

## WFWP Maryland Volunteers to Ready Youth Center - Do it for the Kids

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Our WFWP Maryland team loves service. On March 6, 2022, we went to Baltimore to help [Samuel Williams II](#), director of "Do It For The Kids" [www.diftk.org](http://www.diftk.org) and [www.text4help.org](http://www.text4help.org), to get the location ready for mentoring kids. A pastor offered room to him for the program [Do it for the Kids](#). Do It For The Kids was launched more than 30 years ago when boxing champion Mohammed Ali joined forces with Mr. Milton Bullock, performing artist and music producer, to create a safe place for at-risk youth. The program offers technical training, martial arts, and music lessons.

First, I got a good workout mopping the big hall. Emiko and I went after the bathrooms, kitchen, and entrance door. My husband cleaned the chairs and Samuel repaired them. We got to know a couple people of the congregation, and to build community relations, we bought snacks from a neighborhood store for everyone.

Samuel was impressed and moved. He took many photos while we cleaned and offered WFWP to use the meeting hall anytime as a venue.

### Reflections from participants

To quote Mother Teresa, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Cleaning is a good way to start helping people because anyone can do it.  
Marianne Goldberg

I felt "Living by the logic of love" was embodied that afternoon and brought so much joy.  
Andrea Rissanen

By serving our community with "cleaning," I experienced cleansing my spirit!! Also, there were seven of us from four different countries united in this simple project creating a small cosmic world of peace and love. Thank you.  
Emiko Butler