



COMMUNITY MATTERS

Building Community. Enriching Lives.



LEADERSHIP LENS

A Message from Savannah Whicker, CEO

Autumn is here, and so is one of our favorite annual traditions! Our ECHO Housing & Community Development Golf Outing is set for Tuesday, October 8th, and there are just a few team spots remaining. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a fun day with friends and colleagues, this event is a great way to support our mission. **Don't miss your chance to play and make a difference!**

We also encourage our supporters to attend our **first-ever Patriot Gala on Friday, November 1st**. This elegant evening will celebrate Veterans and First Responders, while raising critical funds for ECHO Housing & Community Development. Tickets are available now, and we encourage you to secure yours early. Every ticket purchased helps sustain our vital programs for those experiencing homelessness, including Veterans and those with disabilities or medical vulnerabilities. Join us for a night of celebration, community, and meaningful impact.

Your Support Changes Lives

From the golf course to the gala stage, every swing, step, and ticket purchased translates directly into services and support for some of our community's most vulnerable residents. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to provide housing, hope, and opportunity for all who need it.



FROM THE FRONT LINES



On Wednesday, September 24, the CK Newsome Center was filled with community care and gratitude as roughly 35 organizations and service providers came together for the annual Veterans Stand Down. This important resource day connects Veterans experiencing homelessness or hardship with the support and services they need.

ECHO Housing was proud to be part of the event through our Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP), led by our new Program Coordinator, Brian Spradlin. ***"It was a great time for the veteran community to unite and show support for each other,"*** Brian shared, reflecting on the day and the importance of meeting Veterans where they are with compassion and resources.



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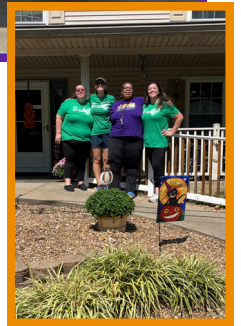
6TH ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE
Scramble For Housing
OCTOBER 8, 2025

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

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

🌿 Thank You, Ascension St. Vincent Volunteers! 🌿

During the United Way Day of Caring, the Ascension St. Vincent volunteer team rolled up their sleeves and brought new life to the landscaping at the House of Bread and Peace. Their hard work and caring hearts made the space more welcoming and beautiful for the women and children who call it home. We are so grateful for their generosity and commitment to our community! 💙



SCRAMBLE FOR HOUSING!

The countdown is on—our annual Scramble for Housing Golf Scramble is just around the corner! On Oct. 8, we'll be hitting the greens for a fun day of golf, community, and impact. Reg. & lunch at 12 & shotgun start at 1pm

You still have a couple days to 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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NEW FACES AT ECHO



At ECHO Housing and Community Development, we know that the strength of our team directly impacts the strength of our mission. That's why we're thrilled to welcome four new leaders to our staff—each bringing valuable expertise, dedication, and fresh perspectives to our work.

- Jason Eskridge, Maintenance Supervisor
- Brian Spradlin, Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program (HVRP) Coordinator
- Mat Mundell, Development Director
- Jennifer Pepper, Property Manager

Together, this group brings a wealth of experience that will help us continue moving forward in service to our clients and community.

Their arrival reflects one of our core values: INNOVATION. At ECHO, innovation means more than finding creative solutions—it's about cultivating an environment where ideas are shared, risks are embraced, and continuous improvement is a shared responsibility. By welcoming Jason, Brian, Mat, and Jennifer, we're not only adding skill and talent to our team, but also strengthening our ability to think outside the box, adapt to challenges, and discover better ways to serve our community every day.

We're excited about the journey ahead and look forward to the new energy and ideas they bring to ECHO. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

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- Toilet Paper
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HOW MCAP & E3 INITIATIVE HELPS: PRE-RELEASE PLANNING THAT WORKS

In September, our Industry Insights series highlighted the impact of the Mobile Crisis Response Acceleration Program (MCAP), which helps fund our **E³ Initiative—Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement**. E³ builds on these values to create meaningful, sustainable change in the lives of our community's most vulnerable members. One story from ECHO's Blog, **The Porchlight**, shows this in action:

After years of struggling with homelessness, untreated mental illness, and addiction, one man's journey began to shift while he was still incarcerated. Recognizing the opportunity for intervention, EPD's Crime Prevention Officer, ECHO Housing staff, and clinicians from SWBH came together to create a pre-release plan tailored to his needs.

The plan prioritized housing, transportation upon release, access to medical care, and intensive wraparound services. When the day came, support was ready and waiting.

His path has not been without setbacks—relapse and legal challenges have arisen—but he remains housed, engaged in treatment, and surrounded by a support system that refuses to give up.

This is E³ at its best: engaging early, planning thoroughly, and following through. Together with the support of MCAP, we're proving that second chances are possible when systems work together.

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 **open to everyone who wishes to celebrate service and community**. Together, we'll honor the courage and commitment of our Military Veterans and First Responders while enjoying an elegant night of dining, music, and connection.

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

CK NEWSOME CENTER

VIP SEATING AT 4:30 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION AT 5:30 PM



- **Lt. Chris Roe** as the Emcee
- **Mayor Stephanie Terry** presenting awards
- Live music with **Monte Skelton**
- A delicious meal catered by **Acropolis**

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!

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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