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Around Shepherd's Table

Save the Date:  
Saturday  
December 13

# FamFUNdraiser!

Inaugural  
Event!

Happy  
Thanks  
Giving!

Please join us on **Saturday, December 13, from 1pm-4pm at Church of the Ascension, 633 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD) for our first annual FamFUNdraiser!** It's a opportunity to enjoy some family fun and share some holiday cheer. We'll update you on all the recent happenings at Shepherd's Table, celebrate the holidays, and have fun activities and games for the kids of all ages. Appetizers, beverages, and dessert will all be included. No RSVP needed; we just look forward to seeing you there! However long you can stay, we appreciate your interest and support for our first ever FamFUNdraiser! It's sure to be a great time!

## Dr. Kingsley Achikeh gives those in need a reason to smile

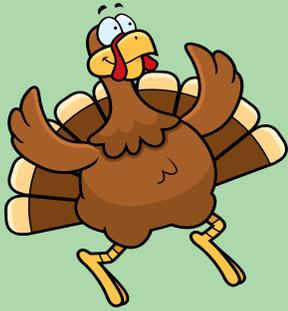
On Tuesday, October 21, Dr. Kingsley Achikeh, DDS, walked through our doors to deliver a generous donation. Through the wonderful support of Dr. Achikeh and his patients, \$1,500 was raised from October 11 to October 15. This is an amazing feat in just four days!

Dr. Achikeh has always had a dedication for giving back and helping people in need. Originally from Nigeria, Dr. Achikeh moved to the United States in 1990 and moved to the Silver Spring area to open his dental practice in 1997. As he eloquently says, "I feel happy when I give back. I came from a background of modest means so I understand the need to give back. That dedication has been with me since I was born." We are so glad Dr. Achikeh shares this commitment with Shepherd's Table and understands our clients' needs. We thank Dr. Achikeh and his patients for their passion and devotion to supporting the people who need it most. If Dr. Achikeh and his patients can raise that much in just four days, **imagine what we can do together during the next couple of months!**



Dr. Kingsley Achikeh, DDS, (left) presents a \$1,500 check to Senior Development Associate Scott Davison.

## We need turkeys!



If turkeys could fly we'd want them to land at Shepherd's Table for Thanksgiving. But since they don't we need YOU, our loyal partners in our mission to feed hungry people, to come by

Shepherd's Table with a turkey before Thanksgiving.

In our 32 years we have never missed serving a delicious Thanksgiving feast to our 150+ wonderful dinner guests. These folks depend on us for the incredible meal and for the loving hospitality that comes with it! We need 80 turkeys and side dishes to ensure all are feed.

Please come on by with turkeys, carrots, real potatoes, stuffing, and holiday pies.

Please join us in posting a selfie (you and your turkey/food donation) on social media. Send the photo to us and we will do the same. Just mail to Scott Davison at [sdavison@shepherdstable.org](mailto:sdavison@shepherdstable.org). Questions contact Scott or Haile at 301-585-6463.

Turkeys cannot fly but your generous hearts can soar! See you soon at Shepherd's Table!

## A Table of Friends con

A few weeks ago I sat down with local Silver Spring business owners Deb Hyman and Paula Morris to talk. Deb and Paula both value being connected to others who support the mission of Shepherd's Table and are charter members of *Table of Friends*—Shepherd's Table's gathering of major donors.

They, along with over 150 other individuals and couples, see a high value in giving to an organization that serves those experiencing homelessness in our community. Both echoed the same sentiment: "The *Table of Friends* is important to us. We feel honored to be a part of

such a diverse group of people."

As I listened to Deb and Paula it was very clear that their support of Shepherd's Table comes from the desire to serve a greater purpose in life and to make a visible difference in other people's lives. But it is not only writing a check to support the mission that is important. Deb and Paula come to the two yearly gatherings of the group to be inspired by others who give, and to learn more about the impact of Shepherd's Table today and in the future. There is a real pride that one experiences when talking with Deb and Paula; they are proud women, proud



Lillian Hickman visits Bilingual Counselor Evert Vargas.

## Improving lives, one

Lillian Hickman moved to the United States from Lima, Peru, in 1976, relocating to Montgomery County, Maryland, in 1988. She has been chronically homeless since 2011.

While Lillian has been experiencing homelessness for more than three years, she came to Shepherd's Table

through a referral in December 2013 and has utilized Shepherd's Table's services that include meals, clothing, transportation, and mail services. Since she came to Shepherd's Table, Lillian has found her place and the support that she urgently needed.

"The hospitality has been exceptional. The staff is very

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individuals, and a proud couple. Deb talked about the commitment she feels to inspire others to give and to

“It is up to all of us to be a catalyst for giving,” Deb said.

Table of Friends members have collectively given approximately \$100,000 thus far in 2014, and we know the gifts will only grow in the future. Both Deb and Paula invite you to consider becoming a part of the *Table of Friends*. It is quite easy: Just give \$500 or more in a calendar year. As a member you will become a part of an

amazing group of people during the next fiscal year. You will be invited to join with like-hearted people, to support each other, to learn, to inspire, and to engage in realizing the mission of Shepherd’s Table.

To all *Table of Friends* members, we thank YOU for your participation in this amazing group!  
—Jacki Coyle

**Join the *Table of Friends*, contact Scott Davison at 301-585-6463 x7 or [sdavison@shepherdstable.org](mailto:sdavison@shepherdstable.org)**



**Table of Friends members  
Deb Hyman and  
Paula Morris**

make the “ask” of potential donors and *Table of Friends* members.

## person at a time

accommodating and the services have been better than I expected. I would highly recommend Shepherd’s Table to others in need,” expresses Lillian.

We are proud of the way Lillian and so many of our clients have been able to improve their lives. She is just one example of the lives we impact every day of the year!

A special thanks to the clients who have shared their experiences with us and talked about their hopes for the future. Our programs and your generous support have allowed people, just like Lillian, to rebuild their lives. Thank you.

**Join us, improve lives; contact John Eckenrode at 301-585-6463 x2 or [jeckenrode@shepherdstable.org](mailto:jeckenrode@shepherdstable.org)**

Save the Date:  
**Sunday**  
**April 12, 2015**  
Our annual fundraising event at The Fillmore Silver Spring.