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WITH THE LORD'S PLACE BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS

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'TIS THE SEASON ALL YEAR LONG

At The Lord's Place, gratitude isn't reserved for just one season - it's a year-round sentiment that fills our hearts due to our incredible donors and volunteers.

Their unwavering support is a beacon of hope for our clients, enriching their lives with resources they wouldn't otherwise have access to. As we approach the holiday season, these donations and volunteer hours take on a special significance, making this a time of immense appreciation.

We are delighted to announce that, once again, we will be hosting Thanksgiving and holiday celebrations at each of our housing campuses, including the new Fortin Family Campus. These festivities offer our clients a sense of belonging and a chance to create joyful memories during a challenging time. In addition to these celebrations, we provide our clients with the opportunity to shop for gifts for their loved ones. This small gesture not only lets them experience the joy of gift-giving but also empowers them with the dignity of choice.

But our commitment doesn't stop there. We believe in providing outings, such as trips to the movies, mini-golf, or visits to local museums. These experiences are vital for our clients' journey toward self-sufficiency and independence, and they instill feelings of gratitude and hope.

As we enter this holiday season and beyond, we invite you, your family, business or school to join us in making a difference. Whether you choose to volunteer, conduct a drive, host an activity, or provide a donation, your contribution will positively impact the lives of those we serve. Together, we can create a brighter, more hopeful world for those who need it most.

Thank you for being a part of The Lord's Place and for making a meaningful difference in the lives of our clients during this season and all year long.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Brighten the holiday season and throughout the year.

● VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in beginning your volunteer experience with The Lord's Place this holiday season, please email Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org.

● CONDUCT A DRIVE

We welcome and accept gift cards to easily accessible grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants in \$25 increments, hygiene items, non-perishables, and new gifts for all ages, including toys, books, and clothing.

● HOST/FUND AN ACTIVITY

Sponsoring one of our current events would be much appreciated, or perhaps help fund and create a new one!

● MAKE A DONATION

Consider a year-end or monthly donation. Did you know that \$25 a week feeds one person a hot meal each weekday in Café Joshua - your donation matters!



To confirm your participation or for more information, email Info@TheLordsPlace.org or call 561.578.4928.



CAFÉ JOSHUA'S RECIPE FOR SUCCESS: NIKKI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY

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Nikki, a mother of five, found herself homeless in West Palm Beach after her landlord unfairly evicted her due to a dispute regarding her childcare arrangements. She tried to rent rooms so her children would have a place to stay but experienced mistreatment and abuse. When she called emergency services for help, Officer Jones with the West Palm Beach Fire Department assisted her with finding a hotel room so she and her children could temporarily be in a safer situation. Her funding soon ran out, resulting in Nikki living in her car with her five children. Unable to leave her youngest children alone, she lost her job. According to Nikki, "a miracle from God" occurred when she connected with The Lord's



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT BONNIE DEANER

Bonnie Deaner has spent her life helping others. A juvenile parole officer and medical social worker by trade, she has worked with marginalized and underserved individuals for years.

In her retirement, she wanted to continue to make a difference in people's lives through volunteer work. Her church referred her to The Lord's Place, and she has been serving in Café Joshua for over a year. Despite COVID, when many volunteers took a break from their service, Bonnie truly stepped up by joining our volunteer team and continuing to serve those who needed it most during an uncertain time. Through COVID and construction, Bonnie stuck with it!

"I love seeing the smiling faces of our guests when we greet them for a good meal in our beautiful new surroundings! Some of our guests, I've grown to know and am so happy when they share with me news about their lives, like a job interview that went well or a positive update on a medical condition. I often get big hugs and have also been asked to keep them in my prayers! I am grateful for the opportunity to volunteer here!" stated Bonnie.

VIRTUAL TOURS



Every month, we offer a one-hour virtual tour at one of our three housing campuses. See the vibrant community spaces, explore the cozy personal rooms and apartments, and engage with our inspiring clients. Our dedicated and compassionate staff will answer any questions you may have.



For More Information:
Info@TheLordsPlace.org
or 561-578-4928

EXPERIENCE CAFÉ JOSHUA: A DAY OF GIVING BACK

Join us at Café Joshua, where we provide daily meals to 150-200 individuals experiencing homelessness.



You can be a part of this incredible journey by adopting Café Joshua for a day with a suggested minimum donation of \$500.

HERE'S WHAT YOUR DAY WILL LOOK LIKE:

- 1. Explore and Learn:** Start with a 10 a.m. tour of The Lord's Place facilities, gaining insights into our vital programs.
- 2. Serve with Compassion:** Your team of up to 10 colleagues/friends will serve meals, clear tables, and will be companions during lunchtime.
- 3. Eat Delicious Food:** Enjoy lunch in Café Joshua with our Volunteer Coordinator.
- 4. Make an Impact:** Your day of service wraps up by 2 p.m., leaving you with a sense of accomplishment, knowing you've helped break the cycle of homelessness.



To adopt Café Joshua for a day, email us at Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org. Give back, bond as a team, and make a lasting difference in your community.

FREE COOKIES!

Until the end of the year, for every catering order from Joshua Catering over \$750.00, enjoy a dozen made from scratch. Choose from either Tiramisu or butter sugar.

Expires December 31, 2023.
Cannot be combined with other offers.



WHEN SUPPORTING YOUR FAVORITE ORGANIZATION CASH ISN'T ALWAYS KING

As 2023 comes to a close, we often have the desire to make an impact in our community. While gifting cash and checks may be an effective and simple way to create this impact through The Lord's Place, long-term appreciated assets could offer enhanced tax benefits to you.

DONATING APPRECIATED ASSETS

Donating stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate to The Lord's Place is wise. You can generally deduct the full fair-market value of appreciated assets held for over a year on your federal income tax returns, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Also, by donating appreciated assets, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation, this benefit doesn't apply to cash donations. Furthermore, any unused deduction can be carried forward for up to five years.

GIVING FROM YOUR IRA

If you're 70½ or older and have an IRA, you can make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA to a qualified charity like The Lord's Place. This transfer can count toward your required minimum distribution for the year.

ESTABLISHING A LEGACY WITH RETIREMENT ASSETS

Gifting retirement assets like 401(k)s or traditional IRAs can be a tax-efficient way to support The Lord's Place after your lifetime. Retirement assets passing to a qualified charity like The Lord's Place generally qualify for both income and estate tax charitable deductions, and they pass to the charity tax-free. In contrast, leaving these assets to heirs may be subject to estate tax upon your death and income tax when your beneficiaries take withdrawals.

These strategies not only allow you to support The Lord's Place effectively but also provide you with potential tax benefits and the opportunity to leave a legacy.

It's crucial to consult with your tax or financial advisor before making major decisions, as they can provide personalized guidance based on your financial situation and philanthropic goals. By using these strategies, you can make a significant impact on the lives of many individuals in Palm Beach County through your support of The Lord's Place.

For more creative ways to make an impact or leave a legacy, please scan the QR code or visit our website: <https://tip-legacy.org/?pageID=5>



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: 12 YEARS OF 4-STAR RATINGS FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR

We are thrilled to announce that, for the 12th consecutive year, The Lord's Place has achieved the prestigious 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.



This remarkable recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to financial strength, accountability, and transparency, exceeding

industry standards. In fact, only 2% of charities in America have earned at least 11 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

This achievement is a testament to our dedication to upholding the highest standards of stewardship and effectiveness. It's why you can feel entirely confident when choosing to support The Lord's Place. Your trust empowers us to make a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.

THE LORD'S PLACE RETURNS HOME FOR GOOD

Dani Moore of the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation and Willy Williams, Culinary Apprentice, officially cut the ribbon at the new Fortin Family Campus on Thursday, October 19, 2023 along with staff, clients, volunteers, and community supporters. This new 25,000-square-foot client service center, located at 2808 North Australian Avenue in West Palm Beach, provides hot meals, education, and support services to 200+ people Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Photo Credit: Tracey Benson Photography

THE LORD'S PLACE UNVEILS MEAL MOBILE



Engine Starting Ceremony

With the steadfast support of GL Homes, The Lord's Place has taken to the streets with its Meal Mobile—a comprehensive service delivery bus designed to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. Throughout various locations in Palm Beach County, the bus serves meals and distributes clothes and hygiene products, as well as connects clients to healthcare, mental health services, shelter/housing, and more.

Photo Credit: Tracey Benson Photography



Diana Stanley, The Lord's Place CEO and Sarah Alsofrom, VP of Community Relations, GL Homes



NIKKI'S INSPIRING JOURNEY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Place's street outreach program. The outreach team worked with Adopt-a-Family and placed Nikki and her family in a hotel and then later at the Lewis Center.

Through The Lord's Place, Nikki enrolled in the Café Joshua job training program. She completed a three-month Culinary Transitional Work Experience training program, learning everything from knife

skills to how to cook gourmet meals for group sizes up to 200 people. As part of the program, Nikki helped prepare food for Café Joshua's meal program, which provides a warm, nutritious lunch for those experiencing homelessness. Nikki received a weekly stipend for participating in the culinary

program. The funds enabled her to save enough money for an apartment and a car to replace the one in which they had lived. After graduating from The Lord's Place's culinary program, Nikki obtained a job using the skills she learned. Today, she can support her children, provide a home for them, and drive to and from work.

Having grown up abandoned by her parents and raised by her beloved grandmother, Nikki was determined to keep her children together and to provide them with the mother's love she did not receive. The Lord's Place and its Café Joshua program allowed her to fulfill this blessing. The loving and supportive staff at The Lord's Place kept her focused on not giving up and built her confidence so she could succeed. "I could not have done it without them," Nikki says. She will always be grateful. She is well on her way to creating the peaceful, happy life she has dreamed of for herself and her children.

TRANSFORMING NARRATIVES & EXERCISING RIGHTS

On September 19th, The Lord's Place community came together to celebrate National Voter Registration Day with a voter registration drive at our newly opened engagement center.

The event was a resounding success, with approximately 200 clients joining us for lunch at Café Joshua, where we not only shared a meal but also registered a dozen individuals to vote. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of exercising our voice and our rights in the democratic process. For those experiencing homelessness, civic duty may not always be easily accessible, as immediate concerns often revolve around securing basic needs and safety. However, the stark reality is that less than 10% of people experiencing homelessness vote, according to the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. It is high time we change that statistic and transform the narrative surrounding homelessness in our community.

THE DISCONNECT

Homelessness is a pressing issue that continues to affect our community. Those who find themselves without stable housing often face numerous challenges that take precedence over political engagement. As a result, many individuals experiencing homelessness may not see voting as a priority. This disconnect between civic participation and homelessness perpetuates a cycle of marginalization, leaving the most vulnerable voiceless in decisions that impact their lives.

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

To effect meaningful change, we must change the narrative surrounding homelessness and empower underserved communities, including those without stable housing, to have a say in their future.

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS WE CAN ALL CHANGE THE CONVERSATION:



1. Education and Information:

We must actively provide information to individuals experiencing homelessness about their voting rights, the importance of voting, and the impact their voices can have on policies and resources that directly affect them.



2. Accessible Registration:

Hosting events like our National Voter Registration Day initiative is essential. Making voter registration as accessible as possible by bringing it directly to those in need. Partnering with local organizations and agencies to set up registration booths at key locations can make a significant difference.



3. Restoring Rights:

Many individuals experiencing homelessness may have lost their voting rights due to past convictions. Providing information and support on rights restoration is crucial. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process.



4. Engaging Advocates:

Encourage community leaders, advocates, and activists to champion the cause of homelessness in our political landscape. These advocates can ensure that policies and resources are directed toward addressing homelessness.

Homelessness is a complex issue that requires multifaceted solutions. But one solution that often goes overlooked is the power of the vote. Now is the time for change. Let's change the narrative and ensure that every voice in our community is heard and that we all have the opportunity to participate in shaping our future.



WHY BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR?

STEADY SOURCE OF SUPPORT | CONVENIENCE | MAXIMIZES YOUR IMPACT

Become a monthly donor and help us bring about positive change in our community. Your consistent support means the world to our clients! \$100 per month feeds one client lunch 5 days a week in Café Joshua. Check the "Become a Monthly Donor" box on the enclosed card.

GIVING OUTSIDE THE BOX



Buy Our Greeting Cards

We have several cards, all created by children in The Lord's Place housing, and they are great for any occasion! Go to TheLordsPlace.org and click 'specialty cards' under Make A Difference to see our variety. Best of all, we will mail them directly!



Donate a Vehicle

Do you have a vehicle that you'd like to donate? Avoid the hassle of selling your vehicle – dealing with people coming to your home and having to haggle. Just make one phone call, and we will take care of everything for you, and provide you the tax benefit. It's really that easy!



Recycle Your Old Electronics

Do you have old computers, cell phones, phone systems, laptops, or other electronics piling up that you just don't know how to dispose of safely? Do you have sensitive information on hard drives and need to have it erased? The Lord's Place is partnering with Excess IT Hardware to help you dispose of these items – safely – and The Lord's Place will get a portion of the proceeds as a donation!



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For more information about Giving Outside the Box contact Info@TheLordsPlace.org or call 561.537.4665.



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