



# The Franciscan Center

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### PAINT & POWDER CLUB MAKES \$27,750 DONATION TO FRANCISCAN CENTER

On Friday, July 11, 2008, the president and president-elect of the Paint and Powder Club presented a check for \$27,750 to the Franciscan Center. Founded in 1893, the Paint and Powder Club is one of the nation's oldest performing arts organizations; its annual charitable activities include a ball and an original theatrical performance.

"We are thrilled to have been selected by the Paint and Powder Club," said Franciscan Center president and chief executive Karen Heyward-West, "Their contribution will help make up for a recent shortfall in donations due to the economic downturn."

The Franciscan Center was founded in 1968 by the Franciscan Sisters of Baltimore, a religious order that has fed the city's hungry since 1891. Located in lower Charles Village, 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 the Maryland Nonprofits Standards for Excellence certification. For more information about the Center, please visit [www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org](http://www.franciscancenterbaltimore.org).

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Paint and Powder President-elect Mark Merrick, far left, and President Rick Wisnom, third from left, present check to Franciscan Center representatives: Board Member Greg Burke, second from left; Board Chair Tom Phelan, center; President and CEO Karen Heyward-West; Board Vice Chair Vince Oakley; and Director of Development Meghan Montone.