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COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



LEADERSHIP LENS

A Message from Savannah Whicker, CED

This month, I'm excited to share some incredible news for our community—ECHO Housing & Community Development has been awarded the Mobile Crisis Accelerator Program (MCAP) grant. This funding allows us to expand our E3 Initiative (Educate, Encourage, Enforce), strengthening how we work alongside our partners in the crisis response network. Together, we are building a system that helps individuals before, during, and after a crisis—connecting them with resources, reducing reliance on emergency systems, and supporting long-term stability.

September is also an important month for Veterans in our community. On September 24th, alongside our partners, we will be present at our **Annual Veterans Stand Down**, providing direct access to resources, services, and support for those who have served our country. This event is one of the many ways we ensure Veterans have the tools they need to thrive.

We'll be sharing even more exciting updates in the coming months, but in the meantime, you can support our mission by joining us for our **Annual Golf Outing** in October or the **Inaugural Patriot Gala** on November 1st. Both events are not only a great way to connect with others, but also directly benefit our work in housing, crisis response, and Veteran services.

Visit echohousing.org and click on "Events" to learn more—we'd love to see you there.



E3 AND MCAP GRANT

We're excited to share that ECHO Housing has been awarded the Mobile Crisis Accelerator Program Grant, which will expand our capacity to serve the community and put the local E3 Initiative into action.

With this grant, we'll be able to respond beyond traditional 8-5 hours, walking alongside people in both calm and critical moments. This not only helps us respond during a crisis but also allows us to recognize early warning signs and offer support before situations escalate.

WHAT IS E3 Initiative—Educate, Encourage, Enforce

- Educate individuals and partners with resources and options,
- Encourage engagement in services and empower partners in their work,
- Enforce accountability and follow-through to create lasting outcomes.

Beginning in September, we will hire and train staff, purchase equipment, and launch a community-wide communications plan to ensure individuals know how to access help before, during, and after a crisis.

Together with our partners, we are working to fill gaps, provide follow-up, and ensure everyone in our community has access to the help they need when they need it most.

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 SCAN QR FOR DETAILS CLICK TO LINK HERE

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

1ST ANNUAL PATRIOT GALA

Coming Home to Casablanca NOVEMBER 1, 2025



SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

We are always happy to see groups come by and volunteer to beautify our grounds. St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Ministries and a group of University of Evansville Freshmen did a

wonderful job cleaning up the landscaping at Lucas Place, Lucas Place II, and the Pocket Park. We truly appreciate all their hard work!

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi



SCRAMBLE FOR HOUSING!

The countdown is on—our annual Scramble for Housing Golf Scramble is just around the corner! In just over 5 weeks, we'll be hitting the greens for a fun day of golf, community, and impact.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AND TEAMS TO JOIN US!

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Gather your foursome, support a great cause, and enjoy a beautiful day on the course—all while helping ECHO Housing provide hope and housing in our community.

Register your team today at echohousing.org/events. Don't wait—spots are filling fast!

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On July 21, 2025, a new resident arrived at House of Bread and Peace with a clear goal and a determined plan for her future. From the very beginning, she showed strength and resilience, refusing to let obstacles stand in her way. Even when challenges arose, she leaned on her resources, stayed focused, and kept moving forward.

Just one month later—on August 23, 2025—her hard work paid off as she proudly moved into her very own apartment. Her journey is a powerful reminder that perseverance, support, and hope can open the door to a new chapter in life.

INDIANA HOUSING CONFERENCE

On August 27, Erik Tilkemeier and Merrick Korach represented ECHO Housing and Community Development at the Indiana Housing Conference in Indianapolis. As a panelist, Erik shared the challenges and outcomes of project planning & financing in turbulent times.





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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PROGRAM UPDATE: CELEBRATING LIFE AT PROMISE HOME.

At Promise Home, our Program Manager, Christa, makes sure every resident feels special by hosting a birthday celebration each month. With cake, balloons, candles, streamers, and plenty of laughter, residents gather in the common area to honor those with birthdays that month.

For some, these celebrations mean more than just cake. One resident was moved to tears, sharing that no one had ever celebrated her birthday before. These moments of joy and connection build trust and create a sense of belonging—making it just a little easier to walk alongside residents as they face everyday challenges.

If you'd like to help spread birthday cheer by donating cakes, balloons, or decorations, please contact us at info@echohousing.org.





POMING HOME TO PASABLANCA 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 vou 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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