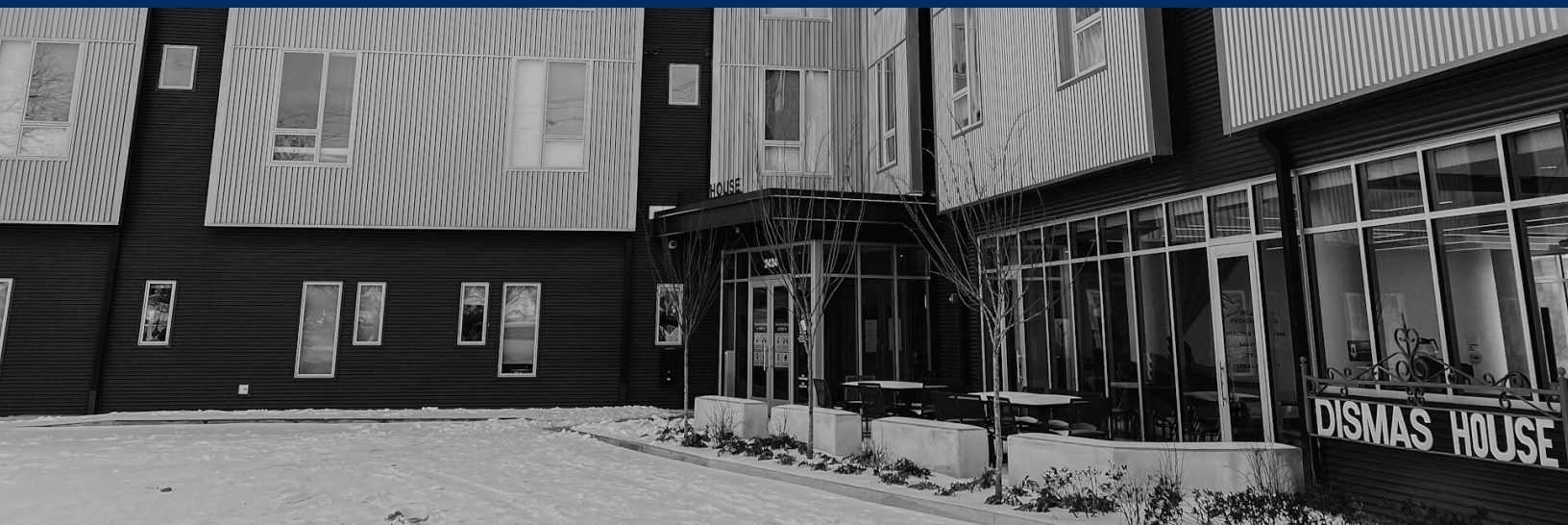


BEHIND THE DOVE



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM DISMAS HOUSE
SUMMER 2021



2021 FORGIVENESS LUNCHEON

Dismas House is pleased to announce the chairs and keynote speaker for this year's Forgiveness Luncheon. Help us welcome Clarke and Kevin Byard as our honorary chairs and serving as co-chairs of the event are Karen & Brian Vingelen and Kelley & Blair Durham!



This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Remington Richardson, co-star of the 2021 Academy Award nominated documentary TIME. He will be sharing his experience as the son of two returning citizens and his family's fight for his father's release after he was sentenced to prison for 60 years.



Tables are going fast for the event on October 5th from 12-1pm at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. To become a sponsor or serve as a table host, please contact Jessica Guzman at jguzman@dismas.org.

HOT AND FRESH OUT THE KITCHEN

One of the highlights of regaining independence as a returning citizen can be indulging in the culinary arts. We are grateful to Abigale Jasinsky, Deputy Director of Policy for Governor Bill Lee, for spending time in the kitchen with our residents.



Abigale met our men where they were - whether they grew up cooking with a parent or grandparent or if this was their first lesson in the kitchen. She walked them through preparing a delicious chicken parmesan lunch and the group had a great and wide ranging conversation during the session. It was an excellent opportunity for new residents to learn new skills.

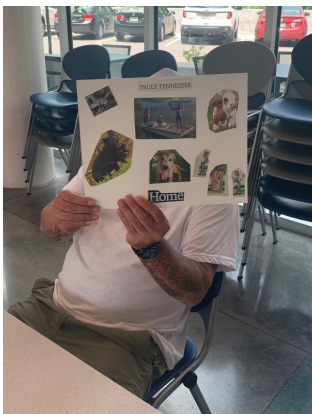
Our residents enjoyed the experience so much, they asked Abigale to return to campus soon to help them prepare more delicious meals. Bon Appetit!



One of the challenges returning citizens may face is envisioning what life can be like once they have been released. We are fortunate to have Dismas program graduates share what they learned with our new residents. They help new residents see a bright future for themselves.

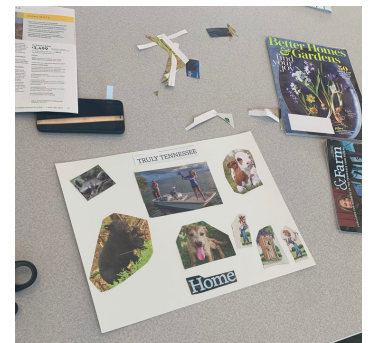
With the help of our programming staff, we have hosted a series of vision board workshops to assist in that process. What's a vision board?

ENVISIONING THE FUTURE



It is simply a visual representation of one's goals. Typically, these poster-sized visuals contain all kinds of images and text that represent something a person is trying to accomplish. Vision boards can help people flex their creative muscles and find a fun way to motivate themselves to achieve goals.

Some vision boards can focus on a singular idea while others can look at the bigger picture of what a person might want their future to look like. The sky is the limit!





WELCOME TO DISMAS

Meet our newest Board of Directors!

Terri Aylward, Retired
 Lori Bell, EOA Architects
 Rep. Vincent Dixie, TN House of Representatives, 54th District
 Taylor Fortune, Ernst & Young LLP
 Elde Guerrier, Guerrier Development
 Rick Heagerty, Exterior Wholesale Supply

Alisha James, James Consulting Group
 Richard McDermott, Strathdon & Farringdon Heights
 Mekesha Montgomery, Frost Brown Todd
 Kent Petty, HCA Healthcare
 DarKenya Waller, Legal Aid Society
 David Young, Retired

And a huge THANK YOU to the great men and women who recently completed their board service as full and advisory board members. They are: Jim Aylward, Lisa Buttons, Jennifer Charles, Lee Cunningham, Alfred Degrafinreid II, Jolene Dressel, Braden Gall, Dylan Hall, Todd Henry, Amanda Jones, Steve Luttrell, April Presley, Vice Mayor Jim Shulman, Marcus Shute, Terry Vo, and Evelyn Yeargin. Bob Adams now serves as board member emeritus and is one of only two individuals to achieve this esteemed status.



HELPING RESIDENTS SUCCEED

Dismas House is pleased to share that we have added four therapists to our mental health programming team for our residents. Thanks to a community mental health grant, we have partnered with another organization that services returning citizens - Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry (TPOM) - to do both in-house individual and family therapy.

Three of the therapists are enrolled in graduate school programs for counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy. Our fourth therapist is pursuing a graduate degree in social work from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

These therapists work in partnership with our care team which consists of our Admissions Manager, Program Coordinator, Case Managers and Vice President of Programs. This group meets weekly to discuss each resident's progress, needs, and more.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN

As Dismas House continues to grow, our staff does as well! Help us welcome:

Jessica Guzman, Development Manager
 Mike Krone, Facilities Coordinator
 Kenisha Rhone, Director of Marketing, Communications & Special Events
 M.C. Sammons, Community Engagement Coordinator
 Laurel Weiss, Resident Support Specialist





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OUR FRESH NEW LOOK

Our bold and vibrant reimagined logo is presented in hues of blue and orange to embody the characteristics of our commitment to reentry excellence, renewed community partnerships and organizational effectiveness. The entire logo is composed of a single line to symbolize the welcoming and interconnected relationship within the Dismas community.

The dove harkens back to the roots of our original logo. It traditionally represents peace and its four wings symbolizes Dismas House's Four Pillars of Programming - basic needs, health & well-being, life skills and legal support - as well as serves as a visual representation of soaring, which we want all Residents to do as they complete our program.

At the start of the new fiscal year, we rolled out our refreshed branding on all of our social media platforms, internal communications, printed materials and website. It all reflects a refreshed envisioning of our familiar dove and house that have been part of our logo since the beginning. Everything about this refreshed look has been intentional!



Refreshed Dove



New Dismas Building

Finally, a sketch of the silhouette of our new 72-bed campus is at the center of the logo with colors highlighting tranquility, encouragement and change that are represented throughout the new building.