

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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### Volunteer Week

From March 15-March 20, Clay Pots hosted volunteer week. More than 20 students arrived eager and excited to donate their time and energies — and in some cases money to the mission of Clay Pots.

Students were participating in
Baltimore Spring Break Urban Plunge
led by Galen Zook. They came from
UMBC, Goucher, McDaniel, and
Johns Hopkins University.

During the week, the volunteers helped do a little spring cleaning, demolished the walls on the second floor — preparing us for our expanded computer lab and education center; which is part of Clay Pots FY14-FY15 capacity building plan. They also helped in nearing completion of the Peace Garden — just in time for the opening party in May. Not to mention cleaning up the yard across the street from the Clay Pots building.

The work the volunteers contributed was enormous, and their demeanor and attitudes were very humbling.



Check out the pictures on the Clay Pots Facebook page. Please make sure to like us while there.



## Clay Pots... A Place to Grow

Has a mission to create a safe space for personal and spiritual growth in the community of southwest Baltimore.

This includes offering GED classes and other workforce initiatives, art and wellness classes, plus a coffee house. All programs are made possible through supporters like you. Thank you!

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#### **New Staff**

The staff at Clay
Pots is growing by
one! We are excited
to announce that a

new Assistant Director was hired in March— Adenike Akintilo. Adenike started on Monday, March 17. Her main responsibilities will be to spearhead Clay Pot's fundraising and fund development as well as assisting Clay Pots Director, Dwayne Hess with day-to-day operations and programming.

Adenike has a BA in Economics from George Washington University and is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate from the University of Baltimore in Organizational Leadership while pondering a masters in Nonprofit Management and Social Work.

She looks forward to working with the board, volunteers, and community at large in advancing the mission and vision of Clay Pots.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# TALKING STONES II: LISTENING TO SILENCE

March 29, 2014 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Join the Clay Pots community for the opening of artist Cinder Hypki's latest pieces over refreshments and conversations.

A portion of the proceeds from the art sales will fund the expansion of the computer lab.

#### **PEACE GARDEN PARTY**

May 3, 2014 5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Bring in spring at the unveiling of the much anticipated Peace Garden. Donate \$100 or more, and choose an engraved brick to be laid in the Garden. Learn more by contacting <a href="Dwayne">Dwayne</a>.

#### Clay Pots... A Place to Grow