



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.

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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FROM VAN'S VIEW

A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO

Welcome to our April newsletter! This month, we want to share information about our **first annual Casual for a Cause (C4C): Ending Homelessness campaign**. Each year we will promote a different program or service we provide to the community to raise awareness and funding to support that cause. On **April 12th** we hope to see as many individuals, businesses, schools and organizations as possible support our efforts to end homelessness. With soon to be 8 homeless service programs, **we provide housing, social services, case management and support to hundreds of formerly homeless individuals (men, women, children & Veterans) in 11 counties of Southwest Indiana**. For only \$2, every individual who wants to participate will receive a C4C bracelet. **Because purple is the color of homelessness awareness, we also hope everyone will dress in purple that day to show their support**. Tackling the issues of homelessness can take years and countless community members and agencies. On April 12th, we will recognize partners we collaborate with to combat homelessness. **We hope you will show your support by turning Evansville purple on April 12th!**



THE FRONT LINES: SERVICES FOR VETERANS



Point Man Ministries of Newburgh offers programming and support to Veterans and their family members. One of the programs offered is **Vet Court**, a community effort that works with justice-involved veterans by providing a mentor; keeping them accountable for their criminal behavior while helping them navigate the path toward a life of honesty, compassion, and commitment. ECHO Housing's CEO, Savannah, is one of the mentors for this program.



COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVE

The **Vanderburgh County Extension Homemakers** visit Lucas Place once a month to offer many different crafts and activities to our parents and children! Recently, our kiddos enjoyed rock painting & planting seeds during their spring break!

BRINGING HOPE HOME CAMPAIGN



BE A SPONSOR

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.)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES WITH IMPACT

ECHO Housing and Community Development is a partner with the University of Evansville on their grant for the Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN). ECHO's current community development initiatives touch on several of the focus areas of EPN, but will work with the the partners in Pipeline Block 4: Neighborhood and Community Revitalization. Our charge is to advocate for housing policies that will give students stable communities to live in and access to healthy foods.



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT HOMELESS SERVICES

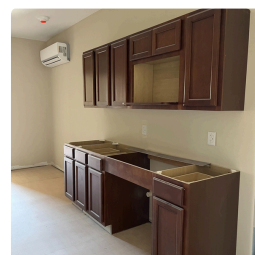
Congratulations to Karen Osterman for winning the Positive Peer Award for 2nd Qtr. 2024! Karen has been with the ECHO family since 2012 in various roles and capacities. She was nominated for her advocacy and innovation in service to Veterans within Southwest Indiana. Karen's open and friendly personality quickly builds rapport with team members, community partners, and those we serve. Thank you, Karen, for your service to ECHO and our community's Veterans who have experienced homelessness!



WHAT'S IN PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PROMISE HOME



The **Promise Home** continues to make progress in leaps and bounds! The building is 75% complete with painted walls and cabinetry being installed. It is beginning to look like what will become 27 homes!



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CASUAL 4A CAUSE: ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Friday, April 12

On Friday, April 12th, we invite participants to join us by purchasing a purple wristband and/or wearing purple attire to show solidarity and raise funds to support ECHO Housing's seven, soon to be eight homeless service programs.

For more information about Casual for a Cause and how you can get involved, please visit www.echohousing.org/casual4acause/ or contact Kim Armstrong at the email listed below.

Thank you to those who have already bought wristbands



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New Opportunities
for Wellness



National Vet Help



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BRINGING HOPE HOME

**BUILDING
SPONSOR**

\$10,000

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



**COMMUNITY
SPONSOR**

\$5,000

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



**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.



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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.

Questions? Contact Kim Armstrong at kim.armstrong@echohousing.com

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