

# STABILITY STARTS HERE

Your compassion brought transformative repairs and relief to Juliet.



enced unimaginable trauma. Shortly after one of her sons suffered a debilitating stroke, both her twin boys were victims of a shooting in front of her house. Adding to her stress were significant repairs needed in her home that she owned and lived in for 25 years. The

kitchen had a leak under the sink that caused the floor to rot and the room to become infested with rodents. Another leak caused problems with the kitchen ceiling. The house was unstable and unhealthy to live in. Juliet tried to get assistance from the city, but her repairs didn't qualify. Frustrated and depressed, her sister suggested she visit the Face to Face Legal Center. "Once I came to Face to Face things started to happen". Through the Legal Center's Housing Stability Initiative, Face to Face hired a contractor to make the necessary kitchen repairs. "It's beautiful. Now I have tears of happiness". Because of you, Juliet can safely enjoy her kitchen with her children.











#### DONNIE

onnie enters Face to Face when the doors open. Experiencing homelessness after being evicted from his apartment, he now spends his nights sleeping on the floor in a local shelter. In the morning, the shelter closes at 5:00am so he must leave. Tired and hopeless, he has nowhere to go until 9:00am when our doors open. He visits Face to Face to get hot breakfast, a nutritious lunch and community support. Our Social Service Center offers assistance with finding safe and affordable housing even in challenging times. Your support helps create a community of compassion and assistance for Donnie.



#### RONALD

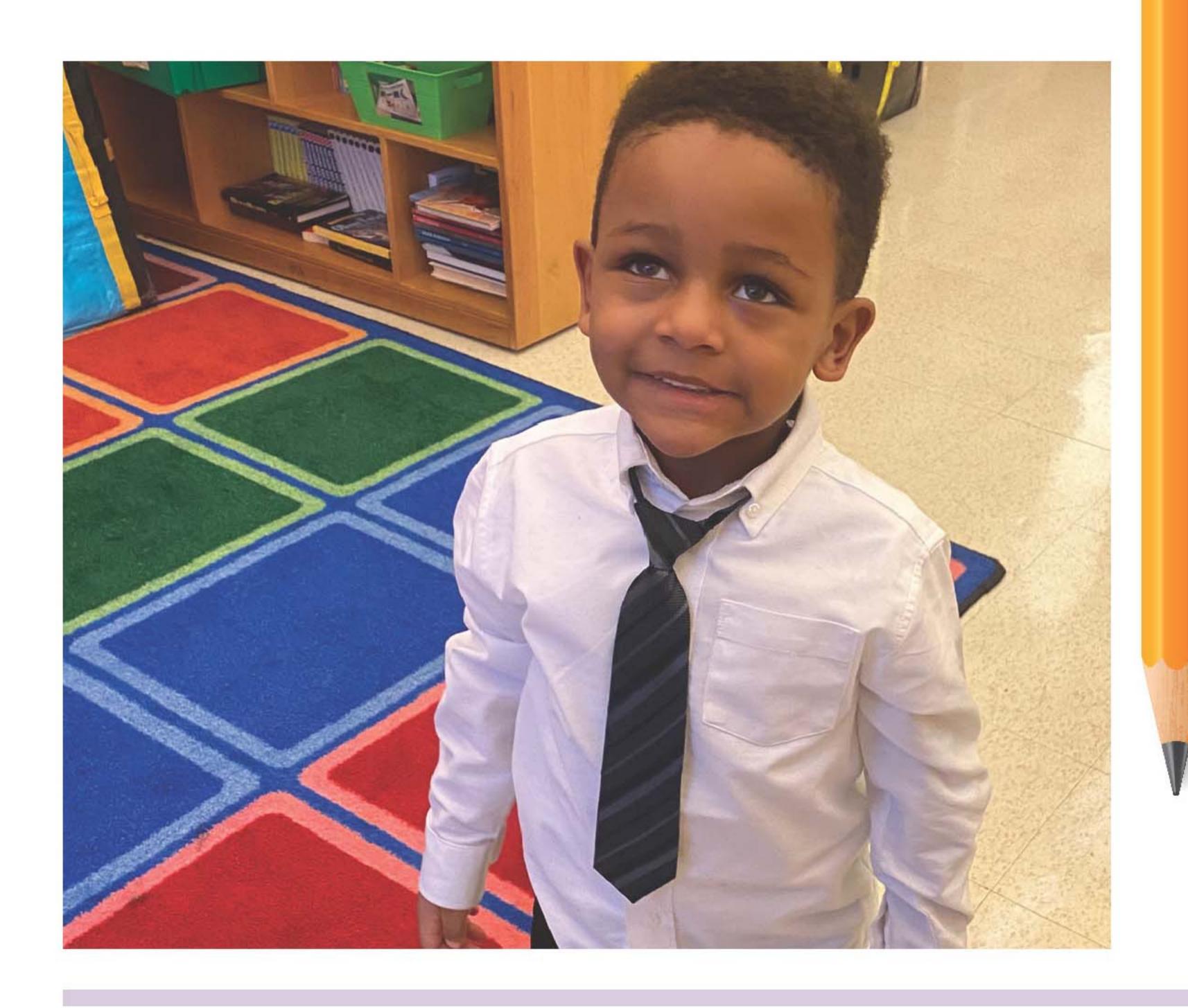
with his wife. When she passed away, he could no longer live in their subsidized apartment because the lease was just in her name. He was forced to move out and find a new apartment. After searching for an affordable apartment, he could only find a single room with no kitchen facilities. His new rent payment is 50% of monthly income. He comes to Face to Face dining room for meals, which helps stretch his food dollars.

# FACE TO FACE HOUSING STABILIZATION INITIATIVE

Housing Stabilization Initiative (HSI) addresses the complex housing issues facing so many guests. Over 50% of our guests are homeless or housing insecure. HSI focuses on stabilizing housing by representing clients in habitability and eviction defense cases, assisting homeowners with tangled titles and applying for tax abatements. This initiative is generously funded by the Oak Foundation and the Raynier Institute and Foundation.

### EDUCATION EQUITY

Reggie Jr is currently attending Mercy Neighborhood Ministries Preschool at Face to Face. His father, Reggie Sr., died suddenly of a heart attack last February. The Face to Face family liaison was initially contacted by his paternal grandmother, Deborah, for help with the kindergarten selection process. Reggie is her only grandson and she is deeply invested in his future. During the initial meeting, Grandma Deborah tearfully shared about the loss of her son and spent time dreaming about a life of abundance for young Reggie. Since internet access is limited at home, the family liaison assisted Grandma Deborah with registering for the Children's Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia and kindergarten applications.





Next, they toured several schools, in person, growing in trust and developed an informal rubric for measuring the schools. Ultimately, DePaul Catholic School was chosen because of its uniquely nurturing community, rigorous yet progressive approach to academics and its eventual college graduation rate of over 90%. The journey of partnership around Reggie has only just begun, and we are confident that his future will be a bright one.







Volunteer Barber offers free haircuts once a month

## SAVE the DATE

#### **COFFEE CHAT**

May 5, 2022 10:30 a.m.



Come in for a tour, see the programs in action and hear about the latest news from our Executive Director.

RSVP by May 2, 2022

#### FOUNDER'S DAY BBQ

May 14, 2022

Noon

Join us in celebrating serving the Germantown community for 38 years.

RSVP by May 10, 2022

RSVP to our Spring Events Email Jeanne Reiche



jeanne@facetofacegermantown.org

# Ways to HELP

- ✓ Volunteer (invite friends/coworkers)
- ✓ Become a casserole cook
- ✓ Hold a birthday fundraiser
- ✓ Contact us to discuss a legacy gift
- ✓ Follow us on Instagram & Facebook
- ✓ **Shop on Amazon Smile** (designate F2F as benefiting charity)
- ✓ Become a monthly donor



# Wish List

OLIVE OIL
COFFEE (GROUND OR WHOLE)
EVAPORTATED MILK
TOMATO PASTE
VINEGAR (WHITE, RED, APPLE)

UNISEX SWEATPANTS (MED., LARGE)\*
UNISEX SWEATSHIRTS (MED., LARGE)\*
NEW COLORED T-SHIRTS (MED., LARGE)\*
UNISEX SHORTS (ALL SIZES)\*
NEW BOXER SHORTS (MED., LARGE)\*

\*ITEMS ARE ON THE AMAZON WISH LIST



## VOLUNTER

Volunteer Scheduling is now online. Visit our website to explore volunteer opportunities. www.facetofacegermantown/volunteer QUESTIONS? Email Becky Messa at Becky@facetofacegermantown.org

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in working at Face to Face? Check out our website for job opportunities. www.facetofacegermantown/employment-opportunities



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