

## **SOUTH BALTIMORE BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

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## Maryland's First Lady Visits The Baltimore Station

Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan recently visited The Baltimore Station in South Baltimore. From a press release:

"We wish to thank Mrs. Hogan for spotlighting the success our client-centered approach has had combating the issues and challenges of homelessness—particularly for veterans in Baltimore—with her visit to The Baltimore Station," said The Baltimore Station executive director John Friedel. "Her visit will help us grow our support and volunteer network in Maryland that's critical to breaking the cycle of homelessness."

The Baltimore Station has been specifically responding to the multifaceted needs of veterans experiencing homelessness and substance use disorder for 27 years by providing treatment beyond housing that includes mental health and substance use disorder therapy, food and life skills training and pro-social experiences to help heal, provide a basis for future positive social engagement and guide reentry into the workforce and independent living.

"Our state owes our veterans a tremendous debt, and thanks to facilities like The Baltimore Station, military heroes who have fallen on hard times are receiving the care they deserve," said First Lady Yumi Hogan. "It is so important that we honor our veterans for their selfless service, and The Baltimore Station is doing that every day, by providing a safe and compassionate environment for those who put their lives on the line for our country."

Mrs. Hogan's visit aligns with her principal goals as first lady to spotlight and connect with communities in Maryland while creating sensitivity around issues like veteran homelessness that are important to Marylanders. Last year, The Baltimore Station served 355 men—88 percent of whom were veterans—and 74 percent went on to secure independent housing or reunite with family.



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