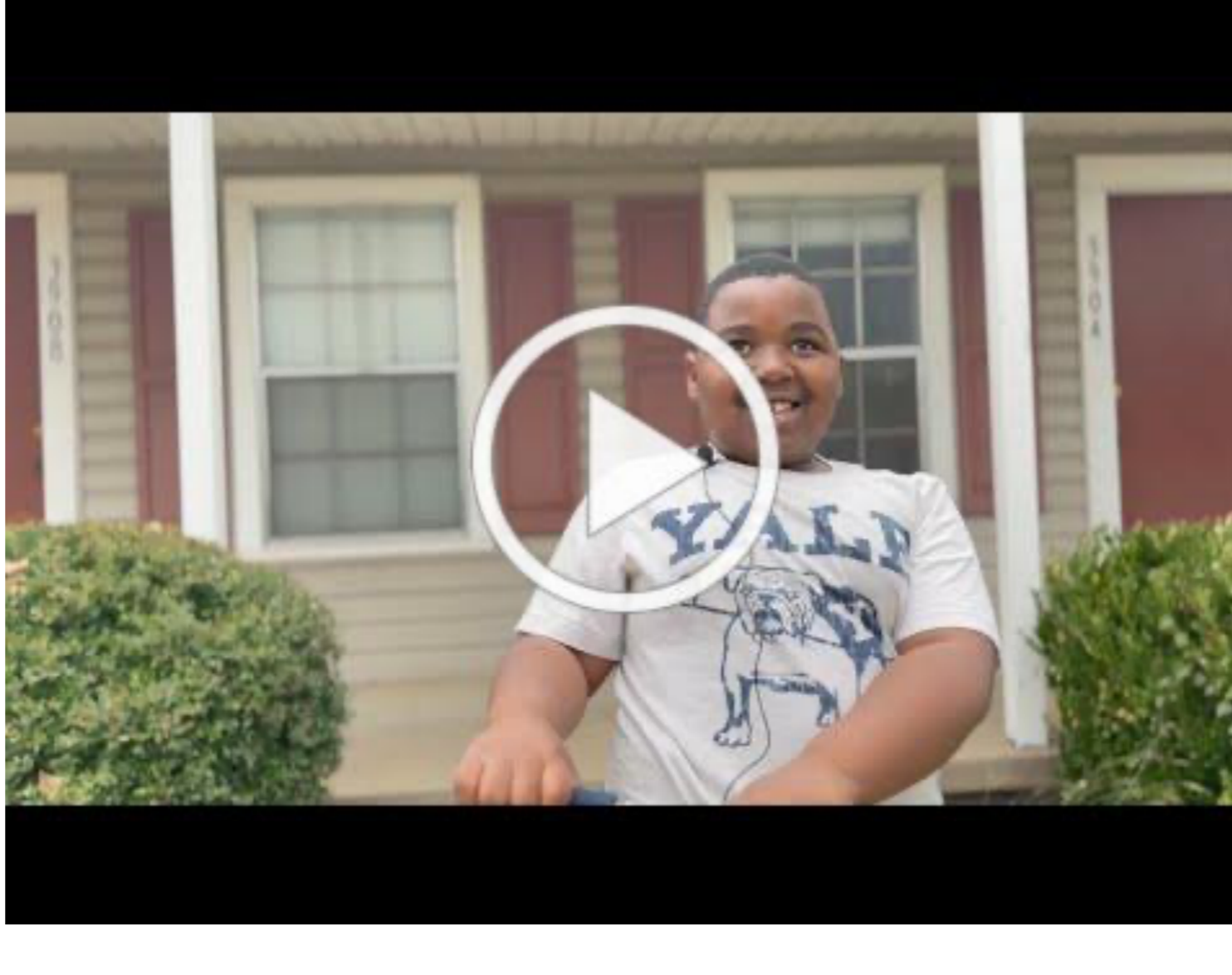




Presbyterian Night Shelter

October 2023 Newsletter

A New Beginning with Journey Home Housing (click image to watch video)



This past spring, an opportunity appeared like a Divine gift when Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary put several tracts of unused student housing up for sale. Seeing the huge opportunity to create permanent affordable housing for families staying in Morris Foundation Family Services Center, as well as from other agencies in the area, we acted quickly to purchase the property. This property is now part of **Journey Home Housing**, an enterprise by Presbyterian Night Shelter to provide affordable housing to families and individuals alike.

"We believe this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Toby Owen, CEO of Presbyterian Night Shelter, "and I am so incredibly grateful to our donors who believed in that vision to create housing for families. They stepped up and helped make this happen in record time."

Upon closing of the property in July, work began immediately to revive the 42 2-bedroom units; fresh paint, new ceiling fans and fixtures, new roofs, plumbing repairs, and more have given the units renewed life, and tenants have already begun signing leases and moving into Journey Home Housing – Seminary.

While the Seminary Journey Home Housing property is the first to be occupied by tenants, it will not be the last, with plans for other such properties.

"Housing is the biggest solution to ending homelessness," Owen continues, "We want to replicate this model throughout Fort Worth. The vision for the Presbyterian Night Shelter is to move in this direction, where we provide long-term housing to help end the cycle of homelessness for families and individuals. I believe this will be a standard for the Shelter as we move forward."

In addition to affordable rent, tenants can access support from on-site case management and wrap-around services that promote housing stability and general well-being.



For Michael, a single dad, Journey Home Housing has provided much-needed relief for him and his two young sons. The family has dealt with housing insecurity since 2020, as their resources have gone toward paying for surgeries and medical care for one of the boys; rising rents have only compounded their situation.

"[It gives] some peace of mind," he says as he sits on the stoop of his new home, his arm protectively draped around his youngest son, "maybe hope for the future, you know what I mean? It's not a tunnel without light at the end - if that makes sense. It's stability for my boys, and that's really what we need right now."

We anticipate having full occupancy at our Journey Home Housing – Seminary by spring 2024 as we work to transition families staying at our Morris Foundation Family Services Center into permanent housing.

We are so grateful to our faithful, steadfast donors who made this project possible and are excited at the prospect of expanding our Journey Home Housing enterprise in the months and years to come.

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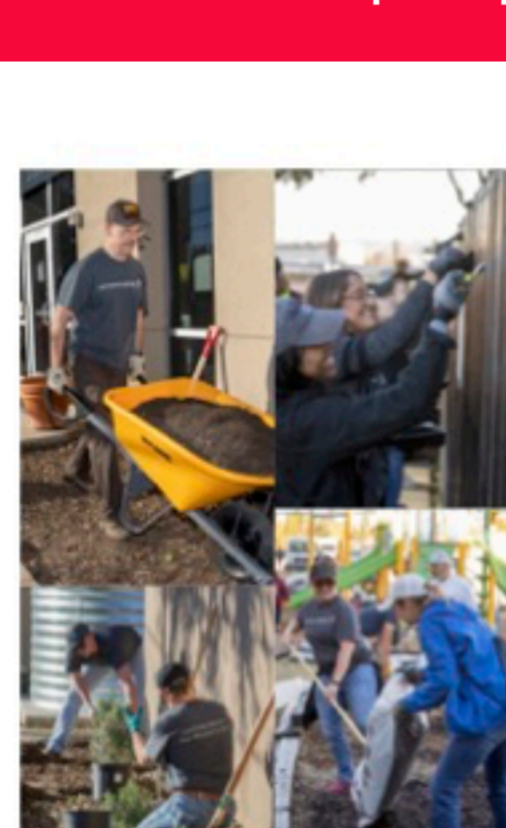
Patriot House
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
12:00-1:00pm

Join us at Patriot House for lunch and an informational session on our shelter programs for Veterans.

Learn how we are working to end the cycle of homelessness for those men and women who bravely served our country.

To attend, please RSVP by October 30 to crhodes@journeyhome.org

Our **Day of Service** sponsored by Lockheed Martin is right around the corner! Join with others in the community as we tackle some of the many projects around Patriot House and the PNS campus. Then, after a morning of hard work, we will honor our Veterans with a flag ceremony. It's not too late to participate! Click the image below to register.



Presbyterian Night Shelter DAY OF SERVICE to thank you FOR YOUR SERVICE

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October 28, 2023
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Special Opportunity to Honor Our Veterans

8 a.m.
REGISTRATION | BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m.
DAY OF SERVICE KICK-OFF
Toby Owen, CEO
Presbyterian Night Shelter
9 a.m.
START WORKING!
12 p.m.
LUNCH FOR VETERANS & VOLUNTEERS
1 p.m.
FLAG CEREMONY at Patriot House
2320 Cypress, FW 76102

Volunteers will work to help our most vulnerable homeless Veterans at our various shelters and contribute "sweat equity" - working with their hands, heart and sweat to meet the shelter's need. Typical tasks include: painting, deep cleaning, campus beautification, landscaping, and various other projects to improve the campus.

DAY OF SERVICE honors those that have served through military service! We hope you will join us on October 28th.

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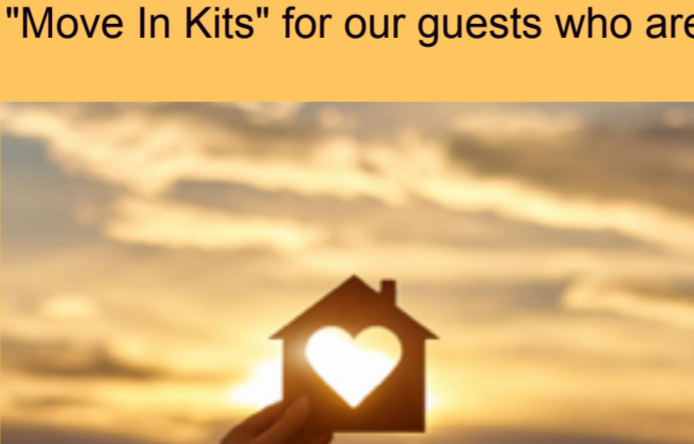
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Move In Kits

At Presbyterian Night Shelter, we pour our hearts into guiding the journey from homeless to home. But moving into a new home requires more than moral support! Please consider an In-Kind donation of these items to help us create "Move In Kits" for our guests who are exiting homelessness:



- Laundry Basket
- Shower Liners
- Towels
- Sheets
- Dinnerware
- Flatware
- Dish Towels
- Laundry Soap
- Cleaning Supplies
- Broom/Mop/Dustpan

LOVE AND JOY COME TO YOU! Home for the Holidays GALA

Plans are shaping up for a spectacular event on December 1, 2023, when we host our annual Home for the Holidays Gala at the Fort Worth Club. The evening will include a silent auction, a live auction, raffle items, and dancing with a live band. If you can't join us, you'll still be able to bid on auction items with our online portal, which we will make public in the weeks ahead.

We are still looking for items for our auctions and raffles! If you have an amazing item and are interested in making an In-Kind donation for our silent auction, please contact Curtis Rhodes, Director of Communications at: crhodes@journeyhome.org.



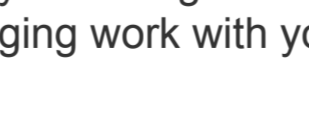
Guiding the journey home with your help!

The support we receive from our community, be it financial, a tremendous impact on our time and talent from volunteers, makes a tremendous impact on our organization and guests. We'll never ask our guests to collect donations on our behalf. Learn how you can play an active role in helping ensure everyone in our community has a place to call home.

[How you can support our mission](#)

Learn and Share

One of the easiest ways to support Presbyterian Night Shelter is just a click away! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn to stay up to date on what is happening at Presbyterian Night Shelter and share the incredible stories and life-changing work with your friends and family.

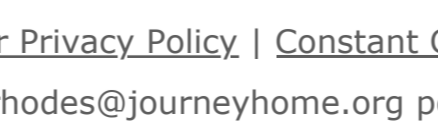


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