As an anchor institution in West Baltimore, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) prides itself on establishing meaningful ways to integrate with and strengthen the neighborhoods west of our downtown campus and home to our many community engagement initiatives. Located just across Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the University of Maryland (UM) BioPark extends the University’s economic development activities to West Baltimore. Tenants provide strategic workforce training, degree programs, and financial and business development services to neighborhood residents.

“The BioPark has been creating tangible benefits for the University and the community for 15 years. The project is where UMB’s discoveries come to market and where private companies are working to find treatments and cures to improve the human condition.”

— JAY A. PERMAN, MD, former president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore

GROWING BALTIMORE’S ECONOMY

UMB has long been one of the state’s most powerful economic drivers, stimulating $3 billion in economic activity in 2018, up from $2.8 billion in 2016. A significant factor in that growth is the UM BioPark, Baltimore’s biggest biotechnology cluster and a thriving entrepreneurial community. The 14-acre park is home to three dozen health science companies that employ over 1,000 people working in areas such as oncology, autism, cardiovascular disease, and new vaccine and drug development.
CONTINUING REVITALIZATION OF A COMMUNITY

The UM BioPark and its tenants have contributed more than $1 million in funds to support needed technology improvements and special projects at schools in Southwest Baltimore. From school uniforms, a computer lab, technology tools for education, after-school programs, and fun science field trips, to an annual Halloween celebration with BioPark tenants and local students and dinners for teachers, the BioPark believes in the benefits of nurturing the community's youngest residents.

In addition, the BioPark provides local adults with avenues to education and employment through workforce training programs such as health science career courses at the Baltimore City Community College Life Sciences Institute, information technology job skills training at NPower, and hands-on lab tech training at the BioTechnical Institute of Maryland.

The BioPark brings business development services to West Baltimore, giving community residents access to free resources and the support they need to succeed in their entrepreneurial endeavors. The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law’s Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic provides a wide range of business law services, and the Maryland Small Business Development Center provides business advice and training.

As demand for more dynamic innovation space continues to grow, so will the BioPark. At full build-out, the complex will house 2 million square feet of lab, office, clinical, and classroom space and bring needed retail properties and landscaped parks to West Baltimore.

UMB’s capacity to serve the public good of Maryland and society at large through education, research, clinical care, service, and community outreach is enhanced through the support of benefactors who share a commitment to excellence and leadership. To invest in the University’s mission to improve the human condition, please contact:

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