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Subject: Mary Rose, nonprofit for at-risk youth expands to third school
Dear Mary Rose,

Your reporting for WYPR shows your concern for some of the most important issues in Baltimore. The On the Watch series gives an inside look at Baltimore's community. While Baltimore is the midst of changes, it is important not to forget about the children.

As you might know, Acts4Youth, or A4Y, is a local nonprofit that nurtures personal, social and spiritual growth for at-risk youth in Baltimore City schools through comprehensive mentoring programs. It currently runs its programs for boys and girls at the Guilford and Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle Schools.

So far, A4Y has seen great results, including:

- More than 80% of the students who were in the elementary school program continued with the program in middle school
- More than 80% of the students who were in the middle school program continued with the program in high school
- An increase from 75 students being involved during the 2014/2015 to over 100 students during the 2015/2016 school year with the addition of the girls' program

Given these successes, Acts4Youth is excited to announce that it will be expanding with a program at Garrett Heights Elementary/Middle School. While next year the program will be for fourth and fifth grade boys, the following school year, it will also include fourth and fifth grade girls. Every year after, it will advance by one grade until it includes programs for all kids in fourth through eighth grade.

Your listeners need to know about the strides organizations, like A4Y, are making to improve the lives of at-risk inner-city youth here in Baltimore.

I'd also be happy to set up an interview for you with Acts4Youth's founder and executive director, Kevin Good.

A4Y has more information about its mission on its [website](#) that I invite you to look at.

Thank you for your time, and I will be in contact with you in the coming days to discuss more details about A4Y's expansion.

Best,
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