



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



SAVANNAH WOOD

A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO



As February begins, we reflect on the momentum we've built in the first month of the year and look forward to continuing our work together in 2025. The dedication of our team and community is inspiring as we address critical issues and create opportunities for those we serve.

We're excited about the progress on The Promise Home. We are processing applications and nearing the moment when we welcome residents into this supportive housing program. The community's enthusiasm is incredible, and we look forward to its life-changing impact.

This month, we also anticipate the Agency Tenant Council, where residents share insights that shape more effective programs and services. Their voices are vital to our mission.

Lastly, we commend everyone's resilience during January's winter storm. Thanks to the efforts of our team and the support of the community, we ensured that vulnerable individuals had access to the care and resources they needed to stay safe.

Thank you for joining us as we move forward with purpose and hope, making a lasting difference together.

WELCOME ABOARD!



We welcome **Aisha Petit-Maitre** as the Program Manager for the House of Bread and Peace! Born and raised in Evansville, Aisha brings 24 years of professional experience and an education in Human Services.

Welcome to **Julie Lively** as our new Program Coordinator for the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP). She has spent the last 9 years as a Compliance Analyst in finance. She has also made a difference at Evansville ARC as an HR Generalist, Recruiter, and Program Coordinator.



A warm welcome to **Audrey Buckman** as our new Employment Specialist for HVRP! Audrey brings over 40 years of experience in workforce development, specializing in building strong community relationships to connect individuals with employment opportunities and resources.

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 THE FRONT LINES

This year there will be two ways for our community to directly impact the Veterans in our community. Whether you enjoy the elegance of an unforgettable evening gala, or the fun of joining the community in dressing casual for a cause, making a difference is accessible to everyone. **Stay tuned to learn how to sponsor our Veteran support events.**

ECHO HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S
1ST ANNUAL PATRIOT GALA

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating our Military Veterans and First Responders.

SAVE THE DATE
for
COMING HOME TO CASABLANCA
Saturday, November 1, 2025
CK Newsome Center
Keep your ear to the ground for more details coming your way in early 2025

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

742126 **House of Bread & Peace Raffle is back!** 742126
October 24th
Look out for details!

Tickets will go on sale starting **August 1!** With only 1200 tickets sold, odds are spectacular!

Tickets will be \$60 each, and 4 tickets will be drawn:

- 1 - \$10,000 winner
- 1 - \$5000 winner
- 2 - \$2500 winners

The drawing will be 10/24/25.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Exciting Projects are in the Works!

ECHO Housing and Community Development is thrilled to share updates on several initiatives happening in our community, with support from our Americorps Vistas:

- **After-School Cooking Class at Bosse High School** - Starting soon, Chef Tori Chapman will lead an after-school cooking class at Bosse High School. This exciting program is made possible through a collaboration with Evansville Promise Neighborhood, Bosse High School, and Bedford Collab. Students will learn culinary skills while fostering creativity and teamwork.
- **Small Business Workshop** - Entrepreneurs and aspiring business owners, mark your calendars! A Small Business Workshop will be held every 1st Tuesday of the month from 5-6 PM at Fifth Third Center in Downtown Evansville. This workshop is designed to provide resources and networking opportunities to help small businesses thrive. For more information, contact Kiya Lander at kiya.lander@54.com.
- **Lamasco Tree Canopy Project** - In the Lamasco neighborhood, a Tree Canopy Project is underway. Through a grant focused on neighborhood beautification, this project will hire Lamasco residents and offer opportunities to become certified arborists.
- **White Oak Resident Council** - Also in Lamasco, we are supporting the formation of a White Oak Resident Council. This initiative aims to strengthen the relationship between residents and the Evansville Housing Authority (EHA), fostering a sense of community and collaboration.

We are proud to work with so many partners and residents to create lasting change. Stay tuned for more updates!

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