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WITH THE LORD'S PLACE | BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

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## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*The Lord's Place paves new runway for former supermodel—from unhoused to celebrating Christmas in her own home.*

From being abandoned and abused as a child to signing as an international supermodel to eventually becoming homeless, 44-year-old Nadine's life hasn't always been an easy and graceful walk down the runway. In the midst of life's difficulties, Nadine found The Lord's Place which led her to housing, employment, and restoration of dignity and a new life. This Christmas, Nadine and her daughters were in their own home for the holidays for the first time since 2019.

**"FOR ME, I'M TRYING TO MAKE SURE MY CHILDREN GET WHAT I DIDN'T."**

Nadine's mother abandoned her at three years old, leaving her at her abusive father's home in Kingston, Jamaica, to live with him, her step mother, and other siblings. Her aunt who lived overseas in the United States tried to adopt Nadine but suffered a stroke in the process, leaving her unable to support Nadine.

As a result, Nadine was given to a neighbor where she entered "a life worse than the beatings she got before"--one of poverty and no education.

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NADINE



## HOLIDAY JOY FOR ALL

At The Lord's Place, the holidays hold extra special meaning. As a non-sectarian agency, we celebrate all walks of life and all holiday traditions. The holidays can be difficult for our clients, but our community comes together to ensure they feel friendship and renewed hope in gatherings.

During Thanksgiving week, Café Joshua and each campus served traditional Thanksgiving meals. Thanks to the Town of Palm Beach United Way, and many other donors and volunteers, Thanksgiving meals were distributed to 330 unhoused and formerly homeless individuals in Palm Beach County.

For the December holidays, each campus celebrated with delicious meals once again. Many dined together, breaking bread as a community and learning a new meaning of family. Thanks to the generosity of our community, clients received gift cards and small presents. Many, including our children at the Jack & Evelyn Alexander Place campus, shopped for their loved ones and parents.



*George Cruz, Director of Legacy Giving, serving Thanksgiving pie in Cafe Joshua.*

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**THE LORD'S PLACE**  
Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

**PALM BEACH NON-EVENT**

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## NADINE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Having no clothes to wear, Nadine began selling food items in the market to support herself at the age of 11. As a young teenager, she became a dancer in a hotel where she met a man who noticed her outward beauty. He took her to London and Nadine signed as an international supermodel.

Her successful modeling career included Tom Ford handpicking her as the first Black model to do an exclusive Gucci campaign, landing the front cover of many magazines, and shooting a 10-page spread in French Vogue. But this success and beauty didn't erase her past or translate to other areas of her life. Nadine's advancement in the industry was hindered by her lack of education and inability to read or write.

The verbal and emotional abuse in Nadine's life continued through a marriage that eventually ended and then resurfaced in another household in which she and her children were living locally. Victim Services helped remove Nadine and her two daughters from that Palm Beach County residence, and then Adopt-A-Family secured a motel for them for three months. At the conclusion of their family's motel stay, Nadine was unable to find a place to live within her budget. She spent her savings on a hotel and storage and wound up homeless in the midst of the rental hikes of the pandemic.

**"I PAY RENT AND ALL OF THE BILLS—THE LIGHTS, MY PHONE BILLS. I GIVE GOD THANKS FOR THAT, AND THAT I CAN DO THAT."**

Nadine found refuge with The Lord's Place in January 2021. She and two of her daughters moved into an apartment at the agency's family campus, Jack & Evelyn Alexander Place, and enrolled in Project Family Care.

Thanks to The Lord's Place providing a safe roof over her and her children's heads, Nadine was able to gain full-time employment with benefits at Publix. Housing stability afforded Nadine the opportunity to maintain work and apply for advanced career opportunities and increased pay. She has been able to contribute to her 401k in preparation for retirement. The Lord's Place team provided wrap-around services to assist Nadine with goal setting, mindfulness, sewing, nutrition, group therapy and mental health services, transportation to and from work, tutoring to assist with reading, and obtaining health insurance.

While The Lord's Place helped pave a new runway for Nadine, her children also received support and services, including: scholarships through the agency's Youth Services Department to attend various spring break and summer camps, participation in Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, transportation services to and from school, tutoring, clothing, school supplies, advocacy services, and creative therapy.

## VOLUNTEERS

*The Lord's Place staff can only provide the full support and services our clients need with the assistance of our amazing volunteers.*



*Dave Haglund, Dory Faxon, Michelle McPhee, and Luisa Lobo prepare to serve clients at Café Joshua's Thanksgiving Feast.*

With the opening of our renovated headquarters and client-services center on the horizon, we look forward to increasing and expanding volunteer opportunities. Our new outreach and engagement lounge will be open to the public during business hours, allowing volunteers more opportunities to connect with clients. From conducting seminars and leading discussion groups to simply providing companionship, these opportunities will be easily accessible through our newly automated volunteer management system. Stay tuned for the rollout of this new system and new ways to get involved and make a positive difference in our clients' lives. Your time and talents are essential to our clients' renewed hope and success!

### SPECIAL WELCOME: JASPER ARAUJO, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Jasper started at The Lord's Place in October 2022 and brings great experience and compassion to those we serve. He states, "I am so happy to be joining the team and to be working with each and every one of you!"



**SleepOut**  
Working Together to End Homelessness

## SLEEPOUT RETURNS

March 31, 2023

*The Lord's Place is throwing a curveball for its 16th Annual SleepOut. Roll out your sleeping bags, set up your tents, and get ready for a spin on the agency's signature event on Friday, March 31, 2023, at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium in Jupiter, Florida.*

Let **SleepOut 2023** take you out to the ballpark for some brand-new activities, an uplifting program complete with powerful and moving client stories, and a live candlelight ceremony you won't forget! **SleepOut** will shine light on those experiencing homelessness in our community--helping these most vulnerable individuals access the tools needed to create sustainable, independent lives. Each additional housed person in Palm Beach County is a "homerun." Join us to learn how you can be a part of the solution and hit homelessness out of the ballpark.

**We'll see you under the stars at SleepOut!**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



# NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CAMPUS

*In September 2022, The Lord's Place opened the doors to C Place, a supportive housing campus for vulnerable individuals in West Palm Beach.*

Thanks to the partnership with Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN), The Lord's Place was awarded a contract to operate this newly leased campus for single adults experiencing homelessness, former incarceration, behavioral health conditions, and other barriers to stability.

C Place provides short-term (18–24 months) supportive housing for up to 25 people using principles from the evidence-based Housing First model. Clients are matched with a case manager who works with them to complete a personalized service plan and connects them to comprehensive supportive services to stabilize their housing and behavioral health. Wraparound services include: case management, peer support, benefits navigation, basic needs assistance (food, clothing, hygiene, etc.),



**C PLACE RIBBON CUTTING**

transportation, job training and placement, life skills instruction, counseling, recovery support, ABE/GED tutoring, and SOAR. They are also connected to CARE Team, The Lord's Place innovative multidisciplinary clinical program. Once clients are stabilized, The Lord's Place staff will assist the clients in transitioning to permanent housing.

## THE FORTIN FAMILY CAMPUS

*The countdown continues! Scheduled to open this Spring, The Lord's Place will be "home for good" at its newly constructed and named headquarters, The Fortin Family Campus.*

**WATCH YOUR MAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR AN INVITATION TO THE GRAND OPENING!**

A special thank you to Danielle H. Moore, The Fortin Family Foundation, Anna Mann de Peyster, our Home for Good honorary chair, and hundreds of other loyal supporters who believed in the vision to create this new 25,000 square-foot client service center at 2808 North Australian Blvd.

According to CEO Diana Stanley, "This site will fulfill an unmet need in our community, serving as an all-day, one-stop location for the unsheltered population—men, women, and children. It will house our beloved Café Joshua, our daily hot meal program, our state-of-the-art catering kitchen, our job training program, reentry center, and administrative offices. It will also feature the resurrection of our homeless engagement center. It will be a beacon of light for our community.



**THE LORD'S PLACE NEW HOME**

It will be a place where our clients can escape the elements. They can connect with others. They can feel loved and cared for and, most of all, they can begin their journey toward housing, stability, and purpose."



**Joshua Catering will also be moving back to the main campus from its temporary home in Lake Park. Email [Catering@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Catering@TheLordsPlace.org) for your breakfast and lunch catering needs and support our local community while enjoying delicious food.**

## COUSCOUS SALAD BY THE LORD'S PLACE CHEF MARIA

- 1 lb of couscous
- 8 oz of Mandarin Oranges diced
- 1 red onion sliced thin
- 3 oz of arugula
- 4 tablespoons of dried cranberries
- 4 oz of "citrus dressing"

### Citrus Dressing

- 3 oz of minced shallots
- 2 oz of Dijon mustard
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 cups of champagne vinegar
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of white pepper
- 1/4 cup of canola oil
- 2 cups of Mandarin oranges

### Couscous

- Bring a water to a boil, then lower to a simmer. Cook the couscous for 8 minutes.
- Drain all the water from the couscous let it cool off for 20 to 30min. Mix all your ingredients and it's ready to eat.
- \*add chickpeas, kalamata olives, feta cheese, and chicken for a complete Mediterranean twist.



## UPDATE BURCKLE PLACE

*Burckle Place III, our forthcoming 21-bed multigenerational supportive housing facility for women experiencing homelessness, will prioritize half of its units for those ages 55 and over.*

This facility, located in the City of Lake Worth Beach, is an expansion of Burckle Campus which currently includes a 12-unit transitional housing facility and an 11-unit affordable graduate housing facility.

We are pleased to report that construction began in November 2022, and we expect to begin serving residents by the end of calendar year 2023.



# 'A NEW DAY' TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

650 community members gathered for The Lord's Place 15th Annual Ending Homelessness Breakfast, A New Dawn, A New Day, and A New Life, on November 17, 2022, at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach.

Taking place during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, the breakfast spread community awareness and generated support to raise more than \$275,000 toward breaking the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County.

The inspiring event was chaired by Scott Powers, vice president, financial sales manager, of First Citizens Bank, and featured thematic speeches and real-life stories to provide attendees with a deep understanding of The Lord's Place mission in action and



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**2023 ENDING HOMELESSNESS BREAKFAST**

the many ways their clients have risen despite challenges living in our post-pandemic world.

The Lord's Place honored Danielle Hickox Moore with The Ending Homelessness Award, as she is one supporter who is paving the foundation for the future of the agency and its ability to provide new days to thousands of more clients.

Moore gratefully accepted the honor, "As a group, we have been trying to help and end homelessness and help so many get back on their feet. No one in our community should be without a roof over their head or a meal on their table. Without judgment, this organization is an essential partner in our community and I'm proud to be involved with this campaign and past campaigns."

## DECREASING THE PRICE OF HOMELESSNESS

*There is a price to homelessness as too many wind up in jail or in the hospital.*

A night in the county jail is estimated to cost \$134. A night in one of The Lord's Place apartments or campuses averages \$67. By meeting the needs of those in prison or recently released, The Lord's Place dramatically reduces recidivism and works to stably house this population. On average, 82% avoided re-arrest after one year's enrollment in its programs.

<b>SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROVIDED TO 419 INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>49 FAMILIES HOUSED ON OUR CAMPUSES</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROVIDED FOR 348 INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>647 PEOPLE ON THE STREETS WERE ENGAGED.</b>
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For clients with intensive behavioral health, substance abuse, and serious medical concerns, The Lord's Place Care Team provides wrap-around care. This team attended to 143 people this year with support far more comprehensive and at a substantially lower cost than repeated visits to local emergency rooms. The average savings per person for this year estimates close to \$28,000.

According to Board Chair Cornie Thornburgh, "For every person we take off the street, we begin to break the generational cycle of homelessness. For every person we provide a home and offer the chance to find purpose and dignity, we create a better social fabric and better economic consequences in our county."

## PLANNED GIVING

*People make New Year's Resolutions every year—eating healthier, exercising more, volunteering, etc. This year, let's add estate planning to your list of resolutions that will benefit both you and your family!*



Estate planning can be intimidating; after all, it centers around many people's least favorite topic—death. However, a proper estate plan is crucial to ensuring that your wishes for your loved ones are carried out.

One of the biggest traps people face with any resolution is not getting off the starting block. Don't let this happen to you. We can help you by providing our Free Estate Planning Guide, a questionnaire for you to complete as a basic outline of what you want to include in your will or estate plan. This guide will enable you to successfully plan your estate and avoid an accidental disinheritance. Contact us to use our Estate Planning Guide to record your family information and your estate distribution plans.

### GIVING OUTSIDE THE BOX

**GREETING CARDS\*** | **VEHICLES** | **ELECTRONICS** | **PLANNED GIVING**

\* Did you know The Lord's Place has beautiful greeting cards for sale that are artfully designed by clients or graduates of the agency? For only \$15, the 15 "blank-inside" cards make the perfect gift for others or yourself as they can be curtailed for any occasion. Proceeds from these cards go directly to the programs and services of the agency. To purchase your greeting cards, simply go to [TheLordsPlace.org](http://TheLordsPlace.org), Make a Difference, and click specialty cards.