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At ODWIN Learning Center we serve both men and women, and this semester the men make up one fourth of the student population. Our students represent a full spectrum of nationalities. They are Americans; Asians from Vietnam, Nepal and Tibet; and Africans from Ethiopia, Somalia, Ghana, Cape Verde and Nigeria. We also have students from the Caribbean and Latin America including: Haiti, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and Honduras. ODWIN's diversity provides a setting



Freda Ampofo and Guerda Pierre

for students to share their rich culture, ideas and experiences with one another. They have the ability to share information on job opportunities and educational programs.



Joe Moynihan and Sacquia Jean-Michel

When it comes to where our students travel from locally to attend ODWIN, they stretch across the greater Boston area: Dorchester, Boston, Roxbury, Mattapan, Brockton, Brookline, Somerville, Attleboro, Randolph, Canton, Quincy, Watertown, Lynn, Malden and Hyde Park. Their experiences and backgrounds often-times allow them to be resourceful agents to one another. Their career goals are just as diversified as their backgrounds. Our students are looking to explore careers as nurses, ultrasound technicians, pharmacists, early childhood educators, social workers and businessmen. Students come to ODWIN Learning Center in order to improve their skills and better themselves, but what they bring can be just as instrumental as what they gain from us.



Marcene Torchon

Farmers' Market

ODWIN co-hosted the Farmers' Market with St. Mark's Area Main Streets. The market was held on Fridays from mid-July to October. There were fresh vegetables and fruits from three farms, beautiful flowers and plants from Cedar Grove Gardens, bakery goods from Dot to Dot Cafe, and original artwork and crafts from Dot Art. Tim Diehl, the market manager, and Dan Larner from SMAMS worked very hard to make it happen with a dedicated committee that included Anne Malone. Plans are underway to have a market next year in the Ashmont- Peabody Square area.



ODWIN News

On December 2, 2009 Faulkner Hospital presented the Partners in Excellence Award to ODWIN alumna, Patricia Malone Reardon. Tricia is a graduate of Fitchburg State College and has worked at Faulkner Hospital for many years. She acknowledges the gifts of academic skills and confidence that she received at ODWIN.



Our gratitude goes out to the following Individuals and organizations that contributed to the ODWIN Learning Center Golf Tournament.

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Several ODWIN alumni graduated from college or training programs in the past year. We are aware of the following and would like to hear of others. Please contact Penny Penniman or Anne Malone to share your good news.

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Hospital, RN AD

Nancy Casseus, Laboure College,
RN AD

Tara Costanza, Brockton Hospital,
RN AD

Astrid Diop, Laboure College,
RN AD

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Community College, AD

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Community College, LPN

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RN AD

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Maudell McCauley-Laurent,
Laboure College, RN AD

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Community College, RN AD

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RN AD

Grace Ogbo, Roxbury Community
College, RN AD

Marie Osirus, Quincy College, LPN

Erica Snow, Brockton Hospital,
RN AD

ODWIN Alumni Gathering

On December 6, 2009 ODWIN Alumni, Board and Staff came to ODWIN for an Open House. Carolyn and Leonard Wetterberg took the lead role in organizing this lovely event. We were delighted to reconnect with many of our ODWIN graduates. For Lillian Wing, it was her first trip to ODWIN on Dorchester Ave. Those who came had studied at ODWIN from the 1960's through 2009 and had gone to ODWIN at Dimock Street., Green Street, American Legion Highway and Dorchester Avenue. We look forward to connecting with many other graduates at future gatherings.



Giving Back

In July, 2009 we sent a letter to ODWIN graduates in which we reminded them of ODWIN's mission of opening the doors of opportunity wider for people seeking to better their lives through education. Many who responded mentioned that ODWIN had made a difference in their lives and made a contribution to help make the same difference possible for future students at ODWIN. We are grateful for their support.

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Aiesha Best
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