



# COMMUNITY MATTERS

*Building Community. Enriching Lives.*



## LEADERSHIP LENS

*A Message from Savannah Whicker, CEO*



As the school year begins, there's a special kind of energy in the air. Thanks to the generosity of our incredible supporters, the children we serve are stepping into the new year with brand-new backpacks, supplies, and shoes—essentials that help them feel confident, included, and ready to learn. Your kindness continues to affirm their worth and potential, and we couldn't be more grateful.

At ECHO Housing & Community Development, we believe in walking alongside people on their journey—whether they're children starting school, Veterans rebuilding after service, women seeking stability and safety, or individuals working through the challenges of mental health and homelessness. With your support, we provide not just housing, but hope, connection, and opportunity.

If you're looking to make a meaningful impact—whether through giving, volunteering, partnering, or engaging in resident-centered work—we invite you to reach out. Whether it's through employment opportunities, direct support, or simply showing up for the community, there is always a place for you here.

## FROM THE FRONT LINES



**SAVE THE DATE:**



### 2025 STAND DOWN - A RESOURCE FAIR FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Mark your calendars for **September 25, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the CK Newsome Center (100 E Walnut Street, Evansville, IN)**! The Veteran Sub-Committee of the Indiana Region 12 Homeless Services Council and Operation STAND DOWN will host the 2025 Stand Down, a one-day resource fair **offering Veterans access to food, clothing, medical care, and essential services—all in one place.** This annual event is about offering a hand up, not a hand out, and fostering community, connection, and support.

**Accepting Service Sponsors!** Help us ensure every Veteran receives the support they deserve. We're currently seeking Service Sponsors to help cover the cost of food, transportation, and other vital services provided on event day. **If your business or organization would like to get involved, please reach out at [info@echohousing.org](mailto:info@echohousing.org)**

## 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  
Integrity Advocacy  
Accountability

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**ECHO Events**  
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**HOUSE OF  
BREAD & PEACE**  
*Cash Raffle is back!*  
TICKET SALES BEGIN IN AUG  
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



## 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

## LISTEN TO THE CONVERSATION

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 8am on 98.5 WEOA



## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

We're proud to recognize Business Communications Solutions (BCS) as the **Presenting Sponsor of our 1st Annual Patriot Gala!** Their generous support helps us honor Veterans and first responders while raising critical funds for our programs. Thank you, BCS, for standing with us in service and celebration!



*Thank You*



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It was an exciting day with Healing Tools for Warriors Midwest came by Lucas Place II to bring some much appreciated food and goodies for our Veteran residents! We love it when our Veteran partners come over. Thank you for your continued support of our men and women who have served our country and our community. You rock!

## Let's Get Social

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*Thank You*



Thank you to Ange Humphrey with Fresh Air and St. Lucas UCC for hosting a Back To School Party for our school-aged children!



**St. Lucas**  
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## CLIENT STORY: FROM CRISIS TO COMMUNITY LEADER: A RESIDENT'S JOURNEY AT GARVIN LOFTS

After a crisis in late April, Kirk temporarily went missing. Thanks to teamwork between ECHO staff and the Southwestern Crisis Team—and some helpful clues Kirk had shared earlier—he was found and supported into treatment.

While in the program, Kirk showed incredible dedication, checking in daily with progress updates. He completed treatment and returned to Garvin Lofts in June with a renewed focus on recovery and personal growth.

Since then, Kirk has been attending appointments, using healthy coping strategies, and even encouraging his peers toward sobriety. He's now a positive presence in the building and stays active with a YMCA membership to support his wellness.

At a recent court hearing, Kirk's probation officer praised his progress so much that the judge canceled future court appearances.

Kirk's story is a reminder that recovery is possible—and that with support, determination, and hope, transformation can happen.

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

## PROGRAM UPDATE



**ECHO**  
HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT

### HOPE IN PROGRESS: MEENA'S PLACE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

We're thrilled to update you on the development of Meena's Place, a new transitional housing program made possible through a powerful partnership between ECHO Housing & Community Development and the JD Sheth Foundation.

Meena's Place will provide a safe and supportive environment for women transitioning out of emergency shelters, such as the House of Bread and Peace. This program fills a critical gap in services—offering up to four women at a time the stability and structure they need to heal, rebuild, and prepare for permanent housing. Too often, women working hard to overcome homelessness face setbacks simply because there are too few short-term housing options. Meena's Place will change that story.

**Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we've raised \$215,000 toward our \$350,000 goal to renovate and remodel the home.** With your continued help, we can cross the finish line and bring this much-needed project to life.

➡ Scan the QR code to **support the next chapter of hope for women in our community**—and help us keep the momentum going!



### ONGOING NEEDS @ HOUSE OF BREAD & PEACE

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- 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 in Aug. 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

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

**GRAND  
PRIZE  
\$10,000**





# COMING HOME TO CASABLANCA

## 1st Annual Patriot Gala Presented by



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 raffle, 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 RAFFLE 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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