

# AT HOME

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

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## THE LORD'S PLACE FORTIN FAMILY CAMPUS IS OPEN — VISIT US!



### TOP 5 VOLUNTEER NEEDS AT OUR NEW CAMPUS:

1. Café Joshua Table Companion
  2. Café Joshua Food Server
  3. Social Activities – Share Your Talents with Our Clients!
  4. Reception Area Greeter
  5. Food & Clothing Organizer
- CONTACT:** [Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org)

After two years in temporary locations, The Lord's Place is finally Home for Good! The Fortin Family Campus is open to our clients and to our community. This 25,000-square-foot facility welcomes those in need of homeless services and offers everything to regain self-sufficiency. An official ribbon cutting will take place in the Fall to thank our community who made this dream a reality. In the meantime, we welcome clients, friends and volunteers alike to our beacon of hope!

## THE TEAM ON THE STREET AND AT THE CAMPUS

Compassion and perseverance are two of the most important characteristics of The Lord's Place Outreach and Engagement Team. Fifteen extraordinary staff change lives and restore hope every day. They canvass the streets and search behind buildings, the woods, and known encampments. They turn individuals' obstacles into opportunities as they build relationships and trust, day after day, until they successfully move individuals from the streets to housing. Without judgment or question, they believe everyone deserves a roof over their head. This team also engages clients at the new Fortin Family Campus, utilizing its engagement center, Café Joshua, and wrap-around services.

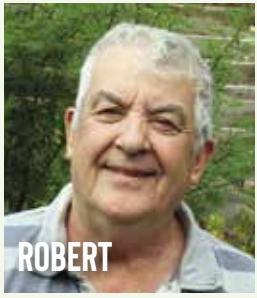
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## GAINING NATIONAL ATTENTION

The Lord's Place Outreach and Engagement team spent time on set with producer/director/author Keith Famie and his film crew from Michigan for a documentary that is scheduled to air on PBS in 2024. We are most grateful to be a part of Visionalist Entertainment Productions' storytelling and filming of *The Razor's Edge* to shed light on poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity in America.



**THE TEAM ON THE STREET CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**



71-year-old Robert is one example of many success stories thanks to the hard work of the Outreach and Engagement Team. When the team met Robert, at a gas station (who was hard of hearing) he had only one working hearing aid. Robert explained that he was kicked out of his home because he could no longer sustain the rent increase.

Understanding the urgency to house Robert due to his weakened state and difficulty communicating, the team secured him a room at The Lord's Place William H. Mann Place for men. With excitement, the team went to look for him the next day, only to learn Robert collapsed at the gas station and was in the hospital.

Maintaining hope, the team searched and found Robert and kept a bed for him at the men's campus. They encouraged him through his hospital stay and got Robert situated a week later.

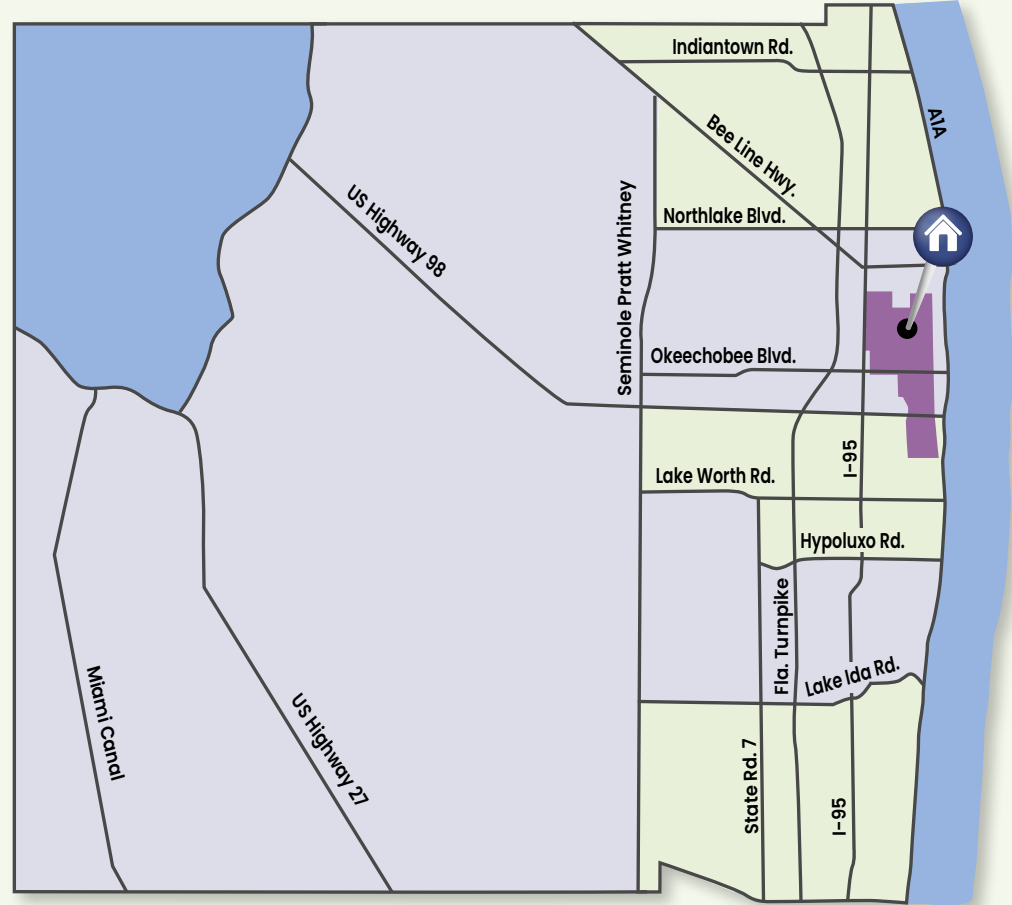
Yes, the work of the Outreach and Engagement Team takes compassion and perseverance.

"I would not be alive today if they had not found me," said Robert.

In addition to the team operating and actively conducting street outreach in the areas on the map (shown on the right), they also welcome anyone experiencing homelessness to the Fortin Family Campus engagement center.

An additional \$175,000 is needed between July 2023 and June 2024 to keep this team operating. If you are interested in donating, or engaging with people like Robert in our new Fortin Family Campus, please email [Info@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Info@TheLordsPlace.org).

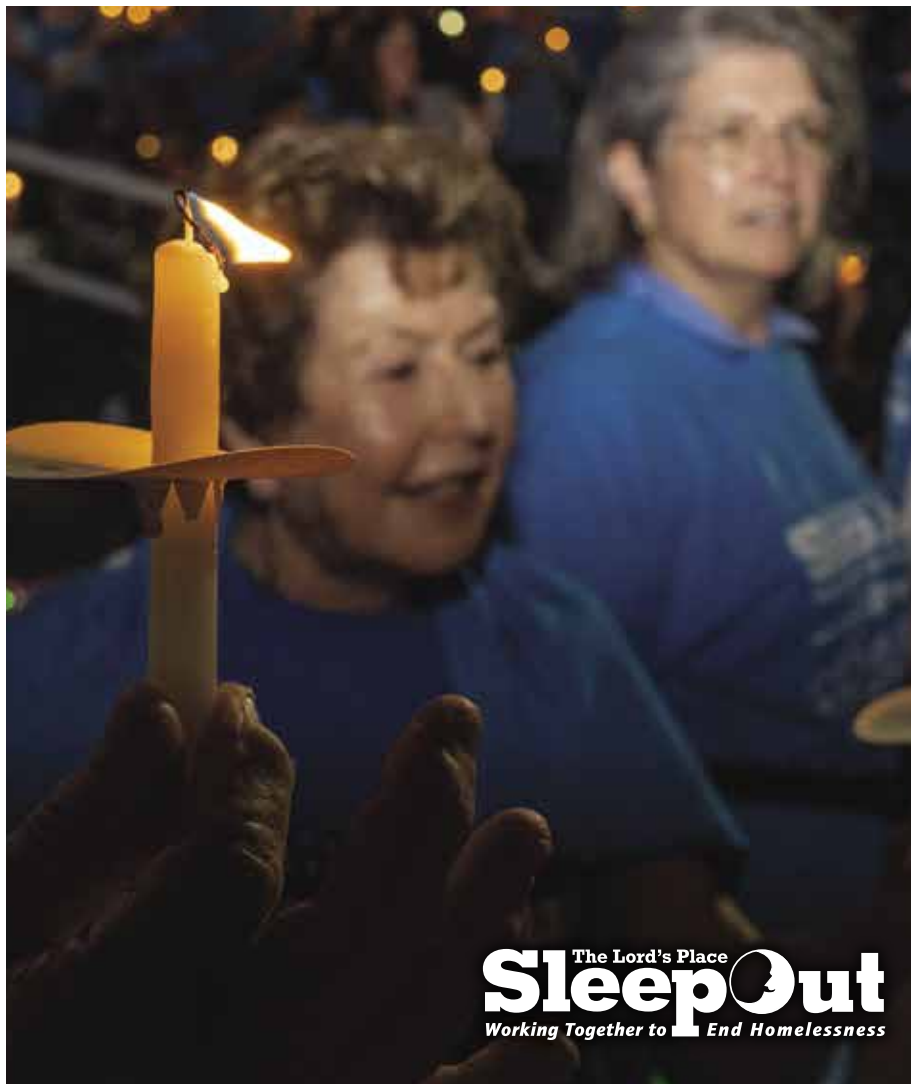
**HOMELESS OUTREACH MAP SERVICE AREAS**



SERVICE AREA	RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION
	<b>The Lord's Place</b>
	<b>Palm Beach County Homeless Outreach Team</b>
	<b>City of West Palm Beach</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

The Lord's Place held three major events this year: the Ending Homelessness Breakfast, the Palm Beach Non-Event, and SleepOut. Almost 1,100 donors raised more than \$1,000,000. All proceeds benefited the life-changing programs and services of The Lord's Place.



The Honorable Ann Brown during the candlelight ceremony which traditionally marks the end of the SleepOut program.

Photo: David Scarola Photography

The Lord's Place  
**SleepOut**  
Working Together to End Homelessness

**PLANNED GIVING**

*Have you wondered how to leave a meaningful legacy for your family, friends, and favorite organization, but don't know where to start?*

You can impact the lives of people experiencing homelessness through your estate plan. There are many ways of giving to The Lord's Place: either directly or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits and income.

The number and complexity of estate planning vehicles can sometimes feel overwhelming, but we would like to offer you FREE resources and information that will assist you in finding the right plan.

Our FREE Estate Planning Guide provides helpful information that could help you successfully plan your estate and avoid an accidental disinheritance. It is also a great guide when meeting with your attorney, recording family information, and your estate distribution plans.



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For a hard copy of this FREE guide, please contact George Cruz at 561.467.5534 or [GCruz@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:GCruz@TheLordsPlace.org).

You can also get an electronic copy by scanning our QR Code or going to [tlp-legacy.org/?pageID=19](http://tlp-legacy.org/?pageID=19).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

# MARGIE YANSURA

*If you ever want to know about the history of The Lord's Place, or any detail about the agency, ask Margie Yansura.*

Margie worked as the agency's public relations consultant for about 20 years, but it was more than another client to her. Her passion for helping the poor and the homeless started at a young age through the examples of her parents, and continues to shine brightly—as evidenced through her 16 years participating in SleepOut and organizing a March to End Homelessness. Margie retired as The Lord's Place public relations consultant in 2021, only to return as a volunteer. Today, Margie is helping our female clients with educational and therapeutic journaling exercises that help them express their feelings and heal. She is also writing client profiles.



*Jeff and Margie Yansura with daughter Sarah and granddaughter Cora.*

"We are all people – all part of this community – and it is up to each of us to watch out for our brothers and sisters – and children – who need our help and do our best to help meet their needs. That's why The Lord's Place means so much to me and why I continue to serve," said Margie.

If you would like to volunteer at The Lord's Place or receive the volunteer newsletter, please email [Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org). There are many meaningful opportunities awaiting you!

## AGENCY UPDATE

# BURCKLE PLACE III

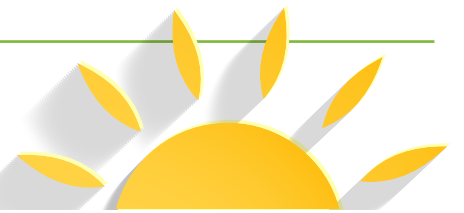
*This Fall, The Lord's Place will open its doors to Burckle Place III, The Lord's Place's fourth supportive housing facility for women, that will house 21 women experiencing homelessness.*

The site will offer an intergenerational cohousing model that seeks to address the rise in senior homelessness by prioritizing 50 percent of units to women ages 55 and over. With this site, Burckle Campus – consisting of Burckle Place, Burckle Place West and Burckle Place III – will serve approximately 75 women a year. If you would like to learn more about this innovative housing project, please contact [Info@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Info@TheLordsPlace.org). Commemorative giving opportunities are still available.



## THE LORD'S PLACE

# SUMMER CAMPS



This summer, 19 students from the Jack & Evelyn Alexander Campus, ages 5 - 16, will be participating in three camps thanks to the generosity of our donors and friends. Boys and Girls Club West Palm Beach, Armory Arts Center, and Gym Like This will offer activities and exercise so our youth can continue to grow and mature.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# NEW CHEF TO JOSHUA CATERING

*Have you ever met a dancing Chef? This past March, The Lord's Place welcomed its new Director of Culinary Operations, Chef Jim Collins, and boy is he putting a spin on cooking!*

Originally hailing from New Hampshire, Chef Jim has lived in every northeast state except Vermont. He comes from a lineage of service-oriented professions, including nursing and teaching. In his spare time, he enjoys line dancing and ballroom dancing, and even teaches them. His love for teaching and for fun has transformed the kitchen – bringing the staff together as a team and inspiring the culinary students to grow. Lately, they have been baking delicious bread – both for our clients and for catering. The act of making the bread, and smelling it while it bakes, is both therapeutic and a delight for anyone who gets to eat it! Chef Jim loves to learn about new foods and their traditions alongside our clients and has included a recipe on the back of this article for you to try this summer.

We hope you visit our new kitchen soon and meet Chef Jim and his amazing team. And, please remember to order some delicious food from Joshua Catering – [Catering@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Catering@TheLordsPlace.org) or 561.683.2094.



*Joshua Catering Chefs*



**New building, New website! Come "visit" us at [TheLordsPlace.org](http://TheLordsPlace.org)**  
**Enjoy an updated look and information about the agency you love!**

# WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

*There is a great need for affordable housing in our community. We see it in the news and hear it debated at public meetings, but the question remains: "What exactly is affordable housing?"*

To some, it means meeting the needs of our working-class professionals, such as our firefighters, educators, or nursing staff. Others may suggest that affordable housing should be available to those who fall into a broad middle-income category. Whether you agree with one or both of these definitions, there is a wide consensus that affordable housing is critical and necessary for households who are living in poverty while working one or more minimum-wage jobs. At The Lord's Place, the vast majority of families and individuals who receive help fall into this category. Many living at our housing campuses are eventually ready to move back on their own, but they cannot find an apartment because of the local affordable housing crisis.

In a report that was released in March 2023, the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that Florida has more than 575,000 extremely low-income renter households. Additionally, only 23 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. And 83% of extremely low-income renter households experience severe cost burden, spending more than half of their income on housing.

Our mission at The Lord's Place is to end homelessness in our community. As a community, we are collectively seeking



solutions to make housing affordable for those who are suffering in poverty. You can help give voice to this issue! Let your elected officials know affordable housing is critical:

Visit <https://p2a.co/nliqghj> or scan the QR code to take action.



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Save the Date  
11.16.23

## THE LORD'S PLACE 2023 ENDING HOMELESSNESS BREAKFAST

### GIVING OUTSIDE THE BOX



PURCHASE GREETING CARDS \*

DONATE OLD VEHICLES

GIVE USED ELECTRONICS

PLAN YOUR LEGACY

\* 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.

### JOSHUA NO BAKE CHEESECAKE MINIS VERSION — YIELD 24+



#### INGREDIENTS

##### Crust:

- 20 Oreo chocolate sandwich cookies
- 2oz. butter, melted

##### Filling:

- 1 lb. Cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 C SIFTED powdered sugar (in a large bowl)
- ½ C SIFTED cocoa powder (smaller bowl)
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract (avoid imitation if possible)
- 1 C Heavy cream

#### METHOD

##### Crust:

1. Place the Oreo cookies into a blender and blend until fine. Add melted butter.
2. Spread evenly into a 9 x 13 cookie sheet (bottom, not sides). Compact using a measuring cup. NOTE: crust can be made ahead.

##### Filling:

1. Pour the cocoa powder into the bowl with the powdered sugar. Whisk until combined.
2. Place cream cheese in stand mixer. Using the paddle attachment, beat until smooth.

3. Slowly add the sugar/cocoa mix a little at a time with the mixer on low. Continue until well combined (about 30 seconds), Scraping down sides as needed.
4. Mix on medium-high, then high speed until creamy and smooth.
5. Scrape down sides and paddle. Replace paddle with whip.
6. Slowly pour the heavy cream into the mixture, a little at a time, allowing the cream to incorporate before adding more, while whipping on low speed.
7. Add the vanilla and continue to whip on low speed.
8. Whip on medium, then high speed until thick and fluffy—a few minutes. It is finished when the filling can hold stiff peaks.

#### ASSEMBLY:

1. Spread the filling evenly over the crust using an offset spatula.
2. Refrigerate or freeze until set.
3. Using a 1 ½" ring cutter, cut into individual pieces. Place into individual mini muffin cups
4. Garnish as desired (whipped cream, chocolate shavings, pieces of Oreos, etc.)
5. Chill until set. Serve cold.



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