



# The Franciscan Center

## News Release

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### THE FRANCISCAN CENTER RECEIVES 2007 MILCH AWARD

Loyola College in Maryland has named the Franciscan Center as the recipient of its Milch Award for Excellence of Accomplishment, which was presented during commencement exercises for the Class of 2007. The Milch Award is conferred annually on an individual or group that has contributed most significantly to the betterment of the intellectual, cultural, social or commercial life of greater Baltimore.

Karen Heyward-West, Chief Executive Officer of the Franciscan Center, accepted the award on behalf of the Center, which is a comprehensive, nonprofit emergency outreach agency that offers help to the needy with dignity and respect. Its programs include a food pantry; a weekday hot lunch; medical screenings and treatment; HIV/AIDS outreach; emergency services; men's clothing distribution and a technology resource center. The Center, which serves the needy regardless of age, race, creed or national origin, holds Maryland Nonprofits Standards for Excellence certification.

The Franciscan Center was founded in 1968 by the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore, a religious order that has fed the city's hungry since the 1890s. The Center serves the needy regardless of age, race, creed or national origin.

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Photo: Franciscan Center CEO Karen Heyward-West receives the Milch Award from Loyola College President Brian F. Linnane, S.J.