

West Baltimore Help

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July and August have been unseasonably cool and comfortable, with less than 100 hours when temperatures topped 95 degrees, mostly over the July long weekend. In early May, we reached out to the city to provide water spigots or fire hydrants to help us cool folks down with watering, cleaning and cooling stations, without success.

Thanks to the Mount Clare Community Association we setup a cooling station, delivered water and provided mobile bird baths in the summer months. In Baltimore, like many cities, the homeless are often directed to walk miles in the heat or cold to local libraries (where they are rarely welcome), to warm-up or cool-off, all at taxpayer expense. It's better and cheaper to cool and heat people where they are.



Cooling stations lower infection rates among the homeless and reduce heat-related EMS calls overall wherever there are large pedestrian populations. Water mister kits (shown) cost a few hundred dollars to install and operate annually.



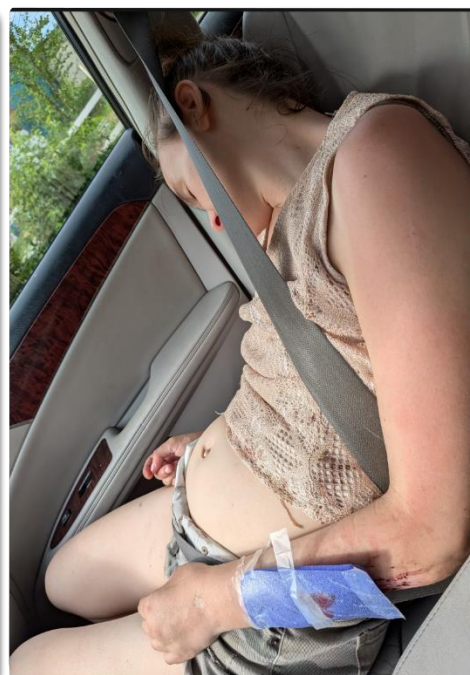
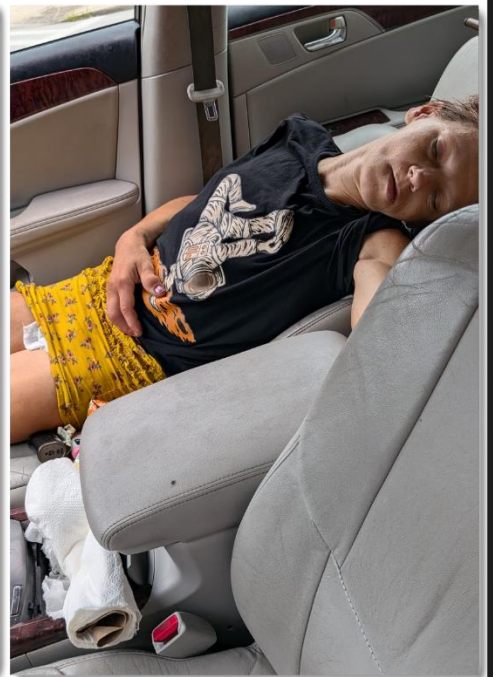
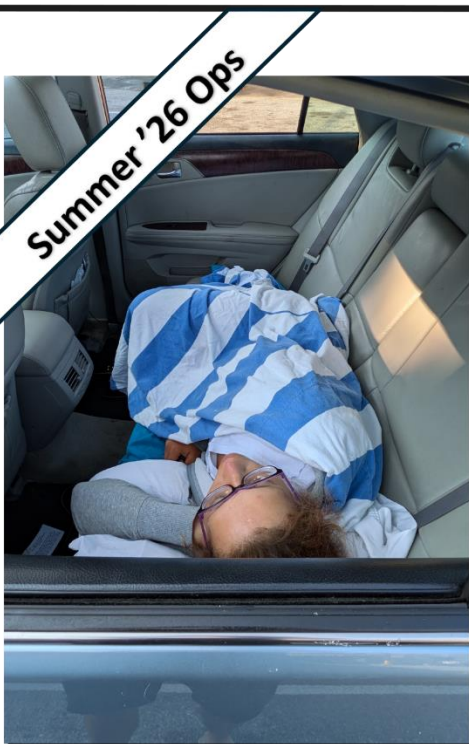
Water stations like this one we came across in our travels, are a small capital investment that can save lives by reducing infections, and lower EMS and hospital costs. An ounce of prevention...



WBH proposed a cooling station at Atkins Park in Mount Clare. We pitched another location in Morell Park (along the bridge) to the local City Councilor for the area. Maybe next year...



When temperatures soared, we posted notices instructing people to call if they were feeling the effects of the heat, and cooled off plenty.



While the summer was cool, hyperthermia was still prevalent. WBH cooled folks in the car and, where necessary, on the street, with water, ice and air conditioning.

Summer '26 Ops



WBH cooled off over 300 guests with ice water and towels when temperature were <95 degrees over the course of the summer with our "Street Spa" and it was very popular.

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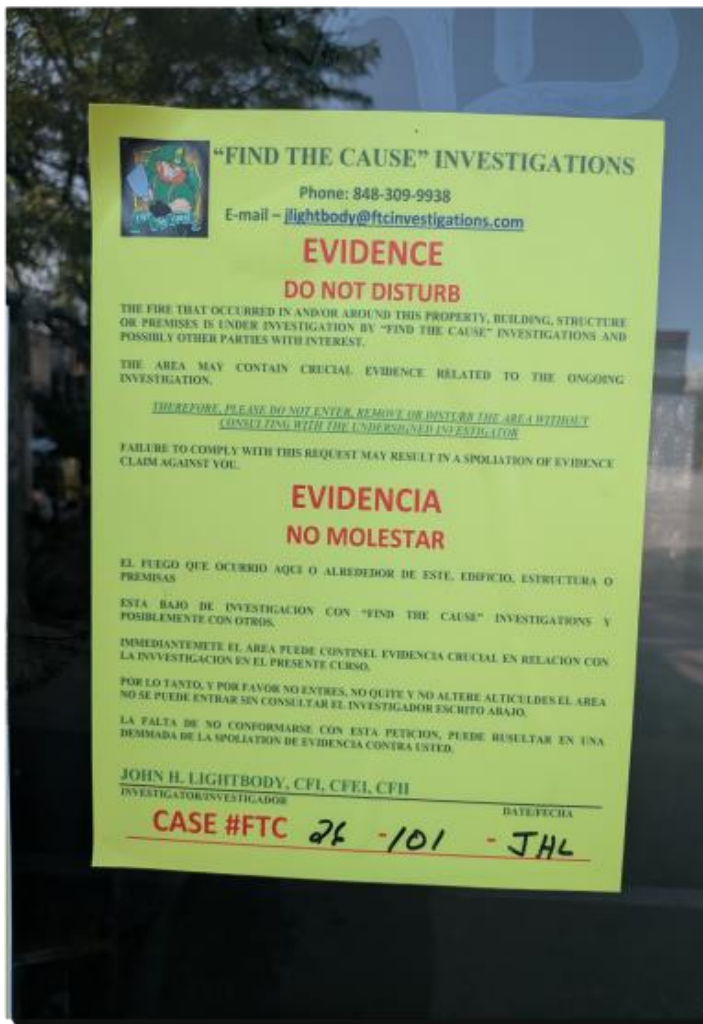
Thanks to a generous pledge of \$5,000 donation from a Baltimore-based real estate investment firm to provide water to west Baltimore we delivered ice cold water in coolers to those panhandling in the street to drink, share and sell.

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There are few ways to earn money for those living outdoors, and there is a lot of trash in our hood. We're looking for a friendly dumpster company that would be interested in dropping a few dumpsters and a few volunteers to run a cash-for-trash program where the homeless collect trash from the streets for \$2 per trash bag delivered.

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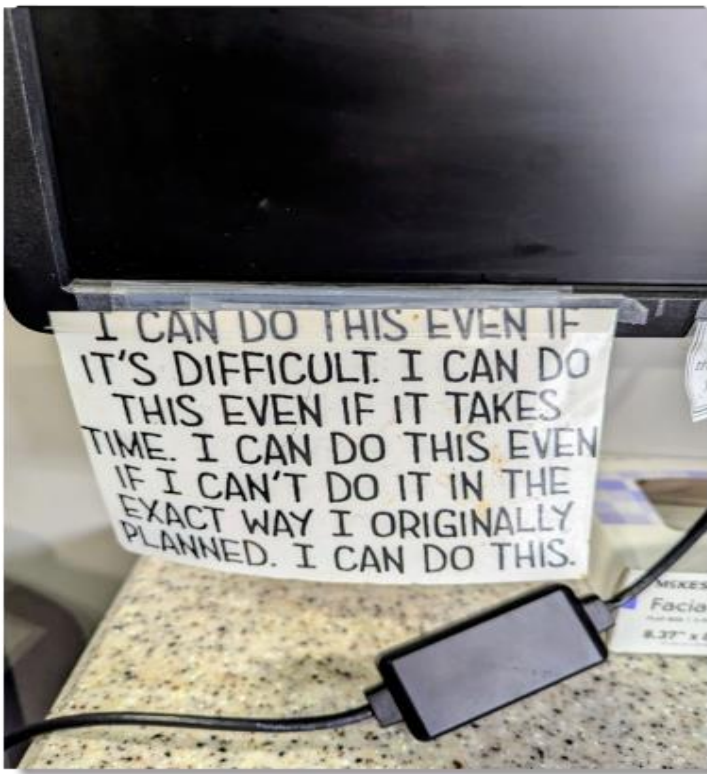
In late July WBH spotted smoke from an exhaust fan at a Baltimore crab shack in the early morning hours and the building was warm to the touch on the outside, and black with smoke at the windows. We summoned the Baltimore FD who quickly extinguished a small fridge fire. The crab shack is primarily wood frame structure with no fire suppression or alarm. There is no substitute for footwork.

Thanks to the combined efforts of a New Jersey broker and a Baltimore based apparel company, we received a generous donation of almost 200 Maryland-themed T-shirts and pants, that we share with folks to wear, share or sell.

REALTERM

A Big THANK YOU to the crew at Realterm, a global real estate investment company, for their very generous donation in the amount of:

\$25,000



Thanks to Healthcare for the Homeless for positing this sage advice in their medical trailer, and for all they do.



Big shout out to our own Shana Satti, who has relocated to Annapolis and will be making our voice heard at the state and local levels. We recently met with MD State Senate Prez Bill Ferguson to talk about WBH and he put us on to several funding sources that Shana is chasing down. Shana can be reached @ 443 915 6028 or shana@westbaltimorehelp.org. Go Grrl!



WBH has reached out to the City and to provide WBH with wound care, oxygen and other life-saving necessities. A work in progress.



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Thanks to a local printer, we now have biz cards and stickers. We've posted almost 500 of the stickers above to things we've handed out (from chairs to suitcases) and in corner stores, on phone poles and wherever else they'll stick.

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West Baltimore Help is on the streets of west Baltimore nearly every day helping our homeless friends get whatever help they need, and reducing EMS, medical and social service delivery costs for taxpayers. We offer street food service several times a week, medical and social service access “Help” with our Help Guide, provide pre- and post- hospital care, and lots of love, to those trapped by homelessness and addiction.

We continue to streamline and innovate services for the poor. Thanks to gifts from friends like you, over the past twelve months we:

- Have expanded our street food menu by adding home-baked goods to our regular Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday street food service (courtesy of Mrs. Morandin) and added pizza and Pepsi nights, and fresh fruit and drinks on hot summer days.
- Added winter overnight and morning-after food service and slip seat car warm-up rides, where we offer folks hot food, outerwear and other things to keep them warm at night, and breakfast the following morning.
- Significantly expanded the Help Guide “Help” offerings and distribution thereof across two counties and Baltimore City. We now have over 200 stickers posted in places where homeless folks congregate directing them to the Help Guide, and we’re increasing our reach to east Baltimore.
- Continued to provide in-car and on-street first aid, and faster (and cheaper) emergency response times for those requiring emergency care.
- Triageed and executed care plans for over 100 homeless and addicted folks, and continue to monitor and triage this group, usually bi-weekly to monthly.
- Replaced hand and foot warmer distribution with fire sticks that generate more heat per dollar than both items combined, and ran public education campaigns on this innovation, as well as how to use emergency blankets.
- Developed cooling stations in west Baltimore where the homeless can escape the heat, saving countless heat-related EMS calls and lowering infection rates.



WBH was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award, the highest award for volunteerism in the US and the Happy Helpers for the Homeless (HHH) Innovator of the Year award in recognition of our unique approach to street food service and homeless outreach.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Morandin".

Ted Morandin
Founder
West Baltimore Help