Second Annual Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award Winner Announced:

*Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute Awards $15,000 to Moveable Feast*

The Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute announced on Saturday that Moveable Feast is the winner of the second annual *Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award*. Named in honor of Henrietta Lacks, the award recognizes and supports Baltimore community organizations that are collaborating with Johns Hopkins University to improve the health and well-being of the city of Baltimore.

The award was presented on October 6, 2012 at the Annual Henrietta Lacks Memorial Lecture at Johns Hopkins University.

Moveable Feast is one of over a dozen established community-university collaborations from across the city nominated for the award of $15,000. The organization was selected by a panel of leadership from community and city organizations and Johns Hopkins as a model collaboration for creating and sustaining healthier communities.

Moveable Feast was nominated by the Hopkins based bike team Fierce Chicks Rock. Fierce Chicks Rock and Moveable Feast have an eight year history of successful collaboration, which has resulted in significant funding for Moveable Feast’s food and nutrition services and a better continuum of care, namely for HIV/AIDS patients transitioning to outpatient care.

Founded in 1989, Moveable Feast puts nutritious food on the table for people in Maryland with AIDS, breast cancer and other severe illnesses. Executive Director Tom Bonderenko accepted the award for the organization. “What this award will enable us to do, is take the household name Moveable Feast that is well known on Osler 8 and the Moore Clinic and let that become the same thing on all the oncology floors at Hopkins, that way when people go home and are in need of delivered meals, nurses, social workers and doctors think Moveable Feast is the answer for those individuals. We nourish the soul with compassionate care. We harness the power of our community to feed people, fight disease and foster hope.”

Two finalists were also recognized at the event, International Rescue Committee Baltimore collaboration with Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Birth Companions Program and Sisters Together and Reaching partnership with The Moore Clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Henrietta Lacks was an East Baltimore resident and cervical cancer patient in the early 1950s at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, where cells taken from her tumor became the first “immortal” human cells grown in culture and led to breakthroughs in cell research related to cancer, AIDS, the effects of radiation and more. *The Henrietta Lacks Memorial Award* honors Mrs. Lacks and her family and is intended to be an enduring reminder of her contribution to medical science and to her community.

A video of the winning organization is available at [http://urbanhealth.jhu.edu/henriettalacks_award/](http://urbanhealth.jhu.edu/henriettalacks_award/)

*This mission of the Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute is to serve as a catalyst that brings together the resources of Johns Hopkins Institutions with the city of Baltimore, and especially East Baltimore, to improve the community’s health and well-being.*