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WILLIS DADY HOMELESS SERVICES

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CHANDLER PUMP APARTMENTS

In the past decade, our programs have expanded to meet our community's needs, addressing some root causes of homelessness. In 2018 we started our Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with the opening of a 5-room house for single men. Over the years we have added a 5-room house for women, a 4-room home for Veterans, and 9 apartments to our PSH program. This year Willis Dady opened 13 new units of PSH in the historic Chandler Pump building.



Throughout March 2023, 13 households are signing leases and moving into the Chandler Pump Apartments!

Chandler Pump Housing tenants will be individuals and households with long histories of homelessness including those living outside, in vehicles, or other places not meant for human habitation. In combination with a safe living situation, PSH provides individualized case management to support tenants. Weekly case management empowers tenants to build futures of self-sufficiency, giving them one-on-one support to address the barriers that impact their housing. Check out our Virtual Tour video of the apartments to hear more about this project's journey:



Thank you!

Generous gifts from our donors make it possible for these successes to continue.

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LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Joy Newhouse

Hi! My name is Joy Newhouse and I am the 2024 President of Willis Dady's Board of Directors. I joined the Board of Directors in 2016 because I believe in Willis Dady's mission and that ending homelessness must be a community effort. Throughout the last 8 years I have seen this organization expand their services to serve those in need, specifically through the 2019 Emergency Shelter campaign, and the more recent Willis Dady Works project. A major factor in both these expansions was the addition of Permanent Supportive Housing units at our Emergency Shelter property and the Chandler Pump Apartments, to provide an affordable apartment or room to individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Seeing the expansion of this needed community resource has been a highlight of my time on Willis Dady's Board of Directors.



This year we are celebrating the opening of our Chandler Pump Apartments, the last remaining piece of our Willis Dady Works capital campaign. This campaign has evolved and adapted with the resiliency of our community in light of unforeseen pandemics, derechos, and economic conditions. It is because of you that Willis Dady is entering this new year in celebration and with the preparedness to launch the opening of our affordable housing units. Thank you for giving of your finances, time, and talents to bring forth our vision: to have a community where everyone has housing, stability, and opportunity.

As we look forward to the spring, I want to invite you to dig deeper into Willis Dady's mission. Join us at our 9th Annual Hops for Housing event on April 27th. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, coworkers, or family to spend an afternoon with the Willis Dady team while sampling local brewing talents. I hope to see you there!

OUR MISSION

To empower all experiencing homelessness to build futures of self-sufficiency through advocacy, housing, and employment.

OUR VISION

To have a community where everyone has housing, stability, and opportunity.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: RUTH

One of our long-time volunteers, Ruth Ehrhardt, was recently recognized at KCRG's 9 Who Care event. Ruth was nominated for the incredible work that she does with First Lutheran's Saturday Evening Meal Program (SEMP). She coordinates this weekly meal to ensure food is available to people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity during the weekend. In addition, Ruth spends time volunteering at Willis Dady in Hector's Place Day Center. Pictured with Ruth (left), is Vicki (center) another Willis Dady volunteer, and Sierra (right) our Community Engagement Manager.

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DONATION SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to Iowa Running Company, Goldfinch Cyclery, and SOKO Outfitters for hosting Socktober! These local businesses partnered throughout October to provide socks to individuals experiencing homelessness through a "buy a pair, donate a pair" campaign at their stores. These socks will help our clients keep their feet warm and dry throughout the next year. The effect of such a simple comfort like this can have a huge impact on someone experiencing a crisis. We are so grateful for their support of our community!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer

Volunteers with Willis Dady provide essential duties and much-needed program support every day. Interested in learning more? Go to www.WillisDady.org/volunteer or email our Community Engagement Manager at Sierra@WillisDady.org

Donate Items

We welcome goods donations! Whether they are purchased or gently used, these donations are needed daily. For a complete list of items visit www.WillisDady.org/donate, search our Amazon Wishlist, or follow us on Facebook to learn more.

Leave a Legacy

When you join our Welborn Society, you provide housing stability for years to come. Please contact Aaron at AaronA@WillisDady.org or by calling 319-362-7555 to learn more about how you can leave a lasting legacy.

Financial Gifts

We couldn't keep our doors open without your support. Thank you! More than a quarter of our annual operating budget is funded by YOU, our incredible Willis Dady family. Give Securely at www.WillisDady.org/Donate or mail a check to Willis Dady at 1247 4th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

We are proud to display the names of those memorialized and honored by our donors from December 13th, 2023 - March 13th, 2024

IN HONOR:

August Stolba	Jason Everett
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COMPASSION IN HOMELESS SERVICES: THE POWER OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

by: Tendall Weigand

Trauma is universal and invisible; it affects people differently and seldom in the same way for two people. A significant portion of those who are homeless have experienced various types of traumatic stress prior to their experiencing homelessness, such as mental illness, family members who are incarcerated, marital violence, abuse or neglect suffered as a children, and/or family and community violence. Numerous individuals have encountered the distressing consequences of homelessness itself, such as aggression, revictimization, stigma, malnourishment, and more adverse consequences...



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