

Finding Comfort in Cooking

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Several years ago, Andrea left Guatemala for the United States with the hope of becoming a medical professional. Unfortunately, shortly after she arrived, a friend of her family forced her into human trafficking, and she was made to work nights after attending school during the day. Andrea was eventually saved by the International Rescue Committee, and was referred to The Lord's Place Burckle Place.

Upon moving into Burckle Place in June 2017, Andrea was most comfortable speaking her native Spanish, and was very nervous to be in a new environment where most of the women spoke English. Soon, however, she began to settle into her new home and built relationships with the other women in the program. She's often heard laughing and telling jokes, and frequently makes meals for her housemates.

In fact, while at Burckle Place, Andrea discovered a passion for cooking. Her case manager connected her with The Lord's Place Cafe Joshua Employment Program, where she met with a job coach. Together, they created a unique plan outlining her new goals, and the skills needed to achieve them, and she soon enrolled in Cafe Joshua culinary social enterprise job training program. Andrea found herself quite at home in the program, and has already progressed through two of the three levels, demonstrating a mastery of a variety of skills. Once she completes Level 3, she will earn her "Black Hat," the highest honor of the program, and recognition of her readiness for competitive employment.

She is working toward her new dream of working in the culinary field, graduating high school, and one day, attending college. She is saving money to move into Burckle Place West, the graduate housing facility, which will enable her to advance closer to independence.

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What's New with The Lord's Place?



Mona Duffus *Say hello to our new CPO!*

The new Chief Program Officer joined The Lord's Place on May 21.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 10 years of experience successfully working with vulnerable populations in the fields of mental health, education, and child welfare, her expertise includes utilizing trauma-informed care interventions to positively impact communities.

We are thrilled to have such an inspirational leader join our team, and look forward to working with her!



Summer in Paradise

The City of West Palm Beach is hosting its annual Summer in Paradise (S.I.P.). This year's S.I.P. will feature 15 child-sized playhouses to raise awareness about affordable housing.

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County, each playhouse will represent a fairy tale, interpreted by a local artist, and auctioned off on Thursday, July 26 to support local non-profits. The Lord's Place is thrilled to work with local artist *Mr. William Joyner Jr.* to portray [The Three Little Pigs](#).

Be sure to visit and see the incredible playhouses as of June 7!

For more information about S.I.P and the playhouses, [CLICK HERE!](#)



Women's Forum

Diana Stanley, CEO of The Lord's Place, guest speaker

**CSIG Women's Forum -
Aligning Your Life with Your
Purpose: Women Making a
Difference**

**June 6 from 5-7 p.m.
Manatee Lagoon**

Join the esteemed panel of Palm Beach County area women who have aligned their lives with purpose, are inspired to be part of something bigger than themselves, and are committed to doing work that is worth doing.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)

Questions?

Call or **EMAIL** Katie Hayes at 888.554.2744.

Donor Spotlight - KAST Construction

KAST Construction demonstrated its commitment to helping The Lord's Place break the cycle of homelessness in the community by participating in an event that will ultimately raise awareness and donations.

Five members of the KAST team volunteered their time to build the playhouse that will be



decorated and auctioned off at S.I.P. (mentioned above) on Thursday, July 27. We are so grateful to have such dedicated friends in the community!

Do you believe in Second Chances?

The Lord's Place believes second chances are a part of life. We understand that people make mistakes and can learn from them, which is one of the many reasons why we are proud to be the fiscal agent for the Inaugural Reentry Summit in Palm Beach County.

Palm Beach County's Community-based Reentry Model is viewed as a successful model for replication throughout the nation, cutting the recidivism (people returning to incarceration) rates in half.

Leaders committed to criminal justice system reform and social justice are coming together this October 3-5 to collaborate on solutions and to address the important topics of innovative funding solutions, the use of peer specialists in reentry, overcoming barriers, juvenile reentry, housing, employment, and many more vital topics.

For more information, visit [Reentry Summit PBC](#). To register for this exciting opportunity, [Click Here](#).



The Lord's Place in the News



TLP staffer, former judge honored by PBSO

A former prison inmate shared the spotlight with a former county judge



The Lord's Place is seeking volunteers to :

- Serve lunch to our clients in Cafe Joshua. Needed May - October, when seasonal volunteers are out of town. Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- Fill in at the front desk as needed. Basic duties include answering and transferring phone calls, check in and determine the needs of clients, provide appropriate forms, and other administrative tasks.

as the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office recognized more than 1,700 volunteers for their service. Anthony Hoskins, honored with a Volunteer Award for Excellence leads five programs at The Lord's Place. He also mentors juveniles and adults in custody, and speaks from experience.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full story.

- Serve as instructors for its Employment Works program. Volunteers will lead discussions on such topics as “Knowing Your Strengths and Limitations,” “Interviewing with Personality,” “Building Trust and Rapport,” and more. Their supervisor will be Jim Rhoads, director of training and education.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator David Rogers at DRogers@TheLordsPlace.org for more information.

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