



JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

Proving that Everybody is Somebody

Overcoming the Identification Crisis for People Experiencing Homelessness



Director of the Identification Crisis Collaborative, Eileen Kelly

To get housing, you need ID. To get an ID in Ohio, you need a proof of legal residence in the United States, proof of Ohio residency and proof of a social security number. Those are the minimum requirements. How do you provide any of these documents if you have been experiencing homelessness or living on the streets and in a shelter?

When a new resident arrives at Joseph's Home, staff evaluate which forms of identification (ID, birth certificate, social security card) residents need so they can access opportunities for housing and jobs, and even express their right to vote. In previous years, Eileen Kelly, director of the Identification Crisis Collaborative, helped residents secure these important documents. Eileen recently trained Joseph's Home staff members to complete this process in-house.

Since 1999, Eileen has been helping Cleveland's poorest citizens face the systematic inequities caused by identification requirements. Eileen spent years working at St. Colman's Church on Cleveland's near West Side, providing meal assistance, access to emergency funds, computer labs and much more to anyone who sought help. In 1999, she noticed a growing number of people coming to her for help obtaining IDs and birth certificates that were required to cash checks, open bank accounts, obtain housing and apply for jobs.

Soon, the word got out and she was overwhelmed with requests for help. The Identification Crisis Collaborative was born to help those in need identify the documents they needed, file the paperwork necessary, provide financial support to obtain these documents, and train other organizations and partners to provide these services, including Joseph's Home.

For those experiencing homelessness, the barriers to obtaining identifications can be daunting. Lack of computer access, little money and having no experience with these systems can prevent someone from

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Respite Care Manager Raven and Operations Manager Alphonso participate in an online training with the Identification Crisis Collaborative.

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Can We Create Change for a Better World...For All?

A MESSAGE FROM THE JOSEPH'S HOME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The coronavirus has exposed deep, persistent cracks in our society that were not as evident in the rush of our everyday lives just a few months ago. Or, perhaps, we used our busyness as an excuse to look past them or pretend they were not there.

In “Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. says, “Every society has its protectors of the status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.” When you read these words, it is hard to believe they were penned over 50 years ago.

We must ask ourselves, as individuals and as a community, whether we have been protecting the status quo in many facets of our society. After all, the status quo has allowed homelessness to thrive for nearly 40 years, disproportionately impacting Black people. Indifference has allowed the supply of affordable homes for people with modest incomes to remain woefully inadequate. This same indifference may soon result in a wave of evictions, punishing those who have lost their jobs at a time when being without housing could mean exposure to a serious, contagious virus. Where do we go from here?

At Joseph’s Home, we are asking ourselves these difficult questions so that we can figure out how we can do more to end housing injustice and homelessness, to advocate on behalf of the people we serve, to root out racial bias, and to support our staff. It’s not enough to just do more—we must also be more creative, more efficient, more determined—to create real change. Dr. King said that we must face a challenge such as this with vigilance. In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, we embrace his call, and we recognize it for the incredible privilege it is.

Inspired by the opportunity for true, systemic change, we are honored to announce that Amanda Andere, Chief Executive Officer of Funders Together to End Homelessness, will be our keynote speaker for Perseverance in Hope: The Virtual Annual Benefit Luncheon on October 28, 2020. We are deeply grateful to the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland for making this possible. Ms. Andere is an impressive leader, no doubt, but what makes her special to me is her passion and authenticity. She is unflinchingly committed to de-constructing racist structures while building up the strength of our field to do this work together. Community instead of chaos.

I read recently that processing life through a grateful lens does not mean denying the existence of terrible situations; instead, it means realizing that each of us has the power to transform challenges into opportunities. And, that gratitude can help us move forward rather than remaining paralyzed by fear or uncertainty. Your gifts of support and encouragement during this time have done exactly that. They have allowed us to move forward through the changes brought on by the virus, structural racism and the economic upheaval of the last few months. I am deeply grateful for the chance for change—and for your continued help doing so. As the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine said in their recent Statement Against Racism, “We cannot afford to let this moment pass. We cannot afford to return to the way it has always been. This is our time!”

With sincere gratitude,

BETH GRAHAM, *Executive Director*

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obtaining an ID independently. Eileen sees this work as addressing the first of many challenges people experiencing homelessness face. “My goal is to address that first challenge so they don’t get stuck. Once they have an ID, then they can move onto housing, jobs, health care, voting, whatever they need to do. It arms them with that basic need for the rest of their journey.”

“There are ways to prove people are somebody without IDs. One person at a time—one precious person at a time—we try to straighten up the mess so they can get their identification.”

— Eileen Kelly, Identification Crisis Collaborative



VOTE 2020: Ensuring Everyone’s Voice is Heard

People who are experiencing homelessness have a right to vote and to express their views by voting in all elections. Yet because of barriers to the registration process, and access to voting; coupled with the disproportionate amount of black and brown people who are also homeless, they are often disenfranchised and kept out of the voting process. — National Alliance to End Homelessness

“My family was adamant that voting is important. My mother used to tell me that I was blessed to be able to vote because she experienced a time when many Black people couldn’t.” said Joseph’s Home alumnus James. “Voting makes you an American and is a great privilege.”

The right to vote, however, has not always been fully extended to oppressed groups: Black people and people experiencing homelessness. Although the 15th Amendment gave Black men the right to vote in 1870, states and local municipalities continued to use tactics such as poll taxes, literacy tests and even intimidation to stop people from casting ballots.¹

In March 1965, Black activists and civil rights leaders, including the late Representative John Lewis, led the Selma-to-Montgomery March, which raised awareness of the barriers faced by Black voters and called for national voting equality. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 followed, which guaranteed the right to vote for Black Americans and worked to remove barriers, including requiring literacy tests, mandating federal oversight of voter registration, and giving the U.S. attorney general the duty

of challenging the use of poll taxes for state and local elections.² This year, we also celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment which afforded women the right to vote.

But, barriers still remain. Voting requires a residence or particular forms of identification, which are often unavailable or difficult to access for the homeless population. Cuyahoga County requires being a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days to register to vote, which is verified by an address.

For many Joseph’s Home residents, getting an ID is a turning point. Opportunities for housing become more attainable and some barriers decrease. For James, it is not just about his opportunities, but also future generations. “You are voting for your right! But you are also voting so your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren can come into a better world.” ♦

“Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.”

— Representative John Lewis

The voter registration deadline in Ohio is October 5. To register, visit <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov>

¹ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (2020). Voting Rights Act. ² www.kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/selma-montgomery-march

PERSEVERANCE IN HOPE

THE 2020 VIRTUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON

A New Way to Celebrate and Support Happens October 28



Perseverance in Hope, the Joseph's Home Benefit Luncheon, is an annual event that celebrates the remarkable healing and achievements of the medically fragile men experiencing homelessness who have stabilized their health and transformed their lives at Joseph's Home. Due to concerns related to COVID-19, the event will be virtual this year. It will be broadcast live on October 28, 2020. The goal of the event is to raise awareness of this vital ministry and critical funds needed to support the complex needs of the men Joseph's Home serves.

Last year, with the help of many supporters, the event raised more than \$52,000 to benefit Joseph's Home! Please join us as we aim to raise \$60,000 in 2020. Every dollar raised will help end the cycle of streets, hospitalization and shelter for medically fragile adults without housing. This is done by treating their acute conditions, connecting them to appropriate ongoing health care and working with housing partners to obtain a stable, permanent home with ongoing supports to maintain medical and housing stability.

Joining us again as the emcee will be Dan Moulthrop, CEO of the City Club of Cleveland. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, we are thrilled to present Amanda Misiko Andere, CEO of Funders Together to End Homelessness,

as the keynote speaker. Amanda has been very active in the community for more than 15 years working through multiple nonprofit outlets and the public sector as a leader. She has committed her career to racial and housing justice through advocacy work for systemic change. Funders Together to End Homelessness is the only national network of grantmakers working to end and prevent homelessness, with the belief that they can end homelessness and philanthropy plays a critical role.

In addition, Mary Jo and Jeanne Lackamp, M.D., will be recognized with the David Henderson Memorial Award, and Bill Denihan with the newest award — the Dream Team Partner Award.

David Henderson Memorial Award

David Henderson was a former resident and board member of Joseph's Home. As a board member, David was passionate about support for our mission, shared his story often, and was driven to spread awareness of Joseph's Home any way he could. David had such a passion for the work of Joseph's Home and he wanted



*Event emcee,
Dan Moulthrop*



*Keynote speaker,
Amanda Misiko Andere*

the program to grow and serve many individuals in need because he knew firsthand how Joseph's Home helped him.

David sadly passed away in November 2017. In 2018, the Joseph's Home Board of Directors designated the David Henderson Memorial Award to be awarded to a supporter, advocate or volunteer of Joseph's Home that embodies the spirit of David Henderson and our mission. This year's David Henderson Memorial Award will be presented to Mary Jo and Jeanne Lackamp, M.D. Tune in on October 28 to learn more about this dynamic and supportive mother-daughter duo.

Dream Team Partner Award

Throughout their 165-year history, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) have devoted their lives to meeting community needs and adapting their ministries to remain responsive as needs change. To do this, the sisters collaborate with a host of partners who help make their service possible. Joseph's Home mirrors this tradition, relying on strategic partnerships to provide the best care for men experiencing homelessness. Together with other service providers, government entities, universities, health care systems, housing providers and others, we ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness have the best chance of achieving long-term health and housing stability.

The name of this award is derived from a group of eight talented and determined

Visit www.josephshome.com/events/luncheon to register.



Long-time Joseph's Home friend and 2019 David Henderson Memorial Awardee Burt Saltzman accepts his award during the 2019 Perseverance in Hope Luncheon from former executive director Christine Horne and operations manager Alphonso Gibson.

CSA sisters—the “Dream Team”—who helped develop numerous projects responding to evolving community needs, including Joseph’s Home. Their commitment to researching the most effective models, finding excellent partners and persevering even when the obstacles seemed too steep exemplifies the character of the individual or organization we seek to honor with this award.

The purpose of the Dream Team Partner Award is to recognize valuable partners who have made deep and meaningful contributions to the mission of Joseph’s Home, in the same spirit of service as the partnerships the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine have developed over the years. This year’s Dream Team Partner Award will be presented to former ADAHMS Board Chief Bill Denihan. To hear about Bill’s longstanding partnership with Joseph’s Home, register for the virtual event at www.josephshome.com/events/luncheon. ♦



REFLECTIONS FROM THE DREAM TEAM

“It was a time of wonderment and excitement! It was a time to explore what was in our hearts and where God’s most Holy Spirit was calling us. The sky was the limit. As ideas were being shouted out by our CSA Sisters and written down on a board, I suddenly opened my mouth and discussed the problem I had with the people experiencing homelessness I served when it came time for them to leave the hospital. I believe this was one of the first building blocks to make us realize this was a need that CSA Sisters wished to address.”

— Sr. Ruth Ann Patrick, CSA

“The effect of the news that medically fragile men experiencing homelessness had nowhere to recover on me was almost electrical. A Holy Spirit shock, if you will. To think that in this great country of ours this kind of situation could happen. The conviction that something should be done about this, and that we could help make it happen propelled our group into action.”

— Sr. Evelyn Flowers, CSA

Members of the CSA Dream Team

- Sister Theresa Bontempo, CSA*
- Sister Marian Durkin, CSA
- Sister Evelyn Flowers, CSA
- Sister Joan Gallagher, CSA
- Sister Coletta McNamee, CSA*
- Sister Ruth Ann Patrick, CSA
- Sister Marietta Rohr, CSA*
- Sister Elizabeth Schur, CSA*
- Sister Catherine Walsh, CSA

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Make a Contribution that Honors the Legacy of the CSAs

The Sister Joan Gallagher Endowment Fund was established to ensure that Joseph's Home will remain a sustainable ministry—and will be able to get through hard times like we are seeing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The greatest gift to Sr. Joan and the Dream Team is to provide the support that helps make their hard work to respond to a vital need in our community last for many years to come.

You can ensure their legacy of compassionate, faith-based care at Joseph's Home continues for generations to come by including Joseph's Home in your estate plans, which might also offer a number of tax benefits. By designating Joseph's Home and the Sister Joan Gallagher Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your estate, trust, individual retirement accounts, life insurance or other financial accounts, you will be leaving a legacy of care that will have a profound and meaningful impact for years and will honor the everlasting kindness of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine.

Some charitable giving options might also offer a number of tax benefits, as well. Under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100 percent of their adjusted gross income for cash charitable contributions. If you are 59½ years or older, we encourage you to consult with an estate planning professional or financial advisor to evaluate tax and financial planning strategies.



Welcome: New Board Member Lisa Zimmerman

Lisa Zimmerman recently joined the Joseph's Home Board of Directors. She is the director of global business operations at Quadax, Inc., a health care revenue cycle management company. Previously, Lisa held various positions in operational and program management at Xerox and a local financial consulting company. Lisa has several specialties, including global operational leadership, program/project management, process improvement and team development. We are proud to welcome such a well-rounded and devoted community member to our team, and look forward to seeing what new ideas and initiatives she will bring that will impact the men at Joseph's Home. Welcome to the team! ♦

NEWS BRIEFS & NOTES



Diamond & Sarah, Joseph's Home summer interns

Summer Intern Farewell

Although the summer weather is still very much here, the summer has come to a close for our summer interns, Diamond and Sarah. Throughout the summer, Diamond and Sarah have been instrumental in building capacity for new programming, strengthening existing efforts and providing friendly camaraderie along the way.

Both of them headed back to school. Diamond began working toward her Master of Social Work degree from The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. Sarah returned to John Carroll University for her junior year, where she is a pre-med track student.

We wish them both the very best and would like to express our sincerest gratitude for their hard work and dedication to our mission this summer! We will surely miss them but look forward to welcoming them back to Joseph's Home soon.

Thank you to the Cleveland Foundation and John Carroll University for your extraordinary generosity and for connecting us to such outstanding students.

Donate During We Give Catholic Day of Giving December 1

Save the Date!

#WeGiveCatholic is December 1. Support Joseph's Home during this one-day giving event that provides Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities sites/programs, special ministries and nonprofits affiliated with the Diocese of Cleveland the opportunity to raise awareness and funds. Last year, Joseph's Home raised more than \$30,000 on this day of giving. Visit the



Give where you heart is on December 1 during We Give Catholic.

WeGiveCatholic.org website on December 1, click on Search Organizations and type in Josephs Home, or visit www.wegivecatholic.org/organizations/josephshome.

Interested in making an offline donation or spreading the word? Contact Development Director Madeline Wallace at mwallace@josephshome.com or 216.987.9201 to make an offline donation or to become a peer-to-peer fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information on the Joseph's Home Facebook and Instagram pages and e-newsletter.

Interested in lending a hand? *Contact Development Director Madeline Wallace at 216.987.9201 to become a peer-to-peer fundraiser during We Give Catholic and spread the word about the transformative healing at Joseph's Home. Stay tuned for more information in our e-newsletter and on the Joseph's Home Facebook and Instagram pages – @JosephsHomeOH.*  

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