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MARYLAND NEW DIRECTIONS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Maryland New Directions recently celebrated 50 years of providing no-cost employment coaching and specialized career training to people in and around Baltimore with a Golden Anniversary Gala on May 11 at the South East Club Level at M&T Bank Stadium. The event brought together past and present successful graduates, staff, partners and supporters to honor MND's service to the community. D. Watkins, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author and Editor-at-Large for Salon, served as the evening's keynote speaker. The event raised more than \$100,000 to support MND's work and mission to build a stronger and safer community for Baltimore families by providing paths to career-minded employment.



1. The MND staff with keynote speaker D. Watkins. Left to right: Mercury Morris, MND training facilitator; Grace Lee, MND executive director; Kae Cureton, MND volunteer engagement manager; Monique Shearn, MND services team manager; Emily Bartlett, MND marketing and operations assistant; MaryCarole Zaworski, MND director of training; Barbara Reed-DiGia, MND outreach & operations director; D. Watkins; and Sonya Harrison, MND lead job coach. **2.** Jason Dudderar of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management; and Karen Harris of Cohnreznick received special recognition for their service on the MND Board of Directors **3.** Gregory Murrill, left, of the Federal Highway Administration and MND board member; and Sean Scott, right, former MND client **4.** Allevis Ellis, former MND client, shared her personal journey.

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