

Community Highlights

HOPKINS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

An Art Exhibit that Confronts the Stigma Surrounding Addiction

When internationally known artist William Stoehr lost his sister to an opioid overdose, he made it his mission to confront substance use disorder (SUD) and the stigma that shadows it through his art. Today, more than 30 of his portraits line the halls of JHBMC's Comprehensive Care Clinic.

Stigma is a powerful barrier to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and recovery, altering how we see ourselves and how we are seen. Through his art, Stoehr aims to combat that stigma by encouraging dialogue, evoking empathy, and inspiring action.

The faces he paints represent a community: parents, partners, children, and friends. He also includes clinicians, policymakers, and others who shape our understanding and guide our access to care and recovery. These faces remind us that we are not alone. Every day, we encounter individuals who have been impacted by addiction.

Stoehr originally held his anti-stigma portrait exhibition and lecture at NIDA from January through October 2025. Dr. Michael Fingerhood, Director of the Comprehensive Care Substance Use Disorder Practice, saw an opportunity to bring the exhibit into the hospital itself. With support from NIDA, art consultant Golie Miamee, and coordination from Sel and Dr. Fingerhood, the portraits found a home in the Mason Lord Building. A lecture titled "Art for Hope" followed on the Bayview campus on December 11, 2025.

The exhibit is already drawing attention beyond the hospital walls. During a campus tour on January 7, 2026, City Councilwoman Danielle McCray—who chairs the Budget & Appropriations Committee and has represented JHBMC since 2024—toured the clinic with Dr. Fingerhood and viewed the collection.

The work is far from over. A community anti-stigma exhibition is now in the planning phase with Creative Alliance and Director Jason Steer, and there is growing interest in expanding healing art initiatives through a public lecture and a larger exhibition.

Stoehr lost his sister to an overdose, but for the millions still touched by addiction, he hopes his art can be part of a solution.



A Taste of Baltimore for Patients and Their Families

When families are by their child's bedside at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a warm meal can mean everything. Through this partnership, the Patient and Family Centered Care (PFCC) department spent the entire month sourcing its catered Thursday family lunches exclusively from Baltimore City businesses.

Chiapparelli's, Attman's Deli Harbor Point, Sistahs' Sweets, The Empanada Lady, Jay's Catering, and Berries by Quicha each took a turn feeding the families of patients and bringing a taste of the city into the hospital. Local ice cream shop The Charmery rounded out the month with a special ice cream event for families.

Through this partnership between the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and HopkinsLocal, Johns Hopkins is supporting the community it serves, both its patients and local business owners. The HopkinsLocal team is committed to working with departments across Johns Hopkins University and Medicine to expand the program's impact and create greater economic opportunities for local individuals and communities.

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Honoring Dr. King Through Service and Recognition

On January 16, Johns Hopkins hosted its 44th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, featuring keynote addresses from Nicole Cooper of United Way and Melvin Wilson of Turnaround Tuesday.

The celebration continued with the presentation of the 2025 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Community Service, recognizing 11 Hopkins affiliates whose commitment to their communities reflects Dr. King's enduring values:

- Ama Apenteng, clinical research manager, Johns Hopkins University
- Festus Babarinde, M.P.H. candidate, Bloomberg School of Public Health
- C. Nicholas Cuneo, assistant professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine
- Sarah Ernst, senior research specialist, School of Medicine, Department of Pathology
- Sharon Fritz, pediatric nurse clinician, The Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Anicca Harriot, postdoctoral fellow, School of Medicine
- Lynn Kobeissi, postdoctoral research fellow, The Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Anagha Krishnan, medical student, School of Medicine
- Debraj Mukherjee, associate professor of neurological surgery, School of Medicine
- Kayla Otto, clinical coordinator, Johns Hopkins Care at Home
- Muhammad Omar Qadir, ambulatory operations manager, Johns Hopkins Medicine



The ceremony closed with the presentation of the 2026 Levi Watkins Jr. Ideals Award to Alvin "Joe" D'Angelo, vice president of operations at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda. Named for Johns Hopkins Medicine's first Black chief resident and first Black full professor, the award is given each year to a leader who has made a significant impact on Johns Hopkins Medicine. D'Angelo was recognized for his outstanding mentorship.

Hopkins Day at the Museum Goes Bigger Than Ever



On Saturday, February 14, more than 360 Johns Hopkins University and Medicine staff, students, faculty, and family members explored art, history, and culture together—for free!

Hopkins expanded its popular annual Hopkins Day at the Museum event to five museums across four cities, building on the multiyear success of its partnership with Baltimore's Reginald F. Lewis Museum, which began in 2017.

This year's Baltimore offerings included the Lewis Museum and the Baltimore Museum of Art. In Washington, Hopkins affiliates visited the Irene and Richard Frary Gallery at the Hopkins Bloomberg Center, where the current exhibition Ceremony features new works by Lindsay Adams alongside objects from the Johns Hopkins University Sheridan Libraries, exploring themes of Black movement, migration, and world-building.

And for the first time, Hopkins affiliates in Florida joined in, with visits to the Glazer Children's Museum in Tampa and the Great Explorations Children's Museum in St. Petersburg.

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.



Chase Brexton Health Care - The Garden Gala 2026

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.



Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland - Night of a Million Meals

The Million Meals initiative supports efforts to provide daily free meal deliveries and safety-net services to help sustain health to homebound, aging, and disabled individuals throughout Central Maryland.



Casey Cares Foundation - Sea of Hope Gala

This event supports programming for palliative programs for critically ill children and their family members. In 2024 Casey Cares Foundation provided 35,989 activities for over 66,690 program participants.



NPower Maryland - Graduation and Community Celebration

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. The fall 2025 cohort includes 90 young adults from resource limited communities and military-connected individuals.



Health Care Access Maryland - 5k for the Health of It!

HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM) funding supports "HCAM's 5K For the Health of It!" walk which will directly support HCAM's clients through health insurance enrollments and care coordination services.



Roberta's House - Elijah Cummings Leadership Awards & Dinner

This event will support behavioral health programming and essential services including meals and snacks for clients, transportation to and from support groups, and supplies for programs like Camp Erin, the weekend grief-support camp held each August

UPCOMING EVENTS in Quarter Four

April 25, 2026 | 10am—3pm | Johns Hopkins Turner Concourse

Spring Expungement Clinic & Resource Fair

Get free help with the legal process of removing a criminal record, including arrests and convictions from public record. Registration preferred but not required. Click here to register here to attend <https://HopkinsSpringExpungement.eventbrite.com>

April 25, 2026 | 9am—1pm | TBA

Mayor's Spring Cleanup

Join the Office of Government, Community and Economic Partnerships in a community wide cleanup effort. Location TBA.



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

Welcome to the Public Safety Corner

Johns Hopkins Public Safety's dedication to protecting the University community — students, faculty, staff, and researchers — and supporting the city and everyone who lives, works, or visits Baltimore is central to everything we do.

Last week, Johns Hopkins Public Safety partnered with the Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management for a tabletop exercise designed to strengthen our collective readiness for critical incidents and emergencies. This effort was the culmination of months of coordination between city and university partners, bringing together stakeholders to review plans, policies, and operational procedures in a realistic, scenario-based setting.

We value partnership and collaboration as the foundation of effective emergency management. We're grateful to the Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management and our campus partners for their commitment, and we look forward to continuing to build resilience together.