



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.

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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

4th of July

Happy 4th of July! As we approach Independence Day, we are reminded of the remarkable strength and unity that defines our country. This Fourth of July, let us come together to celebrate not only our nation's founding principles but also the bonds that tie us as neighbors and friends. Together, we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. Whether through innovation, service, or simply lending a helping hand, we are committed to building a brighter future for all. May this Fourth of July inspire us to continue working towards a more inclusive, prosperous, and compassionate community.

As we celebrate the holiday and month of July, please take a moment to thank a military service member or Veteran. Many Veterans have endured hardships, injuries, and even loss of life to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. Recognizing them on Independence Day encourages ongoing support and appreciation for their service, as well as advocacy for Veteran-specific issues such as healthcare, employment, and housing. At ECHO, we provide direct services to, or partner with, countless service providers to ensure our community's Veterans and their sacrifices are recognized and their post-military lives are supported in essential ways.

On behalf of everyone at ECHO, I wish you a safe and joyful Independence Day. Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued support.

WHAT'S IN PROGRESS

The playground at Lucas Place has been installed! Just a few more finishing touches and it will be ready. The kiddos have been waiting as patiently as they are able, dreaming of the fun they will have climbing, sliding, and playing with the musical instruments!



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Homeless Services

The House of Bread and Peace (The House) is now officially operating as a program under the umbrella of ECHO Housing and Community Development. The House will continue to operate as it has been, providing emergency shelter to women and children who are experiencing homelessness. Since it's opening in 1985, House of Bread and Peace and the legacy of Sister Joanna Trainer have been providing a warm bed, hot food, and the opportunity for a new life to women and children in the Evansville area. This deep-rooted legacy will remain unchanged in its current location, 250 E. Chandler, and will maintain the same staffing 24/7. Any women and children seeking emergency shelter placement can contact 812-423-8422 or email info@echohousing.org.





COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVES



The **American Legion Riders of Holland IN** rolled in to Lucas Place II on their motorcycles to bring Mission BBQ to our Veterans! Some of the kiddos from Lucas Place saw the excitement and had fun checking out the cool bikes! Thank you Legion Riders for your thoughtful visit!

Green Tree Plastics donated a beautiful red, white, and blue picnic bench to Lucas Place II! Our Vets were so excited to receive such a needed gift. Thank you to Barbara and the team at GreenTree for thinking about ECHO Housing and Community Development! We appreciate you!

THANK YOU!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Initiatives with Impact

What started in 2019 as an informal partnership with ECHO Housing & Community Development, the Evansville Police Department, and Southwest Behavioral Healthcare to address the needs of those experiencing mental health crisis, has evolved into what is now recognized as the **E3 Initiative:**

Education, Encouragement, & Enforcement. This initiative recognizes the need for true wraparound services in the community for individuals currently and previously experiencing homelessness. With the same founding team working alongside additional partners, systems and networks, the co-response initiative aims to efficiently and sustainably address barriers that lead to housing instability. The E3 team recently presented the model and practice at the 2024 National Co-Responders Conference in Omaha, NE. Next, the team will visit Indianapolis in August of this year to present at the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) International Conference.

Pictured from left to right: Sgt. Josh Brewer, & Officer Mario Reid with EPD, Charlotte Critchfield with SWBH, and Savannah Wood, CEO of ECHO Housing and Community Development



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BRINGING HOPE HOME CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all our sponsors for being a part of the Bringing Hope Home campaign!

Sponsorships support the security system installation, necessary IT infrastructure, building furnishings, and construction completion. Soon, we will begin filling the 1-bedroom apartments, ending homelessness for 27+ individuals. **The Promise Home is our 8th homeless service program** and represents our dedication to provide stable housing and supportive services to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you for your support, advocacy, and partnership!

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