



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



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A Message from Savannah Whicker, CEO

June is shaping up to be a powerful month for ECHO Housing & Community Development!

We're thrilled to be heading to Atlanta, GA to present at the **National Co-Responder Conference**, where we'll share the impact and lessons learned from our **E3 Initiative**—a model of cross-sector crisis response that's transforming how communities care for individuals with complex needs.

Closer to home, we're gearing up for the **House of Bread and Peace Raffle**, with 100% of proceeds supporting women and children in our emergency shelter. It's a great way to make a difference—**stay tuned for raffle details and ways to participate.**

We're also excited about what's ahead: we'll soon be welcoming **two new board members** who bring energy and experience to our mission, and we're preparing to launch **a new public-facing platform** to make the incredible work of our staff and partners more transparent and accessible to the community. **Stay tuned!**

And don't forget about **Meena's Place**, our transitional housing project for single women exiting emergency shelter. This program bridges the gap to permanent housing and is a key step toward long-term stability and independence.

As always, thank you for standing with us in this work. We look forward to sharing more in the week's to come!

Red, White, & Blue Thank You!

The Gresham House was decked out in red, white, and blue to honor Memorial Day. We're sending a heartfelt shoutout to **Mr. French and Ms. Happe's 4th grade classes at Vogel Elementary**—your beautiful decorations remind us all of the power of gratitude and community.



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



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



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



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Shout out to the **East Side Optimist Club** for having us come speak at a meeting and for their generous donation to ECHO Housing & Community Development! Thank you!

EAST SIDE OPTIMIST CLUB

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



We're excited to announce that the Collective Action Network (CAN) has received a generous \$33,000 grant from the Vanderburgh County Community Foundation! This vital investment will help us continue building a community where residents' voices aren't just heard—they're driving change.

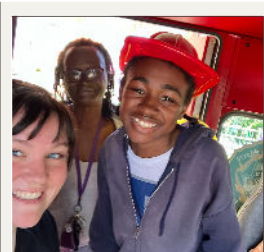
CAN is more than a network of organizations—it's a movement powered by residents and community leaders working side by side to tackle complex challenges. Through the collective impact model, we're aligning our efforts, sharing data, and building trust across neighborhoods to strengthen the systems that support us all—especially our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thanks to this funding, residents and stakeholders will continue co-creating solutions that reach across outdated boundaries and center the lived experiences of those most impacted. Together, we're investing in Physical, Social, and Economic Development—ensuring that every neighborhood has a chance to thrive.

We're deeply grateful to the Community Foundation for believing in the power of community-driven change. With their support, CAN will keep growing a more connected, equitable future—one built with the community, by the community



Thank You to the Extension Homemakers and our local Fire Department for planning a special BLOCK PARTY for our Lucas Place families! Everyone had a great time with food, games, and touring the fire truck!



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HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

This month, our emergency shelter for women and women with children, House of Bread and Peace, continues to be a place of refuge and transformation. Two stories stand out as powerful reminders of what stability, compassion, and teamwork can achieve.

One of our youngest residents, just 17 years old, arrived from Florida with no place to turn. With support from IATT House and our dedicated staff, she's now employed, preparing for adulthood, and most importantly—safe and housed. For the first time, she had someone in her corner, advocating for her needs.

Another resident arrived in deep crisis, struggling with severe mental health challenges. Thanks to a coordinated effort with Southwestern Mental Health and Ascension staff, she's now stable, thriving, and in her own apartment. With the right care and medication, she made a full 360—proving that recovery is always possible.

Every woman has a story, and at House of Bread and Peace, we're proud to walk alongside them as they reclaim their lives.



Introducing **Meena's Place**, a collaborative project between JD Sheth Foundation and ECHO Housing & Community Development, created to provide transitional housing for women exiting the House of Bread and Peace or other emergency shelters.

Too often, women leaving emergency shelters fall through the cracks due to a lack of stable, short-term options. Meena's Place is designed to bridge that critical gap, offering a safe environment where women can rebuild trust, strengthen life skills, and prepare for long-term success.

We're seeking to raise \$250,000 to rehabilitate and remodel an existing ECHO-owned home into Meena's Place. This funding will ensure the home is structurally sound and reconfigured to meet the needs of up to four women at a time — creating a safe, welcoming space where they can continue their journey toward stability and permanent housing. Click the QR code to donate!

ONGOING NEEDS @ HOUSE OF BREAD & PEACE



- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Baby Wipes
- Trash Bags
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Larger-Sized Diapers
- Body Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Towels/Washcloths
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Backpacks



Amazon will deliver straight to the House. Or to arrange a drop off at 250 E. Chandler, call 812-425-6754

HBP Amazon Wish List

LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE?

The raffle is back! Tickets go on sale on 8/1. Drawing is 10/24. Stay tuned!

BENEFITING HOUSE OF BREAD & PEACE

\$20,000 Cash RAFFLE

Only 1200 Tickets Sold

Tickets \$60/each
8 Tickets drawn

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000

- 1 - \$10,000 winner
- 1 - \$5,000 winner
- 1 - \$2,000 winner
- 1 - \$1,000 winner
- 4 - \$500 winners



COMING HOME TO CASABLANCA

1st Annual Patriot Gala

Join Us for the 1st Annual Patriot Gala: Coming Home to Casablanca

Step into the timeless glamour of Casablanca for an unforgettable evening honoring our Military Veterans and First Responders.

The 1st Annual Patriot Gala: Coming Home to Casablanca invites you to a night of celebration and purpose featuring a delicious dinner, thrilling casino games, a silent auction, live music, dancing, and heartfelt award presentations.

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

CK NEWSOME CENTER

VIP SEATING AT 4:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION AT 5:30 PM

Don't miss your chance to be part of a night where the elegance of Casablanca meets impact. We can't wait to see you there!

Go to our event page to:

**NOMINATE A HERO | BECOME A SPONSOR
DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM**

VIP Tickets include special entry at 4:30 pm with access to the VIP Lounge with cash bar, preferred seating at the dinner/award presentation, and additional casino tickets:

VIP Table of 6 - \$800

VIP Couple - \$225

VIP Individual - \$150

Standard Tickets: Entry at 5:30 pm, access to the cash bar, seating at the dinner/award presentation, and a number of casino tickets

Standard Table of 6 - \$500

Standard Couple - \$175

Standard Individual - \$100

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