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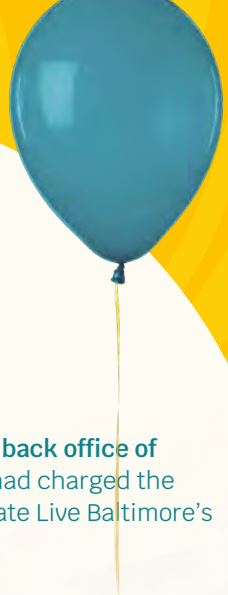


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In 2014, a small group of team members gathered in the back office of the Live Baltimore Home Center. Our Board of Directors had charged the staff with creating an annual event—one that would elevate Live Baltimore’s profile and raise funds for our critical mission.

I remember it like yesterday because I was there, at the time serving as Live Baltimore’s Marketing Director. “What about a birthday party for Baltimore City?” asked Liz Koontz. And the rest was history.

Boldly calling the event the 1st Annual Baltimore’s Birthday Bash, our 2015 party welcomed 243 guests to the World Trade Center’s Top of the World and raised a total of \$31,406. **We were elated!** None of us could have imagined then the growth that this event—or our tiny organization—would see over the next decade.

Tonight, Birthday Bash 2024—our 10th Annual celebration of Baltimore’s birthday—will welcome over 1,000 guests and raise over \$350,000 to promote the City’s residential neighborhoods. It’s an awe-inspiring amount of support thanks to our many generous sponsors and each one of you joining us this evening.

For me, it is also a reminder of why we’ve been successful: love for our city. Our core value, simply to “Love Baltimore,” drove us to imagine an event bigger than ourselves. It led us to celebrate the City, rather than our own accomplishments. And it made this party not just ours, but yours.

As you enjoy cocktails, music, birthday desserts, and special performances tonight, we hope you feel the love as deeply as we do.

Happy 295th birthday, Baltimore! Our hearts beat for you.

Gratefully,  **ANNIE MILLI**
Executive Director | Live Baltimore

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Baltimoreans,

As your Mayor and a proud life-long resident of Baltimore City, I am thrilled to extend my warmest wishes as we celebrate our city's 295th birthday and the 10th anniversary of this amazing party.

This year, our celebration takes on special significance as we gather at Harborplace, the heart of Baltimore and a natural gateway to our great city. Our city, just like this location, is undergoing a significant moment of change with a bright and exciting future ahead of us. There is a sense of renewal taking hold, and this is a perfect time for reflection and gratitude to remind ourselves our shared history and the incredible journey of Baltimore.

Over the past year, our city has faced moments of incredible uncertainty—namely in the aftermath of the Key Bridge collapse and the loss of our beloved neighbors in that tragedy. But Baltimore is a community filled with resilience, passion, diversity, and grit that always carry us through our most trying times. In every corner of our city and across every neighborhood, Baltimore's spirit is embodied in the stories of its people—stories of perseverance, creativity, and community.

Live Baltimore's leadership has played a crucial role in shaping our city's identity, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among residents. Our city thrives because of the collective effort of each of our neighbors, whose unique talents and perspectives create the rich tapestry that defines Baltimore. It is because of their unwavering dedication that our city continues to flourish, standing as a beacon of hope and resilience.

As we come together to celebrate this milestone, let us recognize and honor the achievements we have made together. This celebration is not just about our city's past, but also about envisioning and striving for an even brighter future. It is a time to renew our commitment to one another and to our beloved city.

Happy 295th Birthday, Baltimore! Here's to a year filled with joy, unity, and a renewed spirit of community as we look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

In service,

Mayor Brandon M. Scott

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BALTIMORE'S BIRTHDAY HISTORY

295 YEARS AGO, Baltimore City was the dream of its founders.

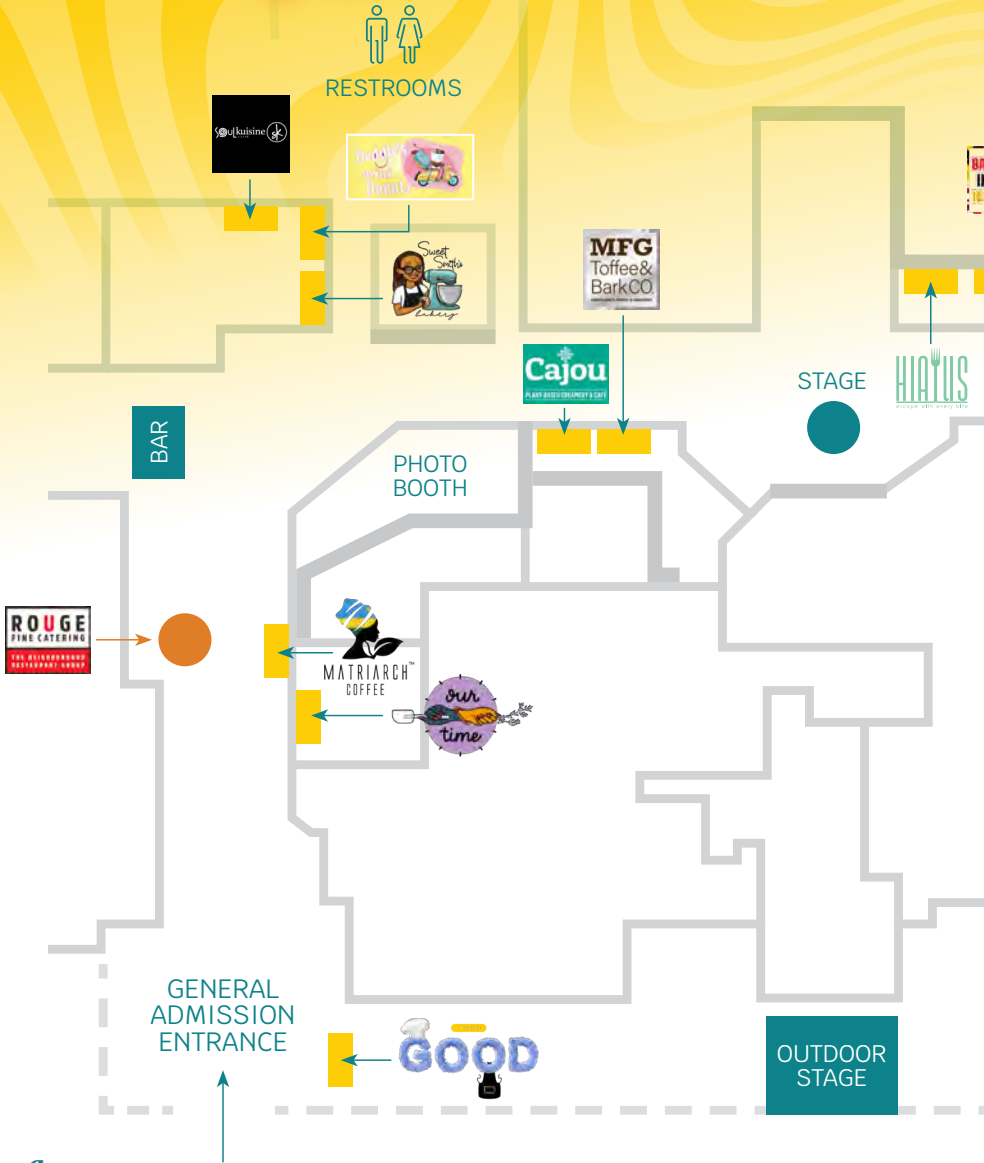
It was 1729, and Charles Carroll of Annapolis was ready to see the land he shared with his brother, Daniel, developed. Along with eight Baltimore County leaders, Carroll successfully petitioned the Maryland General Assembly to pass an act—on July 30th—allowing “the building of a Town on the North side of the Patapsco River.”

Build a town they did! Within months, sixty acres were assembled, surveys were conducted, and sixty equally sized lots were offered for sale to residents who could erect a home within 18 months time. Baltimore was on its way to becoming the city we know and love!

What began as fewer than 100 households is over 251,000 today. Charles Carroll’s land has grown to 81 square miles—the largest independent city in the nation and the 30th largest city overall.

Since 2015, Live Baltimore has thrown a party to celebrate our residents, our neighborhoods, and the birth of our beloved home on the final weekend in July. Thank you for making Baltimore’s Birthday Bash a summer tradition to look forward to!

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Sample treats from these Baltimore-based restaurants and businesses.

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Live Baltimore works to grow Baltimore City's population. Why? More residents mean more funding for the services we all share. More residents mean greater representation for Baltimoreans at the State and Federal level. More residents mean fewer vacant homes and more thriving communities. More residents mean more champions of our city — in Baltimore and beyond.

DID YOU KNOW?

Resident spending supports **41,000+** local jobs.

In the first six months of 2024, more than **\$919 million** in homes have been purchased in the City.

More than **52%** of the City's general fund revenue is generated by residents.

LIVE BALTIMORE'S IMPACT

At least **1** in **6** Baltimore City homebuyers use Live Baltimore as a resource each year.

More than **2,200** individuals attended a Live Baltimore event in fiscal year 2023.

Over **440,000** visitors researched Baltimore City neighborhoods and other city living resources on LiveBaltimore.com in the past 12 months.

89% of Live Baltimore's customers report gaining increased homebuying knowledge.

With a Net Promoter Score of **78** Live Baltimore is considered an excellent organization.

PRESENTS

What makes a great birthday party? Cake! Singing! Dancing! And...Presents!!! Enter our raffle to unwrap a surprise in support of Live Baltimore's mission to recruit and retain City residents.

Gifts have been donated by the following local businesses:



A \$25 gift card to the Northeast Baltimore liquor store **Amendment 21**



Four passes to the **American Visionary Art Museum** and one Visions Magazine



A \$50 gift card to **Atwater's**



One family membership to the **B&O Railroad Museum**

OVER \$100



Two chances to win 25 organic scented lip balms handmade by **Balmer Lip**

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Two tickets to a **Baltimore Heritage** walking tour of your choice



One-year family membership to the **Baltimore Museum of Industry**



Two chances to win four tickets to the **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's** 2024-2025 series

OVER \$500



Gift basket from **Bazaar**, including a framed butterfly and edible ants



A delicious **Berger Cookie** gift basket



One bottle of single barrel Buffalo Trace, an exclusive **Blue Pit** barrel pick



A \$75 gift card to **Canton Ace Hardware**



Two spots in a cupcake decorating class of your choice at **Charm City Cakes**

OVER \$100



Checkerspot Brewing basket with a t-shirt, glass, sticker & \$15 gift card



A \$250 gift card to **Christopher Schafer Clothier** in Fells Point

OVER \$200


















Purchase raffle tickets for only \$20.

**78 WINNERS
WILL BE SELECTED!**



Every gift's value is at least \$20,
but most gifts are \$50 or more!

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the present station,
located under the stairs in the north side of the pavilion.

	A cupcake social for up to 50 people provided by Codetta Bake Shop	OVER \$100
	One space in a "Let's Get You Sewing" class at Domesticity	OVER \$200
	A \$40 gift card to Doubledutch Boutique in Hampden	
	Celebrate South Baltimore flavor with a \$10 gift card to Ice Queens and a journal made by Drama MaMa Bookshop in School 33 Art Center	
	A \$100 gift card to Dylan's Oyster Cellar in Hampden	OVER \$100
	A British Tea gift basket and a high tea package for four at Emma's Tea Spot in Hamilton	OVER \$100
	One organic beard care starter kit and a bottle of Agua de Colonia fragrance from Five O'Clock Co.	
	Five chances to win a \$25 gift card to Found Studio Shop	
	Three chances to win a From Baltimore with Love gift bag, including a tote and t-shirt	
	A five-pound jar of iconic Goetze's caramels	
	A soap and scrub bundle made by Harp Vision	
	Deluxe gift package from In Watermelon Sugar including a beach tote handcrafted in Madagascar, Turkish bath towel, face mist, and a candle	OVER \$200
	Two chances to win a handmade edge grain cutting board by Jon's Design Company	
	A gift basket and a \$100 gift card to Koco's Pub , home of Baltimore's best crabcake	OVER \$100
	Two opportunities to win crafting classes at Lovelyarns in Hampden	
	A Made In Baltimore Gift Bag , including a tote, t-shirt, pint glass, onesie, and a \$100 gift card to the Made in Baltimore Store	OVER \$200
	Framed print of "Baltimore Stoop" by Karen Y. Buster, provided by Mahogany Makers	



A sleek 16 oz cold cup from **Maillard Pastries**

MARYLAND ZOO

Three chances to win a pair of tickets to the **Maryland Zoo** in Baltimore



A \$150 gift certificate for a 1:1 acupuncture appointment at **Mend**

OVER \$100



A \$50 gift card to **Mera Kitchen Collective**, story-worthy food made by chefs from around the world



A \$25 gift card to **Milk & Ice Vintage**



A \$50 gift card to the beloved brunch spot, **Miss Shirley's Cafe**



A non-alcoholic cocktail kit from **Modern World** in Hampden

OVER \$100



A package of locally-made **Mount Royal Soaps**



Two chances to win cookbooks and culinary-themed tea towels from **Old Line Plate**



A bottle of aged Carribean rum from **Old Line Spirits**



A goodie bag from **One Do Coffee Roasters** in Canton

OVER \$100



Four each of **Orioles** game tickets, shirts, hats, and attendance at batting practice

OVER \$200



Two \$30 gift certificates and tote bag from **Pandora's Box**



A \$50 gift card to the **Paper Herald**, a stationery paradise



Handmade Orioles-themed teddy bear, stickers, and print by **Jesse Lentzweiler**



Two chances to win a \$50 gift card from **Pho Bac** in Canton



One-year 4-person family membership to **Port Discovery**



A \$40 gift card to **R. House** in Remington



Deluxe gift basket from **Sagamore Spirits**

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A two-hour in-person trivia session for a private event for up to 80 people from **Sh!tshow Trivia**

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Sista Paint kit including a 9×12 pre-sketched canvas, vibrant paints, and high-quality brushes



One year membership to the **Station North Tool Library**



Three chances to win a \$25 gift card to **THB**



A broken plate necklace and a mini Baltimore Salt Box from **The Broken Plate Co.**



Four Baltimore-themed tea towels and a set of coasters created by **Tiny Dog Press**



Entertaining medley from **Tortuga** including a walnut micah board, linen napkins, candles, and a dish

OVER \$200



Family fun night package from **Warehouse Cinemas** in the Rotunda, including movie passes, popcorn vouchers, and pint glasses

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Baltimore City is full of good neighbors! But tonight, a special few rise to the top. Thank you to the following individuals, whose contributions have allowed us to recognize community leaders from across the City at this year's event.

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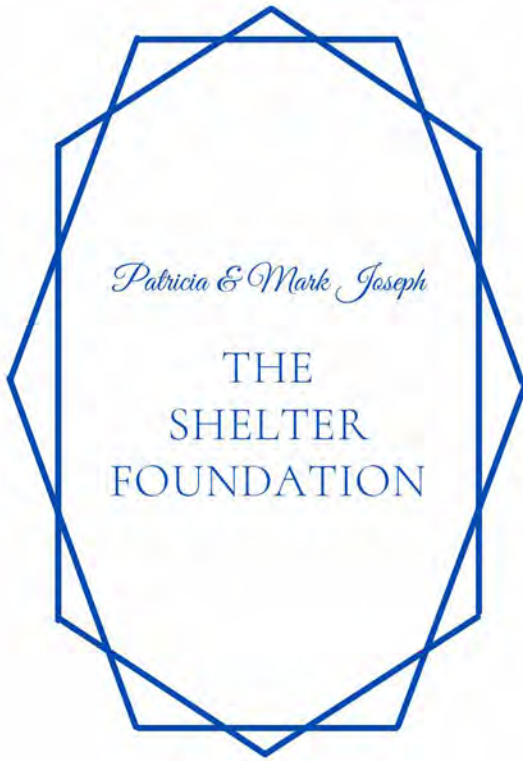
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