

Brian Dolbow '99

Brian Dolbow, a communications major, has always had a passion for helping those who are in need. He attributes this to his time spent with Neumann's Ministry Center, doing outreach work for the homeless community with Sr. Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF '70 and Sr. Linda DeCero, OSF. Brian has done community outreach in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC, and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In fact, Brian was selected to receive the first Alumni Association Spirit of Francis and Clare award. This award was created to acknowledge alumni who develop an initiative that makes a significant impact with the underserved, supports the environment, advances peacemaking, or develops intercultural understanding.

In addition to being a security professional, Brian is the founder of B and Dee's Baltimore Love, Inc, in Baltimore, Maryland, whose mission is to provide life-sustaining resources to the most vulnerable residents of Baltimore City and inspire others to give back as well. What started out as tribute to his dear friend, Demetrius Mallisham, community activist, blossomed into a career for Brian.

The organization began serving the homeless in Baltimore in 2013 as a small group of volunteers who would come together a few times per year. With a current volunteer base of 1,500 individuals, B & Dee's, under Brian's leadership, now has a monthly Lunch Patrol program, larger quarterly events, and feeds approximately 1,300 people in need every month.

According to Brian, the Lunch Patrol is the staple of the organization. The last Sunday of every month, volunteers distribute brown bag lunches to those in need throughout Baltimore City. "If hungry people don't come to us, we head out into the city and find them," he said.

The quarterly events include an Annual Black History Month Celebration, Annual Easter Celebration, Mother's Day and Father's Day Tributes, a Back-to-School Block Party, and Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

In addition to events and individual outreach, they provide health resources, clothing, and hygiene items. Brian believes that Baltimore City will be a better place when people join forces as one team to make a difference.

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