



# COMMUNITY MATTERS

*Building Community. Enriching Lives.*



## LEADERSHIP LENS

*A Message from Savannah Whicker, CEO*



As July begins—a month of celebration, reflection, and momentum—we’re excited to share some powerful new ways ECHO Housing & Community Development is connecting with the community.

First, we’re proud to launch CANdId Conversations, our new bi-weekly radio segment airing every other Saturday from 8–9 a.m., beginning July 5th on WEOA 98.5 FM | 1400 AM | 100.7 FM. This series is part of our Collective Action Network (CAN) and is designed to bring real stories, real voices, and real conversations to the airwaves. Each episode features feedback from residents, community partners, and frontline leaders sharing what’s working, what’s needed, and how we can keep moving forward—together. We hope you’ll tune in and be part of this evolving story.

Also launching soon: the House of Bread and Peace Raffle returns on August 1st! To make this year’s raffle exciting, we’re limiting the number of tickets sold—giving each supporter better odds at winning while increasing our collective impact. Every ticket helps women and children move from emergency shelter to stability, offering them the security and independence they deserve.

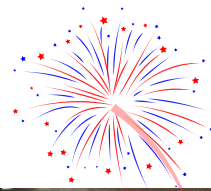
Finally, as we mark Independence Day, we’re reminded that true freedom means more than just historical legacy—it means building a world where everyone has a place to call home, a voice that’s heard, and the support needed to flourish. That’s the future we’re working toward at ECHO, and your continued partnership helps make it possible.

Thank you for standing with us in this work. We’re honored to serve this community with you.

## FROM THE FRONT LINES

### HVRP Cookout Celebrates Veteran Strength and Community

ECHO’s Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) hosted a meaningful cookout at Gresham House to celebrate the Veterans enrolled in the program. The event was filled with great food, laughter, and camaraderie, honoring the strength, service, and ongoing journey of each participant. These gatherings are more than just a meal—they’re a reminder of community, support, and the progress being made together.



## 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 Innovation  
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Accountability

## Board of Directors

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## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT



David was recently seen pulling weeds along the sidewalk in front of Promise Home, a quiet act that demonstrated his growing sense of responsibility and pride in his environment. The task wasn't assigned—he simply took it upon himself to help maintain the space for everyone.

His case manager consistently emphasizes the importance of taking pride in your home—whether it's a place you own, rent, or live in through permanent supportive housing. That message has clearly resonated with David.

Since transferring to Promise Home from ECHO's Scattered Sites program, David has begun to come out of his shell. The supportive community and structure at Promise Home have allowed him to continue building stability and confidence.

What may seem like a small act—tending to the sidewalk—speaks volumes about David's journey. His actions reflect a deeper commitment to his home, his growth, and the community around him.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Introducing CANdid Conversations

A New Radio Segment from ECHO Housing  
ECHO Housing & Community Development is thrilled to announce the launch of CANdid Conversations, a powerful new radio segment **airing every other Saturday from 8:00-9:00 AM on WEOA (1400 AM, 98.5 FM, and 100.7 FM), beginning July 5, 2025.**

Whether you're a resident, neighbor, leader, or changemaker, CANdid Conversations invites you into a deeper dialogue on what it takes to build stronger, more connected, and more equitable communities across Southwest Indiana.



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scan this QR code with your phone's camera  
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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**

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Got a concern, question, challenge, or win to share?  
Let your voice be part of the conversation shaping a stronger, more connected community. **VISIT**



# Thank You

Thanks to the Road Knights for allowing us to come speak about the work we do. We appreciate their continuous generosity supporting the children of ECHO Housing!



## NEW FACES @ ECHO!



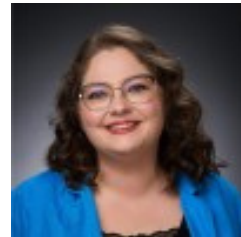
Katie Warren, our new Employment Specialist for the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program. Katie brings experience as an office manager for a local veteran-owned business and a background in personnel management. She’s also worked with adolescents with autism and holds a BS in Communication Studies from USI. We’re so excited to have her on the team!

Please join us in welcoming Tyler Weaver to the ECHO Housing team! A U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Tyler brings over a decade of experience in multifamily housing maintenance—including HUD, Section 8, and market-rate properties. His hands-on skills, leadership, and commitment to community make him a great fit for our mission. We’re excited to have him on board!



We welcome Noah Stubbs to the Board of Directors! Noah is the Lead Communications Specialist for CenterPoint Energy. We are please to have his expertise in communications to help us advance our mission.

Charlotte Critchfield is no stranger to ECHO Housing and Community Dev. We are happy to now call her a Board Member! Charlotte is a Clinical Manager for Southwestern Behavioral Health and plays a significant role in our E3 Initiative.



### 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



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HBP Amazon Wish List

### MEENA’S PLACE *Transitional Housing for Women*

## PROGRAM UPDATE



We’re excited to share progress on Meena’s Place, a vital new transitional housing program created through a partnership between the JD Sheth Foundation and ECHO Housing & Community Development.



Meena’s Place will serve women transitioning out of emergency shelters like the House of Bread and Peace—providing a safe, supportive space where they can continue rebuilding their lives. Too often, women face setbacks due to a lack of short-term housing options. This program will fill that gap, offering up to four women at a time the stability they need to grow, heal, and prepare for

permanent housing. **Thanks to generous supporters, we’ve already raised \$10,100 toward our \$300,000 goal to renovate and remodel the home.** Your continued support will help bring this much-needed project to life. 📱 Scan the QR code to help us keep the momentum going!



### 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

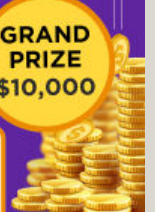
# \$20,000 Cash RAFFLE

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

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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!

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**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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