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**Joann Levy**

Executive Director

**TITLE:** Women's Housing Coalition, Baltimore

**AGE:** 53

**How did you end up heading the Women's Housing Coalition, a nonprofit that provides housing to homeless and low-income women?**

I pretty much spent my career working with disenfranchised and disconnected populations, so applying for an executive director position seemed like the next step.

**What have you learned on the job?**

I've learned how to do development of a property. I wouldn't say I'm an expert but I think more importantly for me, I don't see this as work.

**Do you worry about becoming**

**homeless?**

I don't worry about it. I think about it. I see myself as more similar to my residents than I do different. Anyone can become homeless for any number of reasons.

**How often does your heart break?**  
Every day.

**How do you mend it and go home?**

I don't think there's a mending. I recognize I live in a world that is very imperfect and full of injustice. I try to do my small part, whether I'm at the WHC or somewhere else, that will fix just a little piece of it.

**What do you do to unwind after work?**

I have a little dog named Petey Levy, who is a rescue. He has one tooth and he's hilarious. I sit out in my new garden and I just be quiet. I spend time with my family, friends and I'm active in my synagogue, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

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