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Dear New Neighbor,

Welcome to the Canton/Highlandtown area of Baltimore. This is a great place to live! We are an area of the city that is a "community" that cares for our neighbors.

First, I want to invite you to visit **United Evangelical United Church of Christ**. We have been in this community for one hundred and thirty-five years. We have a special interest in the health and welfare of people who live here and in the spiritual journeys we each take in life. As an autonomous congregation in a progressive denomination, **The United Church of Christ**, we want you to know: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at **United Evangelical Church**."

Second, I want to invite you to support the area businesses. Like us, these women and men genuinely care about the entire community. They will value your support and, in turn, you will value the excellent service you receive. Several businesses have joined us to express their own welcome to you. Here are some "welcome to your new home and to the community" opportunities:

Be sure to visit **Canton Gallery**, 2935 O'Donnell Street (on Canton Square) as you consider decorating your new home. They have a great selection of art work and a wide range of prices. Take this letter with you on your first visit and they will gladly give you a **15% discount** on custom framing.

The **Daily Grind** at the Canton Square Firehouse is pleased to welcome you and your family to the neighborhood. Come check out the "Blues Brothers" out front and the fireman sliding down the firepole. They have Junior's New York Cheesecakes and the popular Dangerously Delicious Pies, not to mention the best coffee in town. Bring this letter with you and get a **free coffee of any size with the purchase of any other item in the store**. They have everything from breakfast sandwiches to gourmet lunch salads, and ice cream is coming soon.

Enclosed are two free admission tickets to the **American Visionary Art Museum**, 800 Key Highway. Currently there is a special display, "All Faiths Beautiful: Atheism to Zoroasterism." Call the museum at 410-244-1900 for hours of operation, directions, parking, etc. Don't miss this exciting exhibit!

After the museum enjoy a meal at **Hull Street Blues**, 1222 Hull Street, in the Locust Point area of the city, near Fort McHenry. Hull Street is the place for a wide variety of excellent American (Traditional) food. Step back in time as you walk through the bar area and see (or play) the 1936 shuffleboard. Take this letter

with you and receive ***either a complimentary glass of wine or a free dessert*** with the purchase of an entrée on your first visit. Reservations are suggested. Call 410-727-7476.

Third, I hope you will share your time and talents as a volunteer in the community. **Hampstead Hill Elementary School**, 500 South Linwood Street welcomes volunteers! The teachers and staff are dedicated educators and have a love for children and youth. Your volunteer help will be greatly appreciated. Some areas of need for volunteers include: helpers during lunch period, library help and reading to students, tutoring and special events. A major event is coming up in May and much help is needed! Call Ms Battle Pincus at 410-396-9146 and catch her excitement as she shares the opportunities for serving.

Just as volunteers are needed to serve young people, so volunteers are needed to assist some of our senior citizens. **The Hatton Senior Center**, 2825 Fait Street, is a thriving place for seniors to gather. Director Elaine Hall welcomes volunteer help. Some of their needs are keeping their grounds clean, the set up and take down of tables and chairs, and computer skills. Tuesday evenings they offer an intergenerational yoga class. Stop by and see the windows with the painted screens, a unique remnant of Old Baltimore. Visit or call the Center at 410-396-9025.

Finally, the members of **United Evangelical Church** join me in inviting you to visit us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will consider our church. Please check out our web site at www.unitedevangelicalucc.org. We believe, as a progressive congregation, that everyone is welcome at the Communion Table and that each of us is accepted and valued by God whose love embraces all. So, to repeat an earlier statement: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at **United Evangelical United Church of Church.**"

Welcome to the community!
May you know God's peace and justice,



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