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Dear Friend,

This year GHCC is proud to commemorate its 40th year of service to Baltimore City. Since 1969, our mission to strengthen neighborhoods has guided us through many pioneering and ground-breaking initiatives that have become indelible parts of Baltimore's landscape.

As someone who supports our mission, you know how our work makes real differences in your life, your neighbors' lives, and in the life of our City. Through a series of exciting events and activities that celebrate our legacy of serving the 48 neighborhoods of north central Baltimore you can help us meet our goal of raising \$40,000.

Mark your calendar for our birthday party on October 24th

Drawing upon the festive, unique character of Baltimore's neighborhood block parties, we will host a 40th birthday party at the North Avenue Market in the Station North Arts and Entertainment District. Our party will feature performance art, theatre, and fine fare from some of Greater Homewood's premier restaurants. Tickets are now available online at www.greaterhomewood.org/40thBirthday.

Become a sponsor

In addition to our birthday party, GHCC will also organize the following events and activities. By becoming a sponsor, you can demonstrate your commitment to our mission of making our neighborhoods stronger, better, and safer, places to live and work.

- **40 Trees in 40 Neighborhoods:** GHCC is facilitating the planting of at least 40 trees in 40 Greater Homewood neighborhoods, significantly increasing north central Baltimore's tree canopy. Plantings will continue through fall 2010. We are engaging neighborhood residents in greening their communities in partnership with the Jones Falls Watershed Association, Tree Baltimore, Parks and People, and the Herring Run Nursery.
- **Greater Homewood Coloring Book:** GHCC created the first Greater Homewood Coloring Book in 1972, featuring illustrations of Greater Homewood landmarks by local artists. Tom Chalkley, a renowned Baltimore artist, is partnering with GHCC to produce a

40th anniversary edition (5,000 copies) for distribution to K-3 students in all of Greater

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Homewood's public and private schools. Our goal is to promote a sense of place and "where you live" to the children of north central Baltimore.

- **Film Screening:** Spotlighting GHCC's history of grassroots community organizing, GHCC will host a film series at The Charles Theater. Films will highlight classic organizing stories and local speakers will provide enriching discussion over light fare.
- **AmeriCorps/VISTA Reunion:** GHCC has hosted hundreds of AmeriCorps*VISTA members since the 1970s. Celebrating their legacy of service, we will bring together hundreds of our VISTA alumni for a celebration and service project.
- **Greater Homewood Nights Out:** During one week in winter 2009, GHCC will partner with Greater Homewood eateries and bars to host Greater Homewood Nights Out. These nights will spotlight local dining and drinking establishments and provide its patrons with information about GHCC. Participating restaurants and bars will donate a portion of the evening's proceeds to GHCC's 40th anniversary campaign.
- **Greater Homewood Retrospective:** GHCC will publish a *Retrospective* about our 40 years of dedicated service to Baltimore, highlighting key people, places, and projects that have contributed to improving the vitality of north central Baltimore.

Please review the enclosed sponsorship form, which outlines the levels of support and what benefits you will receive for each. Invitations to our 40th birthday party are forthcoming. I hope you will join us in celebrating this significant milestone of GHCC's service to Baltimore!

Sincerely,

Karen Stokes
Executive Director

P.S. You can purchase your sponsorship and tickets online at www.greaterhomewood.org/40thBirthday.

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