

House News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of School
August 28
Labor Day- schools closed
September 4
Yom Kippur-schools closed
September 25

Bernadette's House New Location



In late February, Bernadette's House completed the move to our new location at 8101 Sandy Spring Road, Suite 250-G in Laurel. This new location will serve as a temporary home base as we continue to help girls Believe, Blossom, and Soar. We are grateful to those who never stopped believing!

Carol's testimony: "Nothing nor no one can stop God's assignment for you!" When you do your part, he does His part. Your part is to Believe and allow His holy spirit to guide you!



BH Featured in AFRO NEWS

Carol Nash and Robin Edwards were recognized by AFRO NEWS after posing for some photos following a recent performance by the U Street Theatre Group. Opportunities to recognize charitable organizations like Bernadette's House are always a good thing, coupled with enjoying a great performance, it's the best of both worlds.

Performances from U Street Theatre Group and songstress AM Angel brought joy to the crowd while charitable organizations shared information on community resources.



Carol Nash, founder of Bernadette's House, attended the celebration and Robin Edwards. (Photos courtesy of Cheryl Gray)

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Cultural Visit to the Kennedy Center

Bernadette's House went on the road to enjoy an evening of fun and culture with a visit to the Kennedy Center on April 19th, 2023. The girls got to enjoy Debbie Allen's company of young Red Bird dancers performing a special presentation of movement, spoken word, and song to make the Earth move! This presentation was a celebration of nature and bringing awareness of the need to protect our planet.

Debbie Allen holds four honorary doctorate degrees, has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and is an award-winning producer, director, writer, actor, and choreographer. She has even choreographed the Academy Awards a record 10 times.



Some of the young ladies of Bernadette's House posing for a group photo outside the Kennedy Center



Debbie Allen and the Red Birds Dancers pose for some photos

Exploring Creativity at The REACH

Rounding out the cultural trip to DC and the Kennedy Center, Bernadette's House stopped by for a visit at The REACH. A modern expansion of the Kennedy Center, The REACH is a living theatre, where the walls between artists and audiences are broken down allowing one to witness rehearsals and performances alike. The facility features an education center, performance hall, and rehearsal space where attendees can experience all stages of performance and the creative process that fuels them.



BH Alumni Surprise Visit



On June 10th, we had a pop-up visit from one of our former Bernadette's House girls. Her BH mentor Malica even flew in to attend her graduation. She's a great example of our motto, Believe, Blossom, and Soar. Congratulations!



Welcome to Our New Volunteer

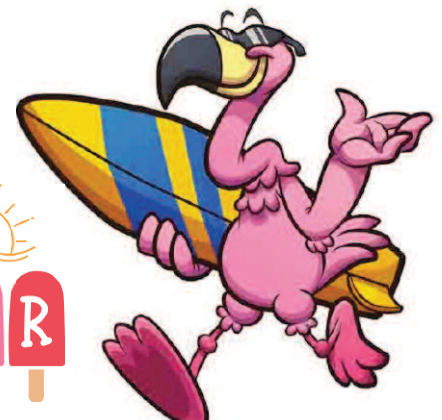
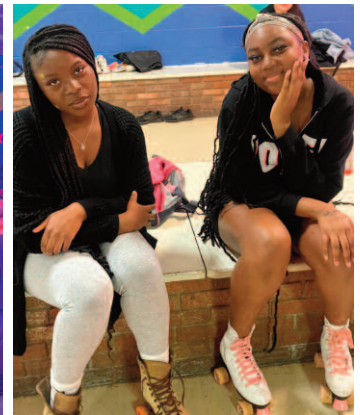
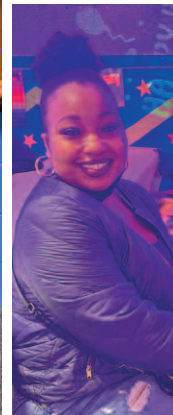
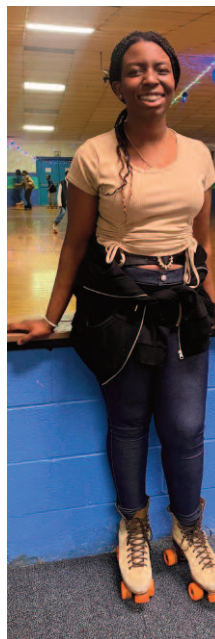


We would like to welcome Noah Jaffe as the latest addition to Bernadette's House team of volunteers!

BH Laurel Skating Night

On the move! The ladies of Bernadette's House broke out some roller skates for a night of fun and camaraderie at the Laurel Roller Skating Center. Activities like this provide the BH girls a chance to experience fresh and fun activities while bonding with new friends.

Interested in giving skating a try? Beginner classes are available to get started, or if you are a seasoned roller skater, there are drop in sessions available as well. Visit <https://laurelskatingcenter.com/> for more information.



Fun at Laurel Lake Fest

Fun was had by the BH girls on Saturday, May 6th for the 2023 Laurel Lake Fest. Everyone got to get outside to enjoy the beautiful weather while enjoying games, food, entertainers, hayrides, moonbounces, music, and more.



White House Correspondent April Ryan



As a member of the White House press corps for over 25 years, April Ryan said “to watch presidents come and go is history.” She has watched different political parties come and go as well “The difference is how they govern, the difference in their humanity. Each one comes at it differently.” Seeing Obama become president was something she said her parents never thought they would ever

see. She said the White House was once an exclusive club whose doors were closed to people of color but today “people who look like me are in this space.” When she served on the board of the White House Correspondents Association, she was only one of three Black members.

Named journalist of the year in 2017 by the National Association of Black Journalists, Ryan has also published several books including “The Presidency in Black and White”, “At Momma’s Knee”, and “Black Women Will Save the World”, a celebration of Black Women and their strength. Ryan calls all of her books labors of love.



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