

## **Ribbon Cutting to be Held for New Gilchrist Baltimore City Hospice Center at Memorial Stadium Site**

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Gilchrist, Maryland's largest provider of serious illness and end-of-life care, will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new hospice center in Baltimore City on September 30. The "William L. and Victorine Q. Adams Gilchrist Center Baltimore," named after two African-American pillars of the local community, is a 30,000 square-foot facility, situated on 1.5 acres at Stadium Place on East 33rd Street, where Memorial Stadium was once located.

The facility will be the new location for Gilchrist's current inpatient hospice center at Eutaw Street—the former Joseph Richey House—which has provided end-of-life care for city residents for more than 30 years. The new two-story center, which contains 18 private adult and four pediatric suites for inpatient residential hospice and respite care, will continue to be the only residential hospice center in Baltimore and house the only pediatric inpatient hospice unit in Maryland. Gilchrist will begin accepting patients in late October or early November.

Gilchrist Center Baltimore is located in a 30-acre redevelopment community, owned by the nonprofit GEDCO, that provides housing and long-term care to over 500 low- to mid-income Baltimore City seniors. By joining the Stadium Place community, Gilchrist will add to the robust continuum of housing, health and other services for residents and the surrounding community. Gilchrist Center Baltimore will serve as the hub for all city-based home and facility-based hospice and palliative care teams. Additionally, bereavement and counseling support will be offered at the center for anyone in the city who has suffered a loss or been impacted by trauma.

"We are proud to join this historic landmark community to deliver best-in-class hospice services to terminally ill and underserved adults and children in Baltimore City," said Catherine Hamel, president of Gilchrist. "Gilchrist is enormously grateful to the many foundations, businesses and community leaders who partnered with us to make this vital center possible and ensure that all individuals in our city's neighborhoods receive equitable health services, including comprehensive, dignified end-of-life care, regardless of their ability to pay."

Fundraising is almost complete towards the construction of the center. The \$15.3 million capital campaign has been supported by many prominent foundations and community members as well as a \$1.5 million commitment from the State of Maryland.

The center is designed with the warmth and comfort of Gilchrist's other home-like inpatient centers in Towson and Columbia. Outside the building is a charming courtyard filled with trees, plants, flowers and walking paths for families to enjoy. Each patient will have access to the full

spectrum of hospice care, including medical, emotional, and spiritual, with a focus on quality of life. Music therapy, final veteran salutes, as well as counseling and bereavement services offered to the surrounding community will also be available.

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## **ABOUT GILCHRIST**

Gilchrist is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader in serious illness and end-of-life care. With elder medical care, counseling and hospice, we help people at every stage of serious illness live life to the fullest and make informed choices about their care. Since 1994, the organization has served thousands of individuals throughout Central Maryland—in homes, in skilled nursing and residential care communities, and at our three inpatient hospice centers in Towson, Howard County and Baltimore. Gilchrist is accredited by CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Partner), is a recipient of the Circle of Life award from the American Hospital Association, and is part of GBMC HealthCare, which received the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award in 2020. For more information about Gilchrist, visit [www.gilchristcares.org](http://www.gilchristcares.org).

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