



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



SAVANNAH WOOD

A Message from Savannah Wood, CEO

Spring is just around the corner, and at ECHO Housing & Community Development, we are celebrating the season of growth with incredible progress in our mission to provide housing and support to those who need it most.

Over the last four months, we have helped more than **30 individuals secure stable housing**—each placement a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication, and unwavering support from our community. Additionally, the lease-up process for **Promise Home** continues, bringing us closer to our vision of providing a safe, stable environment for individuals in need of permanent supportive housing.

We are also thrilled to announce that registration is now open for the **Collective Action Network (CAN) Summit on April 16th!** This one-day summit will bring together residents, community partners, and leaders to identify pressing neighborhood challenges and drive actionable solutions. You won't want to miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation shaping the future of our communities. **Register today at echohousing.org/can-summit**

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our **2nd Annual Casual for a Cause** event—this year with the theme **"Serving Those Who Served."** Sponsorships are now available, and more details will be coming in the next few weeks. Stay tuned as we prepare to honor and support our Veteran programs through this event.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to building stronger communities together. We look forward to seeing you at the CAN Summit and sharing more exciting updates soon!

WELCOME ABOARD!

Meet Eddie, the new Program Manager at Lucas Place II, and his service dog, Orion! A U.S. Army Veteran, Eddie retired in 2017 after 23 years of service. Since then, he's built a career in maintenance and plumbing, pursued higher education, and will graduate this May with a degree in Interpersonal/Performance Communication. He's also starting his Master's this fall!

Originally from North Carolina and now in Henderson, KY, Eddie enjoys woodworking and family time. We're thrilled to have him—and Orion—join the ECHO family!



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
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COLLECTIVE ACTION NETWORK

(CAN) Summit 2025
APRIL 16, 2025

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2ND ANNUAL CASUAL FOR A CAUSE 2025

Serving Those Who Served
APRIL 25, 2025

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HOUSE OF BREAD & PEACE
Cash Raffle is back!
TICKET SALES BEGIN 8/1 DRAWING ON 10/24

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6TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE
Scramble For Housing
OCTOBER 8, 2025

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1ST ANNUAL PATRIOT GALA
Coming Home to Casablanca
NOVEMBER 1, 2025



COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGH 5

Earlier this month, we reached out to you—our incredible community—with an urgent need. The House of Bread and Peace needed two new water heaters, and we asked for donations to help cover the \$6,000 cost. We also hoped to find three gently used dryers to support the shelter’s daily operations.

You didn’t just meet the need—you exceeded it! Thanks to your generosity, **we raised 109% of the goal**. Even before fundraising was complete, **Gary’s Plumbing** stepped up and installed the water heaters, ensuring no time was wasted. And then, something truly special happened—**Dennis Jon Bailey from WIKY** connected with **Sandy Quick from Wayne’s Appliance**, who generously donated three brand-new, heavy-duty dryers!

This is what community looks like—neighbors coming together to support those in need. Your kindness makes a real difference, and we cannot thank you enough!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ECHO Housing and Community Development is proud to host the **Collective Action Network (CAN) Summit** on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Carter Hall, University of Southern Indiana. This full-day event will bring together community organizations, leaders, stakeholders, and neighborhood residents to explore collaborative solutions to our most pressing neighborhood challenges. Read more on the registration flyer attached. We hope to see you there!

STUDENTS HELP NEW PROMISE HOME RESIDENTS



On February 27th we welcomed the **first 5 residents at the new Promise Home!** As a part of their welcome and orientation, 2 confirmation students

from Bethlehem UCC, with their mentor brought our new residents lunch and enough groceries to get them through their 1st weekend being housed!

A **warm welcome** to Walter, Brian, Tina, Darrell, and Nikki, and a **BIG THANK YOU** to Confirmands Natalie and Ella, their mentor, Mrs. Kuhlenschmidt, Pastor Emily Slade, and Children & Youth Director, Margaret Eberhart, for making this wish come true!

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