Some will say we are stretching ourselves too thin. Not so! As my friend Jerry always says, “If it falls in your lap and it’s easy, it’s God’s will.” Besides if we had listened to everyone we would never have thought that two crazy, homeless, jailbird, junkies could ever have gotten this far.

I can’t wait to see what the future holds next!

Sincerest Regards,

Carl Byron Baty, Executive Director
Rounding the Bases
It’s So Good to Have Company on Your Journey
Welcome to Rounding the Bases (roundingthebases.org)

As the Chair for Rounding the Bases, I would like to say Welcome and Thanks to all who have been instrumental in helping us to get to this point.

Our New and Developing website is now up and working. We look forward to hearing from you.

The work that we do in partnership is a vital link to the future social, emotional, cognitive and economic wellbeing of our organization.

We know that our client’s lifelong experiences are especially important because this will help us to develop the types of programs that are needed to help them to rebuild their lives and thereby give them back their self respect and a strong foundation will greatly increase their chances of a positive outcome.

It is my vision that Rounding the Bases will become the organization that finds the needed resources to help each and every one of us to support the community as a whole to thrive and succeed with honor.

Arnetta E. Baty is a dedicated parent, a activist in the community in which she lives and has worked in the child care field for over 30 years as an advocate for children and families, a mentor to other professionals and a teacher to so many. I have worked with Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, a non-profit community organization that is dedicated to increasing public and private investment in affordable housing and eliminating barriers to homeownership.

Prior to my volunteering with MAHA, I worked with South Shore Community Action Council as a Welfare/Senior Advocate/Para-Professional in Plymouth, Massachusetts with clients who needed help in acquiring public assistance from several different programs. Arnetta graduated from Wheelock College in August, 2007 (BA/Human Development), Fisher College in 1990 (AS/Para-Legal) and Massasoit College in 1988 (AA/Business Administration)

Again, Welcome and I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.
We are glad to have the need for a Director in the Baltimore/Washington area.

Greetings from Baltimore.

Thank you for visiting our site.

We at Rounding the Bases are committed to helping our clients reach their full potential. It’s a fresh approach to an old problem in society. Our clients have always heard, “You can’t,” and in many cases, have come to believe that they are stuck; unable to move forward with their lives.

At Rounding the Bases we say, “Let us show you the way up and out of your situation” no matter what the underlying cause of your apparent institutionalization. Some causes of said condition are addiction, homelessness, mental illness, and the newly reentered from incarceration. Any one or combination of these conditions is enough to make an individual lose hope of having a productive future.

I have experienced all four of these realities, and have defied the naysayers at every turn. I guess you could say I am hard-headed. I am determined to live a life as normal and productive as possible. I want this for each of our clients as well. Having lived it, I know what they are going through, and how frustrating it can be. I am not so far removed, approaching four years of ongoing recovery, that I don’t know what the day to day struggle is all about.

It’s all about dealing with each client one on one; with their issues and concerns. My hope and prayer is that their experience with RTB is positive and supportive. Nobody said that it’s going to be easy. In most cases, changing one’s station in life requires a lot of determination and hard work. If an individual can first shed the notion that “they owe me” or “they will take care of me”, then he or she will be half way there.

I am very excited to be doing this type of work. It is rewarding and satisfying. If I can see a client go from hopeless to hopeful, unemployable to employed, homeless to housed, using to clean, and ill to stable on medication, then I know I’m in the right place.
The following programs are on the drawing board for the future

GED Tutoring Class  
Clerical Skills Training

Building Maintenance Training  
Restaurant Operations Training

Building Renovation Training  
Housekeeping Training

There is also plans for Security and Landscaping programs,
Contact Us

To join our Board
To support our Organization
To attend a Meeting
To become a Partner
To attend a Class
To learn more about our program

Call: 443-529-3636

Fax: 617-474-9378

Or email us at: info@roundingthebases.org

You can write to us at:
Rounding the Bases, LLC
Baltimore Area Office
3509 Pinkney Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Or

Rounding the Bases, LLC
New England Area Office
35 Bailey Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

www.roundingthebases.org