BUILDING BRIDGES TO BALTIMORE SCHOOLS
A Partnership Between Towson University and The Family League of Baltimore and Baltimore City schools

A CLOSER LOOK
For the last four years, Towson University and the Family League of Baltimore have collaborated in order to meet the needs of both the university and the schools with which the Family League works. TU’s Honors College has a course in urban education that exposes college students to the complexities and opportunities in urban schools. The Family League is an organization that helps to support community schools, schools that provide wrap-around services to their families. Students from TU’s Honors College who take the urban education course spend time doing a service learning project in one of the schools that the Family League supports. The schools benefit from this relationship by getting students that work on projects which help the schools including assisting with health and science fairs, tutoring in classrooms, teaching art and music after school, as well as working young people as they transition to the US from other counties. TU students also benefit, growing from the experience as they enter a world that is close by but so unfamiliar. They also learn a great deal about themselves and their own capacities to help others while checking their privilege and serving in ways that are humble and respectful.

SERVICES/SOLUTIONS/OUTCOMES
• Assisting students who are struggling academically
• Building relationships between urban youth and university students
• Helping to support school-wide initiatives
• Offering service experiences for TU students
• Providing opportunities for Baltimore youth to visit TU’s campus

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