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## FAREWELL TO OUR VISIONARY LEADER

### GRATITUDE FOR 17 YEARS OF SERVICE

When Diana first joined The Lord's Place in 2007, the organization was operating on a modest \$3 million budget with fewer than 30 employees. Under her extraordinary leadership, we have since blossomed into a \$16 million agency, employing 130 passionate staff members and providing life-changing services to more than 2,000 individuals annually on their journeys out of homelessness.

After much reflection and discernment, Diana announced her retirement this past March, effective the end of this year or pending the careful selection of a new CEO. Until then, we are celebrating her service to this agency, staff, clients and board that she has carried out so well.

#### UNDER DIANA'S LEADERSHIP

##### MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE

Receive life-changing services annually

##### MORE THAN \$20,000,000

Raised for homeless services

##### INCREASED STAFF TO 130

Allowing more services to be offered to the community

Diana's long list of proudest accomplishments is a testament to her unwavering commitment and innovative spirit. She spearheaded the creation of the first housing program in Palm Beach County specifically designed to serve single women experiencing homelessness. Alongside devoted community partners and friends, she has raised more than \$20 million to expand our housing capacity, enhance sustainability efforts, and bring to life our state-of-the-art, 25,000-square-foot Fortin Family Campus - a true one-stop-shop for integrated services.

Yet, if you ask Diana, her true legacy transcends buildings, programs, and funding. At her core, Diana's legacy

is about changing lives, one person at a time. It's about the dedicated staff who pour their hearts into this work every single day, inspired by Diana's values and vision. It's about the brave, strong, and resilient clients who have been empowered to reclaim their lives with dignity, support, and hope.

Diana's spirit has been imparted on and shaped the culture of The Lord's Place. Long after she physically moves up to North Carolina to be with her extended family, her essence will carry through in all we do to support the mission of The Lord's Place. We are saddened to see Diana leave us but her energy and enthusiasm for the work of the agency will continue to infuse and direct us in continuing our mission to break the cycle of homelessness.

Thank you, Diana.





# OUR COMMUNITY FACES A HOUSING CRISIS BUT WE'RE TAKING ACTION

The face of homelessness in Palm Beach County is changing. Our community is experiencing a dramatic rise in the number of people without a stable home. This crisis is particularly acute for seniors and chronically homeless individuals.

We're proud to share that, despite these challenges, The Lord's Place continues to make strides in providing essential support.

**YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!**

Your donations help fund essential programs and services that provide hope and stability to those in need.

## BUCKLE PLACE III: A BEACON OF HOPE



After years of planning and construction, Buckle Place III opened its doors in April, offering a safe and supportive environment for 21 women at various stages of life. This unique facility is a testament to our commitment to addressing the complex needs of our community's most vulnerable residents. By bringing together younger and older women, we're fostering intergenerational connections and creating a strong support network.

Lucy, a dedicated nurse, found herself homeless after a cancer diagnosis at the age of 69. Buckle Place III provided her with a safe haven to recover and rebuild her life. Today, she is joined by 20 housemates and finds purpose by taking other residents' blood pressure. She advises them on whether it's high or low, offering the attentiveness of a nurse as well as a friend.

## OPERATION HOME READY (OHR) V: EXPANDING OUR IMPACT



We're excited to announce that we're preparing to launch Operation Home Ready V later this year. This initiative will provide permanent housing for 25 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. By increasing our capacity to serve those in greatest need, we're taking a critical step toward ending homelessness in Palm Beach County.

Jessica's journey from homelessness to stability is a testament to the power of comprehensive support. Despite facing challenges including bipolar disorder, substance use, domestic violence, and grief, Jessica found hope through The Lord's Place's multifaceted assistance programs. With help from various departments, including OHR housing support, medical care coordination, and mental health services, Jessica has maintained sobriety for three years, improved her mental health, and is now living independently in her own apartment.

## HOMELESSNESS: A GROWING CRISIS



The staggering increase in homelessness is a clear call to action. The number of people without a home has soared by 51% in the past two years. This crisis is disproportionately affecting seniors, with a 48% increase in the number of older adults living in unsafe conditions.

Stories like Lucy's are becoming increasingly common. Older adults are facing unprecedented challenges, and we need to come together as a community to address this crisis.

Chronic homelessness is also on the rise, with a shocking 125% increase in 2024. Individuals like Jessica face unimaginable hardships, including exposure to the elements, violence, and limited access to healthcare.

## 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 pays for an entire month of Café Joshua lunch for one client.**



Check the "Become a Monthly Donor" box on the enclosed card.

## FREE VIRTUAL TOURS

You can visit The Lord's Place housing campuses from the comfort of your own home



- 1 Visit our Take a Tour webpage:**  
TheLordsPlace.org/take-a-tour
- 2 We will send you the Zoom link.**  
You can use it anywhere: computer, tablet, or phone.
- 3 Use that link to "log in"**  
on the date and campus of your choosing.

That's it! Avoid traffic completely and still experience how we are transforming lives.



**For More Information:**  
[Info@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Info@TheLordsPlace.org)  
or 561-578-4928

## GRATEFUL FOR RECOGNITION FOCUSED ON OUR MISSION

For the 13th year running, Charity Navigator has awarded The Lord's Place their highest 4-star rating, acknowledging our commitment to financial responsibility and transparency.



While we're honored to be among just 2% of charities to achieve this consistently, our true focus remains on serving those in need.

We're also grateful to be named an Inclusive Workplace by Best Companies Group and COLOR Magazine. This recognition inspires us to keep fostering an environment where every team member feels valued as we work together to support our community.

Lastly, The Nonprofit Times ranked us 8th among the top 50 nonprofit companies to work for nationwide. We're humbled by this honor and see it as a testament to our dedicated staff's passion for our mission.

These acknowledgments encourage us to continue striving to make a positive impact, always remembering that our true measure of success is in the lives we touch and the community we serve.

**DOES YOUR CONDO ASSOCIATION CHOOSE A CHARITY TO SUPPORT?**

This time of year, residents often look for meaningful ways to come together and make a visible impact on the community. The Lord's Place would be honored if you would consider presenting a holiday monetary donation drive to your Charitable Giving Committee.

**Setting up a fundraiser is simple—just scan the QR code to get started, or call 561.578.4841 for more information.**



SCAN ME

## CEO SEARCH UPDATE



The Lord's Place Board appointed its CEO search committee led by Vice Chair, Wes Lang, this spring upon Diana Stanley's announcement of her intention to retire.

The committee spent the early summer interviewing a number of search consultants to aid its efforts in a strategy and marketing plan to attract the best candidates to this critical leadership role. With its extensive national reach and resources, WittKieffer has quickly proven to be a talented and impressive partner in these efforts. The WittKieffer team visited the agency sites and with clients, staff, and directors to immerse themselves in understanding our culture, operations, and the community we serve.

A job prospectus and leadership profile have since been developed and is currently available online at WittKieffer.com. We are encouraged by the reception we have received to date and will be narrowing the field of appropriate candidates late summer and early fall with the goal of final interviews occurring in late fall.

Stay tuned for updates as we look forward to introducing you to the visionary leader who will guide The Lord's Place into its next chapter.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT ON GL HOMES TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Three years ago, The Lord's Place shared a bold vision - to create a mobile command center that could bring nourishment, resources, and hope directly to those experiencing homelessness in our community.

Thanks to the incredible partnership and support of GL Homes, this transformative dream is now a reality.



(Left to right) Colette Logan, Meal Mobile driver and The Lord's Place employee, Joseph Holder, Caroline Bright and Diana Velez

The 41-foot "Meal Mobile" that hits the streets of Riviera Beach and Belle Glade is far more than just a vehicle. Outfitted with a full-service kitchen, it enables our Joshua Catering team and culinary apprentices to prepare and serve nutritious meals to approximately 200 people per visit. In addition, the truck also functions as a hub for engagement, where our staff and peer specialists connect clients to the wraparound services and pathways out of homelessness.

GL Homes has been with us every step of the way, providing the financial support to make this dream come true. Their financial backing has been invaluable, but perhaps even more impactful has been their unwavering commitment to this initiative with more than 500 volunteer hours--navigating the permitting process and designing the truck's vibrant graphics. GL Homes volunteers continue to join us in the community, working side-by-side with our team to actively engage those in need.

Even on the hottest summer days, the GL Homes crew is there, serving meals and offering a compassionate ear. It's the perfect recipe of time, talent, and treasure - a true testament to the power of partnership in tackling the complex issue of homelessness.

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION**

Many companies offer matching gift programs that can double the impact of your donation, whether it's a new contribution or one you've made before. By taking part, your support for our mission could go twice as far.



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**Simply scan the QR code, enter your company's name, and see if they'll match your gift!**

**SAVE THE DATES**



**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**  
Ending Homelessness Breakfast

**FEBRUARY 28, 2025**  
March to End Homelessness

**MARCH 2025**  
The Palm Beach Non-Event

 **For More Information:**  
[Info@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Info@TheLordsPlace.org)  
[thelordsplace.org/events](http://thelordsplace.org/events)



## TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE LORD'S PLACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sean Baker and Laura Lofaro Freeman are ready to make an impact to end homelessness

Sean Baker and Laura Lofaro Freeman recently accepted appointment to The Lord's Place Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2024. They join the existing members in bringing their professional and personal talents to address the issues of homelessness and provide strategic guidance, financial leadership, and to uphold the values of The Lord's Place.



### SEAN BAKER

“Joining The Lord's Place Board of Directors is an honor and an opportunity to give back to the community meaningfully. I am excited to contribute to such a dedicated and compassionate organization and help positively impact those we serve,” stated Baker.



### LAURA LOFARO FREEMAN

“As a committee volunteer and event co-chair, I see firsthand how The Lord's Place breaks the cycle of homelessness and positively impacts lives every day with its life-changing programs and services. I am humbled to be selected to sit on the board, and I feel fortunate to give back. I feel it is my

responsibility to serve those less fortunate in our community,” said Lofaro Freeman.

## GIVING WISELY HAS INCREASED AT THE LORD'S PLACE

At The Lord's Place, our donors are more than generous; they are savvy in their giving.



Supporters choose to donate because they see the tangible impact their contributions have on transforming lives and ending the cycle of homelessness in our community. Additionally, in the United States, charitable donations offer tax benefits to the donor, which can range from modest to substantial depending on the donation amount and strategy employed.

We are incredibly proud of our (280+) supporters who have adopted smart gifting strategies over the last two years. Here's how their giving methods have increased:

- IRA charitable rollovers have increased by 400%
- Gifts through various trusts have grown by 42%
- Gifts of appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, have surged by 343%

These donors maximize their impact through intelligent financial planning, allowing them to contribute more while enjoying significant tax advantages.

Here are some impactful ways you can donate to your charity of choice while gaining tax benefits for you and your family:

- Gifts of Stocks & Bonds: Donating appreciated securities, such as stocks or bonds, is a simple and tax-efficient way to support The Lord's Place.
- IRA Charitable Rollover: If you are aged 70½ or older, an IRA charitable rollover allows you to lower your taxable income by directly donating from your IRA.
- Gifts Using Various Trusts: You can contribute through various trust models, which offer tax benefits and may even provide income for you and your family.
- Donor-Advised Funds (DAF): A DAF allows you to make charitable gifts during your lifetime and enables your children to continue your legacy of giving after you pass away.

## START A FUNDRAISER THROUGH OUR NEW EASY-TO-USE PLATFORM!

It only takes a few minutes to set up. Share it with family, friends, and coworkers. Whether it's for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary, or a fun event like a bake sale, you can invite others to join you in helping to break the cycle of homelessness in Palm Beach County



Scan the QR code to get started today!



## FIG AND BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

### ONE OF CEO DIANA STANLEY'S FAVORITES!

Do you like delicious food as much as The Lord's Place CEO Diana Stanley does? In honor of Diana's 17+ years of service, consider making one of her Joshua Catering favorites!

Yield: 4 servings

#### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1-1/4 tablespoons fig preserves\*
- 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 clove garlic finely minced if hand-whisking
- 1/2 teaspoon fine kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup olive oil

\*NOTE: Adjust quantity of fig preserves to taste. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

#### Instructions

- In a jar (or bowl) add balsamic vinegar, fig preserves, Dijon mustard, garlic salt and black pepper. Combine with an immersion blender (or whisk).
- Add a few drops of olive oil while blending (or whisking). Continue to slowly stream oil into the mixture while constantly blending (or whisking vigorously). Continue until all oil is incorporated and the dressing is thick and emulsified. Adjust seasonings to taste.



#### TO CONTACT JOSHUA CATERING

Scan the QR code, email [Catering@TheLordsPlace.org](mailto:Catering@TheLordsPlace.org), or call 561.433.6016.

