



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



SAVANNAH WOOD

A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO

We're thrilled to announce that ECHO Housing has made the Top 3 in the 2024 Courier & Press Community Choice Awards! This recognition wouldn't be possible without our amazing community's support, and we're incredibly grateful. We are honored to have accomplished this, being recognized alongside other incredible non-profit / charity organizations in our community.

This month, we are deeply grateful for the sacrifices Veterans in our community have made. Through our specialized programs and services, we're dedicated to helping Veterans overcome barriers to stable housing, employment, and overall wellbeing. Join us as we honor their service and continue working to make Evansville and Southwest Indiana a welcoming home for those who've served. Keep an eye on our social media as we celebrate Veterans and Veteran service organizations throughout the month.

Thank you for helping us make a difference in Evansville and beyond! Stay tuned as we continue working to break down barriers to housing, support veterans, strengthen families, and empower individuals across Southwest Indiana. Visit us anytime at echohousing.org to learn more about our mission and programs. Here's to building a brighter, stronger community together! 🏠

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT - PAT BATEMAN

Pat Bateman, who has served as ECHO Housing's Development Director since 2017, is retiring. Pat has been a driving force behind ECHO's fundraising and special building projects, such as The Promise Home and the playground at Lucas Place. She has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals and families during her tenure at ECHO Housing and Community Development. Pat's leadership, vision, and dedication have been an inspiration to all who have worked with her. While we are sad to see Pat go, we are immensely grateful for the legacy she leaves behind - a legacy built on integrity, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our cause. Please join us in celebrating Pat's retirement and all the best in this new chapter of life.



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

Board of Directors

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SAVE THE DATE

**GIVING
TUESDAY**
DEC. 3RD, 2024

*Casual for a
Cause* **2025**
SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED
★★★★★
APRIL 25, 2025


WAYS TO HELP

We are always appreciative when our supporters and advocates ask how they can help. Here are some ideas to consider:

Hold a toilet paper or cleaning supply drive with your church or work friends.

Go to one (or both) of our Amazon wish lists and pick out some items to send.

 [ECHO Programs Link](#)

 [House of Bread and Peace Link](#)

Participate in our Giving Tuesday Campaign coming on December 3rd.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Adopt Garvin Lofts or our Scattered Site housing for Christmas

THANK YOU!



FROM THE FRONT LINES

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What was formerly recognized as the Tri-State Military Resource Network has been renamed to **River City Veteran Resource Group**. This name better represents what this group does - provide education, services, resources, and connections for Veterans and their families in and around southwest Indiana. The RCVRG meets in person on a bi-monthly basis to provide information and further discussion on Veteran related topics including, but not limited to housing instability & homelessness, employment opportunities, accessing health & other benefits, navigating disability compensation, suicide prevention, accessing essential services (food, clothing, emergency shelter), registered service animals, mental health, substance use and treatment, survivor's benefits, and much more!

If you are a Veteran or Veteran service provider and would like to be included in future meetings and correspondence, please email: Joel Matherly at jsmatherly@usi.edu. If you have an upcoming event for Veterans or a flyer to promote your services, please send it via email to: Kim Armstrong - kim.armstrong@echohousing.org. You can also visit the website at: www.echohousing.org/housing/veteran_resources/rcvrg/



COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH FIVES

#ItTakesACommunity

Thank you to the Vanderburgh County Extension Homemakers for taking the time to come to Lucas place. The children and parents alike appreciate the fun activities and compassion you bring to the building. You always put a smile on our faces!



Many Thanks...

We are shouting out a BIG **Thank You** to everyone who voted for us in the Community Choice Awards! We have made it to the TOP 3! We will find out the final results by December 3rd!



The 2024 Golf Scramble at Cambridge Golf Course was a BIG success! Many thanks to Cambridge, all the teams, sponsors, and staff who made this event fun and meaningful! It takes a community to come together and drive out homelessness!









COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Initiatives with Impact

Welcome to the 2024 group of Vistas who will be working with our Community Development Director, Merrick. This group will be the boots on the ground, working in the areas of physical, economic, and social development in the neighborhoods where grass-roots revitalization initiatives are under way.



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