

Mission

Improving lives by reducing barriers to housing, social wellbeing, and economic opportunity

Vision

Our vision is a community where housing, social wellbeing and economic opportunities are accessible to all, fostering a thriving and compassionate society where every person can reach their full potential.

Core Values

Compassion
Integrity
Accountability
Innovation
Advocacy

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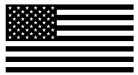
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FROM VAN'S VIEW

A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO

Welcome to March! I hope you have been able to follow all the exciting news we've shared since the start of the year. We recently announced our expansion to eight homeless service programs, with the pending consolidation of the [House of Bread and Peace](#) under our umbrella of services. We are thrilled to be trusted with such a critical need in the community and look forward to expanding our impact. Additionally, we are in the beginning phases of a new initiative called the [Evansville Community Development Collaboration \(ECDC\)](#). As the lead agency for the Promise Zone designation awarded in 2016, we believe the partnerships and collective impact that has been made should go well beyond the Promise Zone designation, which sunsets in 2026. For these reasons, we are beginning to transition and expand the work into the ECDC, focusing on activity in the areas of physical (housing, streets, sidewalks, structures, etc.), social (healthcare, education, crime, connectedness, etc.), and economic development (jobs, employers, micro-enterprises, entrepreneurs, transportation, childcare, etc.). We have a tremendous group of core community partners formed and are thrilled to include countless others that will work together to impact our community. Stay tuned for a full listing of community partners and details related to the ECDC! Finally, in February we held our first [Agency Tenant Council](#) meeting. The council includes individuals that represent each homeless service program in our agency. Our first meeting discussed council expectations and how we can continue to serve individuals experiencing homelessness through the lens and voices of those that have the lived experience - our own residents. We are excited to incorporate our residents into our agency strategy and day to day operations. We will have some additional news unfolding as the year progresses and hope you will share in the excitement with us as it is released. Thank you for your continued support!



THE FRONT LINES: SERVICES FOR VETERANS

As a member of the Homeless Services Council Veteran Sub-Committee, ECHO Housing is working with a network of Veteran service agencies including Volunteers of America, Supportive Services for Veteran Families, WorkOne Southwest Veterans representatives, and other community partners on the [Annual Stand Down event](#). This one day event provides food and supplies to homeless veterans in Southwest Indiana. Follow our newsletter and agency social media for developments including date, time, location, and specific services provided this year.

The term
**STAND
DOWN**

was coined
during the
Vietnam
War as a
safe retreat
for soldiers
returning
from
combat



COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVE

BIG high five to JD Sheth Foundation! From the Gresham House and the Veterans served in the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program to building the first Pocket Park in the city for Veterans residing at Lucas Place II, JD Sheth has been a long time valued partner. We were so pleased to be apart of the Foundation's Home of the Brave initiative through land donation. With the mutual support between our agencies, we are looking forward to a future project collaboration and great community impact. More to come!



BRINGING HOPE HOME CAMPAIGN

\$180,000

BE A SPONSOR

\$20,500

ECHO Housing's Promise Home is set to be completed this year! This home will provide 27 one-bedroom apartments to individuals who have been chronically homeless in the Evansville area. The funds received through the **"Bringing Hope Home" campaign** will go toward security installation & equipment to provide services and stable housing. (See sponsorship flyer by scanning the QR Code above)

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Building Sponsor:



See what we do:

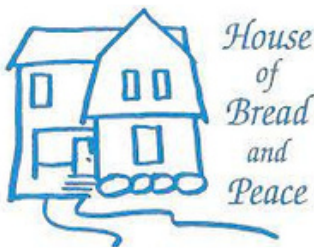


COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES WITH IMPACT

ECHO Housing and Community Development's very own Erik Tilkemeier was asked to participate on Evansville Mayor Stephanie Terry's Blue Ribbon Committee for City Development Evaluation! This committee is convening to "assess and enhance the effectiveness of our housing and business development process, [as well as] aim to streamline and modernize city processes, ensuring they align with contemporary needs and foster sustainable development." We are excited to be a part of this important evaluation process. Thank you for your leadership, Mayor Terry, Erik, & the Blue Ribbon Committee!



Post of Erik Tilkemeier for Mayor Terry's Blue Ribbon Committee



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT HOMELESS SERVICES

ECHO Housing and the House of Bread and Peace are consolidating!

While The House is managed under the umbrella of ECHO Housing & Community Development, it will continue to operate as it always has as an emergency shelter for women & women with children. We are honored that the House entrusts ECHO with this critical service to the community. By providing services through the entire housing continuum - from emergency shelter to permanent housing placement, our agency will be able to deliver more comprehensive and effective services to the community!

WHAT'S IN PROGRESS CASUAL FOR A CAUSE

On **Friday, April 12th**, we are promoting a community-wide **Casual for a Cause** to support ECHO Housing's efforts to end homelessness. We are asking for schools, businesses, and individuals to participate with a \$2 purchase of a **C4C: Ending Homelessness 2024 wristband**.

Nearly every individual we house has nothing when they move into our permanent housing programs. Therefore, 100% of the proceeds of this initiative will go toward the housing necessities that we most often take for granted - beds, linens, and basic household supplies. This type of awareness campaign not only reminds the community that homelessness exists, but that we, along with countless partners, are doing everything we can to address this issue.

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BRINGING HOPE HOME CAMPAIGN

January 1 - May 1, 2024

Supporting ECHO Housing's new Promise Home. Set to be completed in 2024, this home will provide 27 one-bedroom apartments to individuals who have been chronically homeless in the Evansville area. The funds received through this campaign will go toward necessities for those housed once the project is complete and placed into service. Please see below for sponsorship levels and how that funding will be used.

BUILDING SPONSOR

\$10,000

Supports the purchase of the building's security system including cameras, lighting, door access, as well as the laundry facilities

benefits include:

Invitation to a dinner & tour the space prior to ribbon cutting celebration

Plaque w/ name and logo (if applicable) affixed to the entry way of the building

Participation in cutting the ribbon during the celebration

Name & Logo advertised in newsletter, website, all marketing material & media releases

COMMUNITY SPONSOR

\$5,000

Supports the purchase of furniture for the Community Space, the Social Service Office, and the Technology/Meeting Center

benefits include:

Invitation to a dinner & tour the space prior to ribbon cutting celebration

Plaque w/ name affixed to the assigned sponsored space

Photo opportunity at the ribbon cutting celebration

Name & Logo advertised in newsletter & social media marketing

HOME SPONSOR

\$2,500

Two sponsors per room. Supports the purchase of basic household items for every apartment including a bed, dresser, couch, chairs, and household items.

benefits include:

Invitation to a dinner & tour the space prior to ribbon cutting celebration

Plaque w/ name affixed above the door of an apartment

Opportunity to meet the individual moving into the sponsored apartment

Name & Logo advertised in social media marketing

****Secure early sponsorship to maximize your visibility as a partner on this project!***

Contact Pat Bateman at pat.bateman@echohousing.org or Kim Armstrong at kim.armstrong@echohousing.com

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