

The Dwelling Place Inc. Board of Directors must share some sad news. On Sunday, February 18, 2018 our former Executive Director, Miriam K. Gandell, passed away. She was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Clarksburg, MD. Miriam was a stalwart and faithful advocate for The Dwelling Place families and staff. She served in the role of Executive Director for ten years and was the second person in that role until her retirement in the fall of 2017.

Miriam brought great change to The Dwelling Place. She oversaw a great shift in the program and its funding structure, engaged countless supporters, informed members the Board of Directors, and shepherded a staff members in their roles. Her retirement marked the end of an era, and we were sad to see her leave the role that she loved and performed so well. Miriam cared deeply for the families The Dwelling Place supported and wanted to see them flourish. This was no doubt in part due to the role she held in her family as a sister, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She held firm to the belief that in order for the families to succeed, one principle should be paramount: education is the main priority.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of The Dwelling Place. As we prepare to host a series of events, there will be a palpable absence to the festivities. But for Miriam's efforts, The Dwelling Place would not still be able to affect the positive change in the lives of the parents and children it endeavors to help.

The Dwelling Place plans to continue the legacy Miriam initiated. Donations in her name will be accepted throughout the year. An award will be named in her honor to recognize members of the community who, like her, have gone above and beyond to serve those less fortunate. Because Miriam was a lover of plaques, one will be on display in The Dwelling Place office and will remain in perpetuity.

Miriam's life may have ended, but not her dream of thriving Maryland families. Your support for her and her memory will see that dream prosper.

Sincerely –

James Bond, Board President



The Dwelling Place, Inc.

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