

July 2026 E-Newsletter

Residents Thrive in Journey Home Housing Communities

LAST FALL, WE WERE PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE ADDITION OF **144** BRAND NEW UNITS of permanent supportive housing in the city of Fort Worth with the opening of two Journey Home Housing communities: Journey Home Housing Camp Bowie West and Journey Home Housing Crowley Road.

Now, months later, both housing communities are almost filled, and the residents who have moved in have not only found permanent supportive housing, they are thriving.

"Watching our residents build community and friendships with their neighbors is really beautiful to see," says Krystal Lotspeich, Vice President of Housing Services. "They are creating whole new support systems with their neighbors; being there for one another, helping each other out."



Residents celebrate the 4th of July together.

She explains that those residents who have vehicles are making a point to help those who don't by taking them to the grocery store, doctor appointments, or even running errands with them. Others help each other out with cooking and cleaning. "It's so rewarding to see the community-building," Lotspeich reiterates.

What has become increasingly clear these past nine months is that case management is a critical piece to the success of a permanent supportive housing program. There are a good number of individuals with high-needs who move in requiring

some extra attention, with regards to medical issues and their physical health. Journey Home Guides (case managers) are working hard to ensure the residents' safety and wellbeing as they help the residents navigate through some of their difficult issues.

For many people, moving into housing is just the first step in a sometimes long and difficult journey. Once they are settled, the hard work begins as they look to address underlying causes of their homelessness. Just maintaining this new-found level of independence can be challenging for residents who may have spent years unsheltered.

Volunteers also play a huge role in the success of our communities. Volunteers have stepped up to provide holiday meals, and also to facilitate with the community building with game nights, skills classes, and other activities. Our residents love these opportunities and are showing up each time they are offered.

"They are thriving," Lotspeich says about the residents, "they are grateful to have landed on their feet and to have the support of a community that cares!"

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Would you like to help build community as a volunteer with a game night, art project, or other activity? Send an email to volunteers@journeyhome.org with the subject line "JHH Volunteer Opportunities."

Executive Leadership Changes Drive Growth of UpSpire

PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER'S CEO, TOBY OWEN, ANNOUNCED SEVERAL EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS that position us for the continued growth of UpSpire, our employment social enterprise that creates opportunities for individuals exiting homelessness. The leadership changes also support the launch of the Greater Good Collective, our newest workforce initiative opening later this year.

"These leaders bring the experience, vision, and passion needed for our next chapter," said Owen. "As our employment social enterprises continue to grow, we're creating more opportunities for people to earn a paycheck, build confidence, and permanently move out of homelessness."



Barbara Clark-Galupi
Chief Growth & Strategic Initiatives Officer

Barbara Clark-Galupi, CFRM joins Presbyterian Night Shelter as Chief Growth & Strategic Initiatives Officer. She will lead strategic growth efforts for UpSpire and WOODWORKS by UpSpire by securing new business opportunities while also overseeing the continued development of the Greater Good Collective, an employment social enterprise that will create job opportunities for women and mothers. Clark-Galupi brings more than 20 years of nonprofit executive leadership, consulting, and board service experience. She founded *DFW501c.news* in 2017 to create one place for news, information, and resources on nonprofits in North Texas.

"I've always believed that charity addresses immediate needs, but opportunity changes the trajectory of a

life," Clark-Galupi states. "By expanding our social enterprise, building strategic partnerships, and investing in workforce development, we can help more people move from survival to stability and ultimately to self-sufficiency."

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Daryl R. Davis, II has been closely involved with Presbyterian Night Shelter for over a decade, having served as a Board member, Board Chair, and most recently as Vice President of Workforce & Career Development. In his expanded role as Chief Workforce & Enterprise Officer, Davis will oversee the continued growth of



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UpSpire while strengthening workforce development initiatives that connect individuals experiencing homelessness with meaningful employment and long-term career opportunities.

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Executive Leadership (cont. from p. 2)

Brenda Shuttlesworth has been tapped as Chief Philanthropy Officer for Presbyterian Night Shelter, where she will lead the organization's fundraising strategy and donor engagement efforts to support its expanding mission. She brings decades of nonprofit leadership experience, most recently serving as Executive Director of the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association following her leadership with Waco Habitat for Humanity.

"I'm excited to join an organization that transforms lives every day," Shuttlesworth said. "I'm eager to help expand the resources that make more housing, employment, and hope possible for our neighbors experiencing homelessness."

These leadership appointments come as Presbyterian Night Shelter continues to expand innovative solutions that address homelessness through shelter, housing, and employment. Through UpSpire and the upcoming Greater Good Collective, the organization is creating new pathways to economic independence while meeting the workforce needs of businesses throughout North Texas.



Brenda Shuttlesworth
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Volunteers Bring Their A-Game



Volunteers tackle an array of projects across the agency.



We have had numerous projects to tackle across the agency this summer and our volunteers have really stepped up to help get them accomplished. From serving meals and making sandwiches for our Shelter guests, to taking on big landscaping projects at Journey Home Housing communities, volunteers help make so much of what we do possible.

We are always welcoming new volunteers. This month, we have two **Volunteer Orientations**. **Thursday, July 16 at 1:00pm** will be a virtual training and **Wednesday, July 29 at 3:00pm** will be in person at True Worth Place. To join these orientations and begin your volunteer journey, email volunteers@journeyhome.org with the subject "New Volunteer Orientation."



We're Making Something GREATER!

Work continues apace on the **Greater Good Collective**, scheduled to open next month. The space is coming together in a beautiful way, with so many wooden elements designed and handcrafted by our **WOODWORKS by UpSpire** crew.

Once opened, the Greater Good Collective will house Greater Give (a donation station), Greater Grab (a thrift store), Greater Goods (a curated boutique with local items), and Greater Grounds (a coffeehouse).

The Collective will create more than a dozen jobs specifically for women and single mothers, providing job opportunities for individuals traditionally overlooked.

Be sure to stay tuned for information on our opening so you can come shop, sip, and support a **"Greater"** mission!

