

Community Highlights

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Vernon Rice Memorial Turkey Drive

Johns Hopkins University and Medicine hosted the 49th-annual Vernon Rice Memorial Turkey Drive on Thursday, Nov. 20, distributing 600 turkeys and 600 boxes of produce to Baltimore-area residents. The event was held in partnership with Mack Lewis Gym, Destiny Christian Church, 29th Street Community Center, and The Mix Church.

The outreach extended beyond individual families, with 26 local organizations also receiving turkeys and produce boxes. Some of the partnering organizations included the Men and Families Center, Marian House, The RICH Foundation, Sons of Phoenix, and New Shiloh Baptist Church in Turner Station.



Holiday Gifting at Johns Hopkins

Johns Hopkins affiliates helped make this holiday season brighter for more than 700 children, families, and seniors in Baltimore through the annual holiday gift drive, which wrapped up with a festive distribution gathering at Johns Hopkins at Eastern on Dec. 17. Thanks to the generosity of the Johns Hopkins community, we partnered with more than 20 community organizations to provide holiday gifts for local residents.



The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Performs at Hopkins

The Johns Hopkins University and Medicine community welcomed the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra to Turner Auditorium on Nov. 19 as part of the annual Symphony in the City concert series. Over 400 faculty, staff and students attended the free concert to celebrate the start of the holiday season and the 150th anniversary of The Johns Hopkins University.



Leadership Summitt INF

Earlier this fall, the Innovation Fund for Community Safety hosted its first-ever Learning Collaborative, bringing together our amazing grantees, partners, and city leaders to share insights and strengthen our collective impact.

We were honored to be joined by Director Mavronis who shared powerful updates on Baltimore's comprehensive violence prevention plan, including data-driven strategies and real results from the Group Violence Reduction Strategy.

The day wrapped with rich discussion, networking, and renewed energy for the work ahead. We're so inspired by the commitment of everyone in this space and can't wait to bring this group of grantees together again soon!

Sponsorship Highlight

Johns Hopkins University and Medicine is dedicated to supporting the health and wellbeing for all of Baltimore City. We are proud to provide funding, in the form of grants and sponsorships, to organizations that share our commitment to helping communities become healthier and more vibrant across our great City. Our investments are addressing a variety of needs including access to care, mental health and substance use, social determinants of health, and so much more. In addition to more than \$450M in community benefit spend which includes charity care, direct health services, and outreach and education programs to name a few, we've provided more than \$1M in funding since January 2024 to support local nonprofit partners with the goal of improving the lives of all Baltimoreans.



The Leaders of Tomorrow celebrates the fearless drive women bring to their careers and encourages young women to pursue their dreams and thrive in the workforce. The program fosters meaningful connections that inspire participants to pursue higher education and career goals with confidence. 150 high school students will have the opportunity to participate in JA Leading Ladies.



This annual Monument Lighting is a free, family-friendly event that draws thousands of guests each year to celebrate the holiday season. Sponsorship of the event will help underwrite the costs ensuring it remains accessible to the entire community at no charge.



This event celebrates the accomplishments of youth participating in 901 Arts after-school programs, which serve more than 100 young people annually in Baltimore City's Better Waverly neighborhood.



Funding will be used to support key programmatic efforts including NPower's 27-week instructor-led virtual Tech Fundamentals program, which is a virtual, instructor-led training designed to launch careers in IT and offers industry-recognized certifications like CompTIA A+ and Google IT Support, and includes career development support such as mentorship, resume building, and job placement assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS in Quarter Four

JANUARY 20-30, 2026

MLK Days of Service

From January 20-30, Johns Hopkins employees can seize the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the community. If you are eager to contribute your time and talent, you are invited to sign up and volunteer with one of our community partners listed on the GCE website.



Hello, I'm Dr. Branville Bard, and I'm pleased to welcome you to the Public Safety Corner.

Welcome to the Public Safety Corner

At Johns Hopkins, our commitment to safety extends to everyone in our community—students, faculty, staff, neighbors, patients, and visitors. This space is designed to keep you informed about important updates and developments related to our public safety efforts.

Johns Hopkins Public Safety remains dedicated to protecting our vibrant learning and working environment through holistic, progressive approaches to security—approaches that prioritize trust, collaboration, and mutual respect within our community.

Battle of the Badges Turkey Bowl

The Johns Hopkins Police Department (JHPD) was thrilled to host the Battle of the Badges Turkey Bowl; an exciting community event held in partnership with the Baltimore Police Department and the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. Students, families, and community members came together to enjoy a fun, safe, and spirited day of flag football, camaraderie, and community engagement.



The JHPD's Police Athletics/ Activities League (PAL) played a key role in organizing the event, supporting students, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring that everyone had a positive and memorable experience. This event highlighted the power of collaboration between schools, Morgan State Police, Coppin State Police, and The Baltimore City Fire Department, law enforcement, and local organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, Giant foods, Forever Athletics, and Joel Gambel Flag Football organization. The Turkey Bowl reinforces positive relationships, and inspires students to see the value of teamwork, leadership, and community involvement. A special thank you to all the officers, volunteers, and partners who made this day possible and memorable for our youth.