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ResFest Turns 20: Celebrating Two Decades of Bridging Gaps and Cultivating Community in West Baltimore

Baltimore, MD (July 21, 2025) – On Saturday, August 2, from 11 AM - 3 PM in German Park, [St. Francis Neighborhood Center](#) (SFNC) will proudly present its milestone [20th Annual Reservoir Hill Resource Fair and Music Festival](#), otherwise known as ResFest. Open to the public and held rain or shine, ResFest is Reservoir Hill's largest yearly community celebration—drawing hundreds of residents, families, and local leaders for a day filled with **live music, local resources, food, and family-friendly fun**. The free event connects people to vital services like healthcare, education, employment, and housing while showcasing the artistry, talent, and entrepreneurship that define Baltimore.

This year's landmark ResFest will feature a dynamic musical lineup including performances by the [Love Groove Band](#), local blues guitarist [Quinton Randall](#), the [Baltimore Twilighters](#) marching band, [DJ TNT](#), and more; 50+ resource and community vendors; FREE resources including school supplies, backpacks, and groceries; delicious offerings from local food trucks like Soul Smoked BBQ, Bird Box Express, and Keyvin's Kitchen; and engaging activities for all ages.



A cornerstone of ResFest is the **annual Backpack & School Supply Giveaway**, one of SFNC's long-standing traditions. In 2024, the Center distributed 130 stocked backpacks to West Baltimore families as part of their effort to ease the financial strain of the back-to-school season and help Baltimore City students start the school year feeling seen, supported, and ready to succeed. This year, with the support of generous donors and volunteer teams from NCIA, the goal is to give away 200.

Born out of a need for access and equity, the Reservoir Hill Resource Fair began in 2005. Two decades later, it has grown into ResFest: a joyful, high-energy festival that reflects the power, pride, and potential of our neighborhoods. "In uncertain times like these, gathering as neighbors, partners, and friends is more important than ever," says Angela Miller, Community Engagement Manager at SFNC. "None of this—not ResFest, nor the work we do year-round—is possible

without the person-power of our community. That dedication, creativity, and generosity fuel everything we do.”

ResFest is hosted by St. Francis Neighborhood Center in partnership with the [Friends of German Park](#) and the [Reservoir Hill Improvement Council](#). For the third year in a row, **WYPR/WTMD** is a proud media partner of the festival. For more information, visit stfranciscenter.org/resfest.

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St. Francis Neighborhood Center (SFNC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization founded in 1963 to serve the Reservoir Hill and Penn North neighborhoods of Baltimore City. Our mission is to dismantle inequity by cultivating community connections through tailored education and social interventions for West Baltimore. For over 60 years, we have continuously evolved to develop programs in response to present needs. Learn more at stfranciscenter.org.

Members of the press are warmly invited to attend. Interview, photo, and video opportunities with organizers, performers, and community members will be available throughout the event.

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