

# October 2025 E-Newsletter

## The Journey Home

**"W**ELCOME TO MY HOME!" **LEE ANN** SAYS AS SHE ENTHUSIASTICALLY OPENS THE DOOR TO HER NEW APARTMENT. After experiencing homelessness for the last couple of years, she is now a resident at our newest Journey Home Housing community, thrilled to be out of an emergency shelter setting and into a place of her own.

This month, Presbyterian Night Shelter celebrated the grand opening of intentionally affordable housing at Journey Home Housing communities on Crowley Road and Camp Bowie West, adding 144 new units of housing. The Camp Bowie West development was made possible in partnership with New Leaf Community Services. For people like Lee Ann, the new community has been a godsend.

Journey Home Housing at Crowley Road consists of 96 newly constructed one-bedroom units situated in quadplexes. Journey Home Housing at Camp Bowie West has 48 units with the same configuration. All homes are furnished with basic appliances, as well as furniture suites handcrafted by WOODWORKS by UpSpire, a social enterprise of Presbyterian Night Shelter. Linens, cleaning supply starter kits, plus other household essentials were supplied through donations to the Shelter's "Warm the House" campaign.

"They're excited to see the property, but there is also that fear to move into a unit that they presume to be empty," states Tyra Sanders, Director of Site-Based Housing, about bringing a resident to their new home for the first time. "We walk them to their direct unit.

And they see that we have dishes and soap, and we have curtains, a TV, bed, and pillows - all these things. You know, it really triggers another type of joy!"

Residents like Lee Ann feel a certain relief once they are placed in their new home, appreciative of the opportunity and keenly aware of the littlest things most of us take for granted, like finally having a quiet space to call their own.

"I can't even express all the words I want to say," she says, "because you just — you feel the love. And I'm just — I'm grateful for it."



***Lee Ann welcomes a guest into her new home.***



***Our community of support celebrates the ribbon cutting during Journey Home Housing at Camp Bowie West's grand opening!***

See Lee Ann's moment of joy as she gives a tour of her new home.



# Thank You for Warming the House!

Thanks to all of the volunteers and donors who made our **Warm the House** campaign a tremendous success! Because of your efforts, 45 residents have moved into fully furnished apartments so far, with more scheduled to join our Journey Home Housing communities soon! Whether you donated in-kind items, volunteered to put together units, or helped in other ways, you truly made a difference in our neighbors lives.

It means so much to our residents to walk into their unit with all the necessary essentials in place; these items and your effort have allowed them to deeply feel the phrase "Welcome home!" This is possible because of the commitment, love, and care from our dedicated Fort Worth community. Thank you!



## Welcome Shawanda Kennedy, Volunteer Engagement Manager

Please join us in welcoming Shawanda Kennedy, our new Volunteer Engagement Manager! As part of our program's continued growth, Shawanda will oversee and grow our volunteer program—connecting passionate volunteers with meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.



No stranger to Presbyterian Night Shelter, Shawanda first joined our team in 2018 as a Journey Home Advocate at Patriot House. A U.S. Army veteran herself, she was happy to help fellow veterans get back on their feet. She has also worked in our Human Resources Department and most recently as the Job Coach with UpSpire, where she worked hands-on to support employees in rebuilding their lives through stable employment.

Shawanda brings a deep understanding of our mission, along with a Bachelor's degree in Theology from the National School of Theology, and a genuine passion for helping others.

Contact her at [volunteers@journeyhome.org](mailto:volunteers@journeyhome.org)



# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual HOME *For the* HOLIDAYS GALA

Presented by:  **Texas Capital**

Let the spirit of giving propel you into the holiday season as we come together once again to celebrate the work that Presbyterian Night Shelter is doing in the community.

Join us at the Fort Worth Club for the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Home for the Holidays Gala presented by Texas Capital** on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 for a festive evening of dining, dancing, live and silent auctions, raffles, and other fun games — all to benefit Presbyterian Night Shelter.

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**\$100 each | 3 for \$275**

Only 300 tickets available!

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Raffle winner will be selected at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Home for the Holidays Gala, Friday, December 5, 2025. Winner must pick up the item in person. Need not be present at the event to win. For complete rules, scan the QR code to the left.



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<https://PNSGala2025.givesmart.com>

**Can't attend in person? You can still be part of the action by following our silent auction online. Bid on items in real time!**

**Silent Auction opens Friday, November 28, 2025:**

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