

## 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 May! We had a tremendous turn-out for our first Annual Casual for a Cause awareness campaign, with more than 65 businesses and organizations participating. Thank you to everyone who participated and raised awareness for ending homelessness in our community!

As Memorial Day approaches, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the significance of the day and express our deepest gratitude to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Memorial Day is a time for remembrance, honoring the brave men and women who gave their lives to protect the freedoms we hold dear. Their selfless dedication and unwavering commitment to duty inspire and remind us of all the profound debt we owe to their service. As one of the lead Veteran service agencies in Southwest Indiana, we are privileged to work with countless Veterans who may have experienced the loss of a comrade during their time in service. For this reason, each Memorial Day, we offer these living heroes our deepest condolences for the loss they have experienced. As we observe Memorial Day and acknowledge it's meaning, let us reaffirm our commitment to upholding the values of freedom, justice, and democracy that our service members fought so bravely to defend. Let us also express our heartfelt gratitude to the families of the fallen, whose sacrifice and resilience serve as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. Wishing you all a safe, meaningful, and reflective Memorial Day.

### CLIENT QUOTES

*"I am blessed to have warriors like you (ECHO) to keep me alive & safe" -Ralph*

*"Mindy is great and makes me feel welcomed and important" -Derrick*



## THE FRONT LINES:

*SERVICES FOR VETERANS*

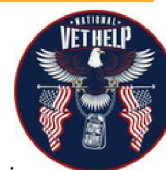


ECHO Housing is a member of the VA's regional Suicide Prevention Team. This group identifies ways to address Veteran suicide, including service provider training, indicators of suicidal ideations and how to quickly respond, and partnerships that can effectively serve Veterans experiencing mental crisis. Recent training included Moral Injury training which educates participants on the guilt, shame, inability to forgive and/or social withdrawal that combat Veterans experience from their wartime or mission-related military service.

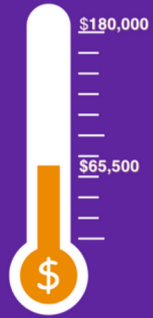


## COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVE

**National Vet Help** is a Veteran Service Agency who fights for veterans' benefits in Evansville and all over the nation. The team work diligently to help vets receive VA disability compensation. Whether it is a new claim, an appeal, or pursuing an increased rating, Brandon Renner and his team can help. Not only are they strong supporters of veterans, they are also dedicated, community-minded partners of ECHO Housing! If you or someone you know needs help with VA benefits, give Brandon's team a call at **812-461-0229** or check out their website at [nationalvethelp.com](http://nationalvethelp.com).



# 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.)

## Thank you to our Sponsors:

Building & Community Sponsors



Home Sponsor:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
INITIATIVES WITH IMPACT

MAY 2024 VOLUME 5

The Evansville Community Development Collaborative (ECDC) has set the date for their initial planning session. On May 20th, core participants will come together to design the framework for their collective impact approach to improving the quality of life in Evansville. Stakeholders from diverse sectors, including nonprofits, banking, government, business, funders, and education will meet to establish the mission of the Collaborative, its governance structure, and goals. While this gathering is internally focused for organizational purposes, the work of the Collaborative will be community focused and include resident participation. ECDC is the evolution of the Evansville Promise Zone, an initiative that focused collaborative community development efforts in designated census tracts in and around downtown. The Evansville Community Development Collaborative's work will not be limited to a specific geographic area and will be much broader in scope, resulting in more benefit to more people.



### SERVICE SPOTLIGHT HOMELESS SERVICES

Educate | Encourage | Enforce

ECHO Housing and Community Development received **Prosperity Indiana's Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the Year** for its *E3 Initiative*. This award honors a program model that is innovative and is a leader in service provision or volunteerism. The **E3 Initiative (Educate, Encourage, Enforce)** is a partnership between the Evansville Police Department Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare and ECHO Housing & Community Development. This initiative works with individuals currently or previously experiencing homelessness to educate them on available community resources and tenant rights, encourage positive behaviors and successful outcomes, and enforce safety in housing some of the most vulnerable in the community. This team, led by Sergeant Joshua Brewer includes Officer Mario Reid, Charlotte Critchfield from SBHC and Savannah Wood, CEO of ECHO Housing. The team will discuss this initiative at the National Co-Responders Conference in June of this year.



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS *Building Community & Paying it Forward*

Lately, we have been noticing how our residents are "paying it forward" to each other and their community. For example, Country (pictured below left) brought out Pepsis (his favorite drink) to give to the USI volunteers who were working in the pocket park across the street from his apartment. Also, Ralph and Derrick (pictured below on right) were very helpful when the Evansville Christian Life Center brought food to LP2. They carried the boxes in & set them up so the other residents could easily get to the food.

On April 8, "Eclipse Day," a group of about 20 people gathered for a pizza lunch & to watch the eclipse together at Lucas Place II. As a community, they enjoyed a once in a lifetime total solar eclipse while listening to "Dark Side of the Moon!" Mindy, the LP2 Case Manager said they all had a great time! What an "out-of-this-world" way to *build community!*



## Let's Get Social

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# BRINGING HOPE HOME CAMPAIGN

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

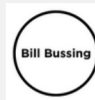
benefits include:

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



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