

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

We are thrilled to announce that we have made the Top 5 nominees for the **Courier & Press 2024 Community Choice Awards**. But we need your help! This month, voting for the top non-profit service organization will be from **September 16-30th**. With your vote, we can shine a light on the work we do as well as the wonderful partners, donors, businesses, and community members who support our programs. Through our housing and community development initiatives – *healthy food access, crime reduction, mental health and crisis response initiatives, Veteran services, emergency shelter and permanent housing, employment assistance*, and much more, we work every day to serve all areas of need in Evansville and southwest Indiana. **We thank you for your vote and for being a part of our journey!**



HOW YOU CAN HELP: On **Sept. 16-30**, Scan the **QR CODE** > go to **VOTING** > click on **SERVICES** > click on **NONPROFITS** > choose **ECHO HOUSING**

FROM THE FRONT LINES



The **River City Veteran Resource Group** (RCVRG), formerly the Tri-State Military Resource Network, is a group of more than 75 Veteran service agencies and individuals. These partners come together to discuss initiatives and needs that impact those who have served our country. Services providers include but are not limited to suicide prevention, employment, education benefits, VA healthcare access, disability compensation, mental health, substance use and more. To find out more visit: https://echohousing.org/housing/veteran_resources/rcvrg/ where event activities will be posted and updated regularly.

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that ECHO Housing and Community Development operates **Scattered Site Programming**, comprised of 49 units of supportive housing throughout the community. Many times, the participants in these programs are able to forge new relationships with their neighbors and develop a strong sense of community, which helps to foster long-term housing stability. The residents of these programs receive weekly visits from their case managers, who provide individualized supportive services designed to set the table for long-term success. Jamie (quoted below) is one of them.



“ Jamie’s advice on how to hang on:
*“Find a higher power to help you stay clean; stay working or find a club or something that gives you purpose; and just **never give up!**”*



COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVES



On Wednesday, August 27th, one of the hottest days of the year, one of the HVAC units at the House of Bread and Peace quit working. The next day, ECHO sent out a press release and social media requests to begin an urgent campaign to raise \$6000+ to replace the 24-year-old unit.

Immediately, four of our local media outlets contacted us to help get the word out. Many community partners and advocates started sharing the urgent need on their social media feeds. Before we knew it, donations from the community started pouring in.

One of our dedicated partners, Jessica, walked into **Schmitt Refrigeration**, a local, woman-owned business, and told the story of our emergency shelter for homeless women and women with children. Without skipping beat, Schmitt came over, looked at the old unit, and went back to see if they had a unit to replace it. Sure enough, not only did they have a unit, they decided to donate it to the House!

The next day, Allison and Arley, owners of Schmitt Refrigeration, stopped by the House with a basket of treats. They wanted to say “hi,” meet us face to face, and learn more about the House. As it turned out, the love and support continued. Koch, a business that Schmitt works with, became involved in the project and has pledged to make a financial contribution to the House through the **Koch Foundation**.

Both Allison and Arley said they knew it would feel good to do something like this, but they did not realize it would feel THIS good. While they greatly appreciate the shout-outs and good publicity, it really makes their hearts feel good to be helpful.

By Friday morning, Schmitt Refrigeration was at The House installing the new unit. While they were there, we noticed a second unit had quit working. Thanks to our generous community, we will have the funds to get it diagnosed and see what we need to do to have a fully functioning HVAC system; keeping the women and children who are depending on The House safe in a healthy environment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *Initiatives with Impact*

Merrick Korach, our Community Development Director, has been meeting with numerous community partners who are coming together to develop **The Community Collaborative**, an initiative that unites stakeholders in a trust-based network to elevate quality of life and create flourishing communities. We are working with a 3rd party software company to implement a mapping tool that will define and diagram stakeholder relationships. The goal of this project is to identify the strengths and gaps in services our community offers in the areas of economic, physical, and social development. Examples would include access to healthy food, education, childcare, housing, and jobs. Stay tuned to our website for more information on how you can be involved in this collaborative, capacity-building initiative.



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On Wednesday, October 9, 2024 we will hold our 5th Annual Golf Scramble! This year the scramble will be at Cambridge Golf Course. A lunch will be provided at 12 pm; shotgun start at 1 pm; and a reception to follow.

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\$2500

- Included in all social media & signage
- Recognized @ lunch reception
- Lunch reception for 4
- Team of 4

TEAM SPONSOR

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- Lunch reception for 4
- Team of 4

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