

AT HOME

WITH THE LORD'S PLACE

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Agency News

A FAIRY TALE COME TRUE:

Jamie came to live at The Lord's Place Family Campus, Alexander Place, in December 2020 when she was reunited with her mother Tiana - a single mother who had been incarcerated and then regained her stability at The Lord's Place Halle Place. After regaining her stability at The Lord's Place's housing program for formerly incarcerated women, Tiana moved into a two-bedroom apartment at the Family Campus, reunifying with her children.

This past school year, Jamie was a high-performing and committed senior at Lake Worth High School. As a member of the school's Medical Sciences Honors program, she earned A's and B's in her classes and regularly made the honor roll. With the Youth Services program's help, Jamie has been busy preparing for college. Through the program's partnership with the Score at the Top tutoring center, Jamie participated in SAT and college essay preparation tutoring. She researched and applied to schools, attended college tours, and completed financial aid applications such as the FAFSA.

Jamie is actively preparing to attend Florida Atlantic University in the Fall. She is interested in pursuing a major in Social and Behavioral Health Science and a minor in Music Education. Her ultimate goal is to go to medical school and become a cardiologist.

In addition to her schooling, Jamie has a part-time job at a local golf range. In her free time, she participates in competitive cheerleading through a private league. Recently, Jamie attended her senior prom. The Youth Services program connected her to Prom Beach, the only free prom closet boutique for disadvantaged families in Palm Beach County. Through Prom Beach, Jamie was able to pick out "the dress of her dreams". She had an amazing, memorable night, which is reflecting in her glowing senior prom photos.

Alexander Place and its Youth Services program look forward to Jamie's next steps in her journey. We are confident she will achieve the success she so richly deserves.



Jamie, at her senior prom.

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Construction at The Lord's Place new Australian Campus. Photo Credit: Tracey Benson Photography.

HOME FOR GOOD

From being razed to rising to new heights, The Lord's Place's new Australian Avenue Campus is well on its way to becoming an inspirational 25,000 square foot building. It is set upon a strong foundation and has one pillar in the front that will serve as a beacon of hope for those seeking help in their journey out of homelessness. We are still on track to open our doors in early 2023 and will be proud to welcome clients into a calm, trauma-informed center complete with programs, services, and an expanded Café Joshua which will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Our compassionate and mission-driven staff haven't skipped a beat in our temporary locations, but they too are excited to be Home for Good.*

*Home for Good is The Lord's Place capital campaign to expand, increase and sustain the agency. Learn more by going to www.TheLordsPlace.org.

A NEW DIRECTION FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

The Lord's Place has been serving the those who are homeless in Palm Beach County for more than 40 years. It is led by a strategic and data-driven board that is focused on the future sustainability and success of the agency and the nearly 1,800 clients it serves annually.

After an intensive evaluation process of both internal and external environments, we decided to pivot our social enterprises to align more closely with our mission.

To that end, we are announcing that our resources and efforts will be focused solely on Joshua Catering and we will be closing our Joshua Thrift stores by the end of Summer 2022 (Exact Date TBD).

We look forward with great anticipation to opening the doors of our new Australian campus in early 2023, which will feature a larger Joshua Catering kitchen and Café Joshua. These two entities will serve as the focus for job training and culinary skills as well as engagement with those who are homeless and formerly homeless. In addition, our food program is responding to the growing needs of food insecurity in our community.

We encourage the public to donate gently used items to our partners at Goodwill, The Salvation Army, St. Mark's, or other mission-driven thrift stores.

This transition marks the beginning of new and innovative ideas geared toward ending the cycle of homelessness for individuals and families in Palm Beach County. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of The Lord's Place.

SAVE THE DATE:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022
ENDING HOMELESSNESS BREAKFAST

Program Spotlight

(PATH) PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION

PATH is one of our 38 programs at The Lord's Place. It's a unique program designed to meet the needs of our most vulnerable homeless citizens. Serving those that are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and suffering from severe and persistent mental illness, PATH provides street outreach and engagement, case management, housing assessment/ placement, and connections to community mental health care.

Many of our PATH clients crave connection to others. They are searching for someone who understands what they are experiencing. Our PATH Team works together to offer wrap-around services that not only address basic needs and housing, but also strive to connect clients to appropriate care and connection. It is through our team of remarkable people that our clients find belonging, understanding, and connection. Through our team of compassionate Peers and Case Managers, PATH empowers our clients to rediscover their passions and rebuild their lives.



Ted Deckert, serving Thanksgiving dinner.
Photo Credit: David Scarola Photography

Hero Spotlight

Theodore A. Deckert was a founding board member of The Lord's Place and a true champion of families suffering from homelessness. Ted served Thanksgiving Dinner every year. He was at every event and always faithfully serving our clients and programs. The mission of The Lord's Place was so significant to him that he made it a part of his estate plan. Sadly, Ted is no longer with us; but his legacy of love and compassion will live forever in the hearts of clients and staff. Ted's kindness epitomizes the true spirit of The Home Forever Society.

Advocacy and Action

PALM BEACH COUNTY HOUSING PARADOX

"Palm Beach County is one of our nation's wealthiest counties," stated The Lord's Place CEO Diana Stanley, "yet 12% of its population lives in poverty. We are seeing more people migrate here and current residents' rent prices skyrocket 15 to 40 percent. And wages aren't keeping up with this increase."

The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports that the average renter wage in Palm Beach County is \$19.56 an hour, and the annual income needed to afford a one-bedroom apartment in Palm Beach County is \$47,200, which is about \$22.69 an hour.

Stanley and fellow colleagues speak up, "We continue to serve our most vulnerable neighbors fighting to break the cycle of homelessness in our community. As the impacts of the pandemic and its associated economic fallout continue, we will continue to play a key role in helping those who are disadvantaged to remain stably housed."

The Lord's Place continues to advocate in our community, but also fights with action. This July, the agency is collaborating with community partners and funders to house an additional 25 formerly homeless clients at their new campus "C" Place.

From 2020 - 2021, there was a 59% increase in the number of people The Lord's Place housed. Altogether in 2021, the agency housed 655 people in supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and emergency shelter programs. The vast majority of these individuals will ultimately need affordable housing. Affordable housing is important because it enables existing clients to obtain permanent independent housing, which thereby enables new families and individuals experiencing homelessness to enter a housing program.

If you would like to help The Lord's Place find additional housing for those in need, please email Info@TheLordsPlace.org.

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INDIVIDUALS HOUSED.



FINANCE GUY

“Do you know what The Lord's Place annual budget is?”



From left, Outreach Peer Specialist Danielle King with Susan Brokaw and Carol Carnevale Photo Credit: David Scarola Photography



Andre's art titled "Angel of the Morning"



Juli Ramirez supporting the 15th annual SleepOut. Photo Credit: David Scarola Photography

Volunteer Update

The Lord's Place volunteers make our agency great! Did you know that approximately 80 volunteers provide services each month to our clients? Without their help, clients would miss out on many enriching and educational opportunities.

Our volunteers are always surprising us and coming up with new ways to encourage and support our clients and staff. One example is when Café Joshua volunteers Susan Brokaw, Carol Carnevale, and Colleen Postman started preparing a monthly appreciation lunch for our Outreach and Engagement staff. They take turns cooking or purchasing a delicious lunch to share, one month even ordering from Joshua Catering!

Thank you to all our volunteers for making a difference for so many people!

To find out more about volunteering, contact us at Volunteers@TheLordsPlace.org.

Client Corner

Andre was a PATH client that came to us through The Salvation Army. Suffering his entire life with Schizophrenia, Andre found himself homeless and on the streets of Chicago at a young age. Often painting or playing a piano for a few dollars, he survived and found his way to Florida.

Now a senior citizen, Andre was connected to our PATH Team. With care and dedication, the PATH Team connected Andre to Social Security income, local housing, and mental health care. Andre now continues to produce art, sharing his great talents with the world!

Learn more about PATH on page 2.

THE LORD'S PLACE ANNUAL BUDGET IS MORE THAN \$12 MILLION.

Staff Spotlight

JULI RAMIREZ

For 22 years, Juli Ramirez has served as a dedicated member of The Lord's Place maintenance team. As Maintenance Supervisor, Juli still loves his job. “It doesn't feel like work,” he says.

Juli is originally from the Dominican Republic, and upon arriving in the United States, he was fascinated that an agency like The Lord's Place existed. “When I first started working here, my country didn't offer the same kind of help to families. Back home, if you needed help, your family helped you. That's why I wanted to work for The Lord's Place.”

Being a family man himself, married with two children, Ellie (19) and Jeffrey (25), continuing to work for The Lord's Place has been natural. In addition to loving the mission of The Lord's Place, Juli loves the staff. “Everyone here is so nice,” Juli said. “I've never worked anywhere where everyone is so nice.”

We love you too, Juli!

Did You Know?



Did you know that The Lord's Place William H. Mann Place for Men has a Calusia Rosea nursery? Fifty men reside at the campus, and many choose to volunteer in the nursery as it provides therapeutic relief for their mind, body and soul. More than 1,400 plants are nurtured and watered daily, many being prepared for sale in the community or planted at Mann Place or other campuses of The Lord's Place. They are in the process of adding a variety of plants to the nursery and welcome fellow volunteers and gardeners. William, client of The Lord's Place, says it best, “The nursery is our pride and joy.”

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INDIVIDUALS HELPED
LIVING ON THE STREETS.

Planned Giving

A SIGN OF THE TIMES — DIGITAL ASSETS

There was a simpler time when we kept family photos in albums, important documents in file cabinets, and maybe some personal mementos stored away in old shoeboxes. More and more, we are now keeping these sentimental and sometimes valuable assets in digital format. This list of assets include, among other things: usernames and passwords to financial institutions, iCloud-stored photos and documents, music, notes, email, contacts, calendars, stored drive files, important backups, health data, and even shopping accounts such as Amazon and eBay.

It is now our job to make sure our loved ones have access to our digital assets after our lifetime.

It is very important for you to ask your attorney to include instructions for digital assets after you die or are incapacitated. In many cases, companies like Facebook, Google, and financial institutions have ‘legacy’ instructions in their settings. That is, you can give the companies permission to hand over all data to the person you select. The iPhone also has plans to include a ‘legacy contact list’ in the phone settings. Many experts agree that using these legacy features are an easier way to give access to your heirs.

Digital assets are becoming more and more prominent in our lives – they just cannot be ignored.

If you'd like more information, please email GCruz@TheLordsPlace.org or call 561.467.5534.



IN REMEMBRANCE

For those of you who had the honor of meeting Edwynn Burckle, you knew he was larger than life. He loved his family and friends, the great outdoors, and most of all, caring for others. He was a kind and compassionate man with a generous heart and passion for serving the poor and the homeless. He changed the lives of hundreds of women at The Lord's Place by being the benefactor for the Burckle Campus, consisting of Burckle Place, Burckle Place West, and soon to be Burckle Place III. With Burckle Place III opening its doors in 2023, Burckle Campus will serve about 75 formerly homeless women a year. On February 19, 2022, our dear friend and supporter passed away, leaving a legacy for generations to come. Thank you, Ed, and the Burckle family, for changing the landscape of homelessness in Palm Beach County. You will be missed but remembered for transforming lives.

THANK YOU

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS, WHO HELPED US RAISE MORE THAN \$7 MILLION THIS FISCAL YEAR IN SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENTS, OUR MOST HEARTFELT AND SINCERE GRATITUDE.

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