

THE GATEWAY POST

THE CEO CORNER

Dear Gateway Community,

As we closed out the first quarter of 2025, Gateway welcomed the new year with warmth and celebration. Each home received festive baskets filled with snacks and party items, thoughtfully prepared by our Town Hall Committee to ring in the year with joy. The committee also hosted our Chocolate-Covered Kisses Valentine's Dance, featuring a candy bar, live music, and plenty of dancing that brought smiles across the community. To wrap up the quarter, Town Hall organized a March Madness Game Night, showcasing beautifully crafted basketball-themed games designed by our talented day program participants.

Our day program also continued its partnership with the Indianapolis Urban League, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering African Americans and other underserved communities through programs in education, workforce development, health, and economic empowerment. Gateway participants have now taken on leadership roles as trainers for new volunteers—an inspiring step forward in community engagement.

Additionally, our Indianapolis Town Hall Committee launched a recycling initiative, delivering bins to all three offices and presenting their sustainability plan to executive staff in Carmel. Their enthusiasm and knowledge made a lasting impression.

Warm regards,
Shanté Jones-Foster
CEO, Gateway Residential Services



Our CEO Shanté Jones-Foster

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GATEWAY GREATS

GaterAid Award Spotlight –

This quarter's Gater Aid nominees represent the heart of Gateway's mission—dedicated, compassionate, and consistently going above and beyond. From the Indianapolis region, Oluwasegun Onakoya is recognized by his supervisor, Rochelle, as a role model to his peers, always willing to help and support his team while providing exceptional care to the individuals we serve.

In the South Region, Heather Padgett stands out for her exemplary documentation, detailed notes, and positive “I can” attitude. Jana Jones brings a heart for service and a readiness to exceed expectations in every task. KeAndria Jones is known for her flexibility and strong rapport with those she supports, always stepping in when needed. Claire Helfrich continues to impress with her timely deliverables, outstanding communication, and unwavering commitment to the families she serves. Each nominee reflects the values we hold dear at Gateway, and we're proud to celebrate their contributions.



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GATEWAY IN THE COMMUNITY: SERVICE, ADVOCACY & INCLUSION



GATEWAY CONTINUES TO SHINE THROUGH MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. OUR DAY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS VOLUNTEER MONTHLY WITH THE INDIANAPOLIS URBAN LEAGUE, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON EMPOWERING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH INITIATIVES, AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT. THEIR DEDICATION HAS GROWN SO MUCH THAT THEY NOW HELP TRAIN INCOMING VOLUNTEERS—AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE.

WE ALSO PROUDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE INDIANAPOLIS DISABILITY RESOURCE FAIR, THE LARGEST ONE TO DATE! THE FAIR PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES. EXHIBITORS SHARED VALUABLE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND JOELLA'S FOOD TRUCK WAS ON-SITE OFFERING CONCESSIONS. THIS YEAR, VENDOR PLACEMENT WAS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED, AND TABLES WERE NOT PROVIDED DUE TO THE FAIR'S EXPANDED SIZE—HIGHLIGHTING THE INCREDIBLE GROWTH AND REACH OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. THESE ACTIVITIES REFLECT GATEWAY'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION, ADVOCACY, AND BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.



Celebrating Corporate Citizenship and Community Engagement

GATEWAY TOWN HALL

GATEWAY KICKED OFF 2025 WITH FUN AND CREATIVITY! THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE HOSTED A LIVELY VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE FEATURING A DJ AND DESSERT BAR, AND A MARCH MADNESS GAME NIGHT WITH BASKETBALL-THEMED GAMES DESIGNED BY OUR DAY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. THESE EVENTS BROUGHT JOY AND CONNECTION TO OUR COMMUNITY.

CHOCOLATE COVERED KISSES V-DAY DANCE

Gateway celebrated Valentine's Day with a festive dance featuring a live DJ and a dessert bar full of sweet treats. The event brought love, laughter, and lots of dancing to kick off the year with joy!



MARCH MADNESS GAME NIGHT

March Madness got creative at Gateway! Our day program participants designed basketball-themed games for a fun-filled game night that showcased their talent and brought the community together.



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STAY CONNECTED



Mission

Helping people live a meaningful and purposeful life in the direction of their choice.

Our Vision

Gateway envisions a world in which all people are accepted and valued members of their chosen communities.



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