TWENTY-FIVE YEARS DIGNITY-COMMUNITY-TRANSFORMATION PROJECT HOME

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FROM PROJECT HOME'S CO-FOUNDERS

Dear Friends,

This year marks an amazing milestone: The 25th Anniversary of Project HOME. When we think back to our early days of building relationships with the men and women on the streets and opening those first emergency shelters, we are truly in awe at all that has been accomplished. Your support, participation, and leadership played a critical role in creating a brighter future filled with hope and opportunity.

Back then, it seemed that homelessness was an utterly intractable problem, a permanent feature of the urban landscape, one which we could at best manage or even police. Today, we dare to speak boldly of ending street homelessness. And we have good reason to do so: Over the years, we have developed proven, cost-effective solutions. We have witnessed thousands of persons break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. We have experienced the power of love and recovery. We have been blessed by an ever-expanding community of hope, of persons from all walks of life who share a vision of a just and compassionate society and who share their gifts and resources to make that vision a reality. We have learned how each person is part of the solution and has a gift to share. As our friend and supporter Jon Bon Jovi says, "Because We Can."

So we have much to be grateful for. In a culture that often bases people's value on materialism and false externals, we strive to stay grounded in a commitment to the immutable dignity of each person. In a society where human bonds are often frayed by hyper-individualism, we have experienced the gift of community. And in an age marked by cynicism, we have been inspired by the countless stories of transformation.

We know this work is far from finished. As we celebrate the amazing accomplishments of these twenty five years, men, women, and even youth still live out on the streets. Many communities are still ravaged by poverty. Many of our children still face bleak futures. And yet we cannot help but have hope. The story of the past quarter century is one of odds overcome, challenges met, the impossible accomplished.

We are still on the journey home. And while the going may at times be difficult, we continue on, compelled by this urgent mission, inspired by the many stories of lives transformed, and empowered by a community of friends old and new. It is a joyful journey, and we are grateful for your companionship.

incerely,

Joan Dawson McConnon

Sister Mary Scullion

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LEIGH AND JOHN MIDDLETON

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eigh and John Middleton are proud Philadelphians who care deeply about their city – with a special concern for addressing the tough issues that plague our city, including hunger, education, health care, and homelessness. They have demonstrated this concern with an impressive track record of philanthropy and commitment to the whole community.

But most significant has been their work with Project HOME. Leigh and John have been invaluable members of the Project HOME family for eight years. They share Project HOME's passion and vision for ending homelessness in Philadelphia.

The Middletons have blended that vision with transformative leadership through the creation of the Middleton Partnership: an unprecedented collaboration of both public and private leaders leveraging their support to end chronic street homelessness in Philadelphia. In fact, this bold goal was dreamed by John Middleton, and a strategic plan to make it possible has been developed under Leigh's guidance as a trustee of Project HOME.

The Middleton Partnership, in its third year, has already created permanent, supportive housing at James Widener Ray Homes and the newly completed JBJ Soul Homes – 108 units in total. The third project of the Partnership is the Steven Klein Wellness Center, an integrated wellness center that will provide health services to formerly homeless and low-income people in North Philadelphia, including primary care, behavioral health, dental care, a pharmacy, and a YMCA fitness center. And almost 400 additional units of housing are in predevelopment.

In this, our 25th anniversary year, Project HOME is highlighting the themes of Dignity, Community, and Transformation. Leigh and John have manifested these themes through their remarkable leadership and vision. Their generosity, compassion, and commitment are empowering thousands of our sisters and brothers on the journey home. We celebrate Leigh and John with the 2014 Golden Heart Award.



MIDDLETON PARTNERSHIP

in Philadelphia. The Middleton Partnership comprises visionary leaders who have joined with Leigh and John Middleton to ensure that together we realize this bold goal.

Middleton

Since 2011, Project HOME and its community partners have created a new strategic and collaborative approach to provide housing, healthcare, education, and employment.

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Since 2011, Project HOME and its community partners have created a new strategic and collaborative approach to provide housing, healthcare, education, and employment. Under Project HOME's lead, the Partnership has identified the longest-term and most vulnerable people living on the streets and developed a comprehensive program of permanent housing (with services designed to break the cycle of homelessness) and also the necessary capacity to prevent chronic street homelessness in the future.

with a transformational leadership gift from Leigh and John Middleton, Project HOME created a public/private initiative to end and prevent chronic street homelessness

In addition, the Partnership will pilot evidence-based practices in drug- and alcohol-free housing coupled with employment, leading to greater economic independence for people struggling with addiction and chronic street homelessness. To prevent future homelessness, the Partnership will create new permanent, supportive housing with strong education and employment opportunities targeted to youth aging out of foster care or who are experiencing homelessness.

The financial leverage and collaborative impact of the Middleton Partnership allow Project HOME to greatly expand its housing and services, including building six new residential programs with a total of 500 additional housing units – doubling overall housing capacity – and a new wellness center offering integrated health care services, including primary, behavioral health, and dental care, together with wellness programs. Not only does the Middleton Partnership help Project HOME carry out its mission of ending homelessness, it generates economic and fiscal impacts throughout the City of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On a daily basis, we witness the tremendous strength and courage of men and women who have overcome homelessness. And daily, we experience what happens when a community with a shared vision comes together – what Jon Bon Jovi calls "The Power of We." Together, we can seize this opportunity and make the ambitious hope of ending chronic street homelessness in Philadelphia a reality. We invite every sector of society to join us in this hope – and help make Philadelphia the first major city in our nation to end and prevent chronic street homelessness.



Dignity

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JULIA GALETTI

Julia Galetti is very clear when she describes her life these days: "I am an empowered

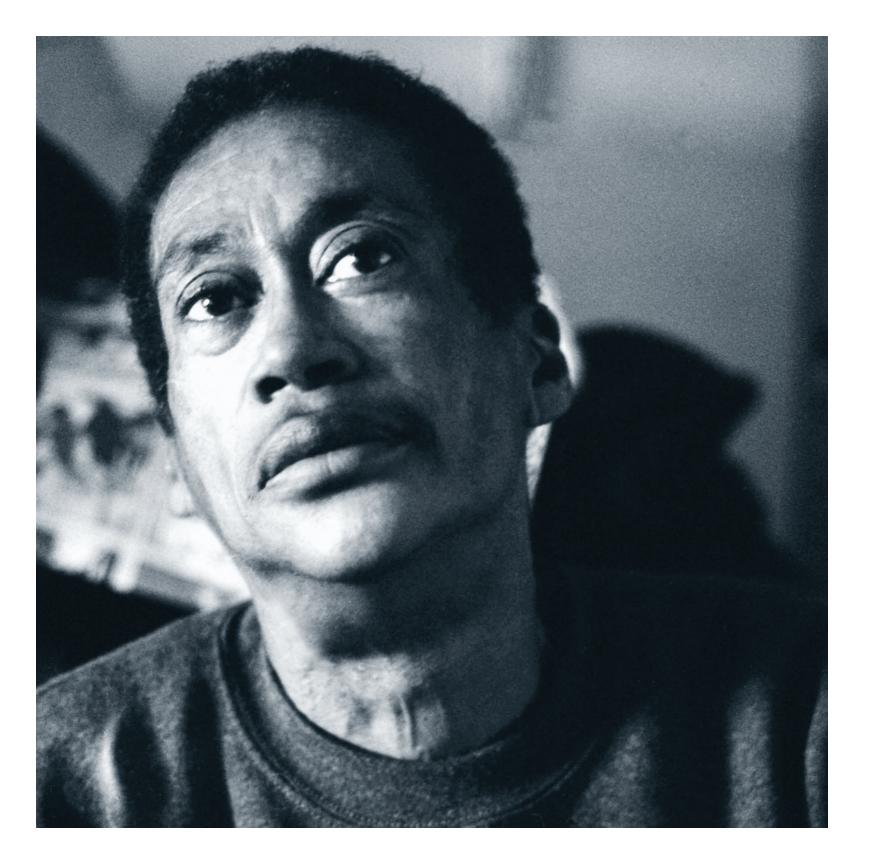
An That spirit of empowerment is hard won. She has overcome addiction, family trauma, and **Empowered** homelessness, and now resides at 1515 Fairmount Avenue, which has been her home for the past decade. After twenty-three years clean, she still is diligent in maintaining her recovery - "I never want to go back to being homeless again."

> A great deal of her power shines through her art work. Julia is a leading figure in Project HOME's art program. Her dazzling and colorful paintings and her intricate quilts have been displayed numerous times, including in various city art galleries. But for her, art is more than just aesthetic beauty: Three times she has been awarded an Art and Change Grant from the Leeway Foundation, given to selected women who engage in individual or community change through their art. Julia has used the grant to empower fellow Project HOME residents and children to understand the power of art and its potential in their lives, just as it has impacted hers, providing inspiration to continue on her path to be independent again. She also expresses her power through poetry and through participation in Project HOME's advocacy efforts.

> Her art and her community at Project HOME are part of what sustains her. "I want my art to make an impact for people's future." She wants to use the blessings in her life to create a more hopeful and positive environment for fellow residents and for others in Philadelphia. Her own empowerment is a source of power for many of us at Project HOME.

> "Dignity is as essential to human life as water, food, and oxygen."

> > LAURA HILLENBRAND



HYACINTH KING

We Are Human Beings t wasn't supposed to be this way for Hyacinth King. As a young person, she had a solid path ahead of her: She went from a private elite high school to Temple University, where she studied business, with the probability of someday taking over her parents' independent grocery store. She hadn't planned on the severe mental illness that would disrupt that path, causing her to live first in her car, then later in cardboard boxes on the streets of Center City.

But Hyacinth gradually pulled herself up, with lots of help, and ended up in permanent supportive housing at Project HOME. Not only did she find a stable situation where she could take care of herself, she began pouring herself out to support the mission of Project HOME in countless ways. She learned computer skills and built computers for fellow residents. She works with our outreach teams, encouraging those still on the streets to come in. She served for nine years on our Board of Trustees. She puts in hours as support staff at several of our residences. She is a tireless advocate and frequent public speaker, communicating a message of dignity and hope to many groups. You might find her speaking to college students or to elected officials at a congressional hearing, or working on a voter registration campaign for persons living on the streets and in shelters.

"We are human beings," she asserts. "We are not invisible when we're on the streets." And Hyacinth herself is far from invisible – she is constantly active, involved, on the go. And she won't rest until our society truly sees that all persons are human beings, full of dignity and deserving of the chance to flourish despite their struggles.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

NELSON MANDELA

Shining Forth

"At Project HOME we are constantly learning how truly miraculous the human spirit is. Each person has a remarkable story that is uniquely his or her own. Each person has his or her measure of struggle, frailty, pain, and brokenness. But each person also has gifts, dreams, possibilities, beauty. Sometimes, amazingly, the gifts come out of that frailty and pain. The beauty shines forth through the rough spots and broken places."

WILL O'BRIEN, PROJECT HOME NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 1994





Community

"In a society where human bonds are often frayed by hyper-individualism, we have experienced the gift of community..."



ZARAH TEACHY

n the door to her West Philadelphia apartment, Zarah Teachy has a sign that reads "I'm a Miracle."

Living Miracle Her story would bear that out. Zarah first met Sister Mary Scullion in 1983 while incarcerated, but it would be years before she came to Project HOME to commence her long journey out of homelessness and addiction. During her time as a Project HOME resident, Zarah received her high school diploma. At that time, she decided she could use her experience to help others. She began training as a Certified Peer Specialist, a program where mental health consumers learn skills to support other consumers in their recovery and wellness.

> Upon completing the program, Zarah returned to Project HOME to share her talents and experience with residents at several of our sites. She is part of our staff now, as a Peer Case Aide, which allows her to use her years of hands-on experience in order to enhance the recovery process for Project HOME's residents. Using both practical skills and profound empathy, Zarah plays a critical role in the empowerment of many of our residents, promoting recovery and community. Her work also encourages her along her own journey of recovery, and reinforces the success she has already experienced.

> Yes, Zarah is a living miracle. And she is also helping to make miracles happen in the lives of many other people.

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live."

IRISH PROVERB



DIONNE STALLWORTH

Bringing
About Change

Dionne Stallworth insists that you can't fully understand her if you don't understand her attraction to superheroes. Her posters of Batman, Wonder Woman, et al, testify to her belief that "one person has the power to bring about change."

Dionne has been bringing about change for many years – starting with herself. From her battles with mental illness and homelessness, she has found a home at Project HOME's Connelly House. And she has found a sense of home in her identify as a transgendered woman.

A veteran of military service, Dionne has been a hero in the broader society, too, winning awards for her pioneering work in the LGBT movement, advocating for political empowerment and health issues for transgendered persons.

Within the Project HOME community, Dionne has been a culture maven, sharing her encyclopedic knowledge of television and movies, even putting on periodic movie nights and other educational and entertainment events for residents.

Dionne's wry humor blends with deep social analysis, all wrapped in a fierce commitment to human dignity and inclusivity. You might even think she has super powers.

"We are each of us angels with only one wing; and we can only fly by embracing one another."

LUCIANO DE CRESCENZO

Woundings and Blessings

"Daily, it seems, we learn lessons of grace, of struggle, of woundings and blessings. More importantly, we learn that in any community, the woundings and blessings come together. Strangely, we need them both. The richness of our life and our common humanity is discovered as we live through the tapestry of joy and anguish."

WILL O'BRIEN. PROJECT HOME NEWSLETTER. OCTOBER 1996





Transformation

"In an age marked by cynicism,
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stories of transformation..."



TANISHA CLANTON

A Positive Future any years ago, Tanisha Clanton might have seemed like one of the countless children in Philadelphia facing a bleak future. Her family life was marked by homelessness, addiction, and instability. But in 2000, they moved into Project HOME's newly developed Rowan Homes, which opened up tremendous new possibilities for Tanisha.

Many of those possibilities were found right across the street, at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs (HLC-CTL). For several years, Tanisha was a regular participant in the Center's education programs, even working as a teacher's assistant in the Teen Program and starting her own water ice business through the Harold A. Honickman Entrepreneurial Program. In 2012, she became a trailblazer for Project HOME, graduating from Albright College with a degree in art – the first graduate from our College Access Program. The trail she blazed has since been well trodden: Over 50 youth from the HLC-CTL have been to college, with 8 graduated and one in graduate school.

After working for several years as an art instructor for children in struggling communities, Tanisha has come on staff, working as a job coach in Project HOME's Employment Services department. She knows the importance of seizing opportunities that are offered, and is now using her skills to empower others to seize opportunities and open up positive futures. "My time at Project HOME, with my mother," she says with a gleam, "has shaped what was once an unhappy, shattered girl into a more confident, beautiful, happier young woman."

"Miracles happen every day. Change your perception of what a miracle is, and you'll see them all around you."

JON BON JOVI



DAVID BROWN

Tall, dignified, and sharply dressed, David Brown cuts an impressive figure. It's a far cry from what he looked like just a few years ago.

A Sense of When Project HOME was just starting out in 1989, David Brown had already logged Accomplishment several years on the streets. In fact, he spent 25 years on the streets – most of them under the awning of the old Youth Study Center, now the site of the Barnes Foundation. A troubled youth with little education or work experience gave him few options, so he toughed it out, along with many others experiencing chronic homelessness. Almost all of his street companions from those days are dead.

> His years of resistance ended in 2011 when, seeking care for urgent medical issues, he came in and began dramatically changing his life. David now lives in an immaculately clean studio apartment at James Widener Ray Homes. He is making up for his early years of education deficits by taking classes at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs.

> And several days a week David can found at the HOME Spun Resale Boutique, where he is employed plying his people skills as an avid salesman. "Employment and being in a working atmosphere are a very important part of getting back into society," David says. "I'm happy to be part of Project HOME's employment program – it gives me stability, a sense of accomplishment, and a goal of getting up every day and going to work."

"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits."

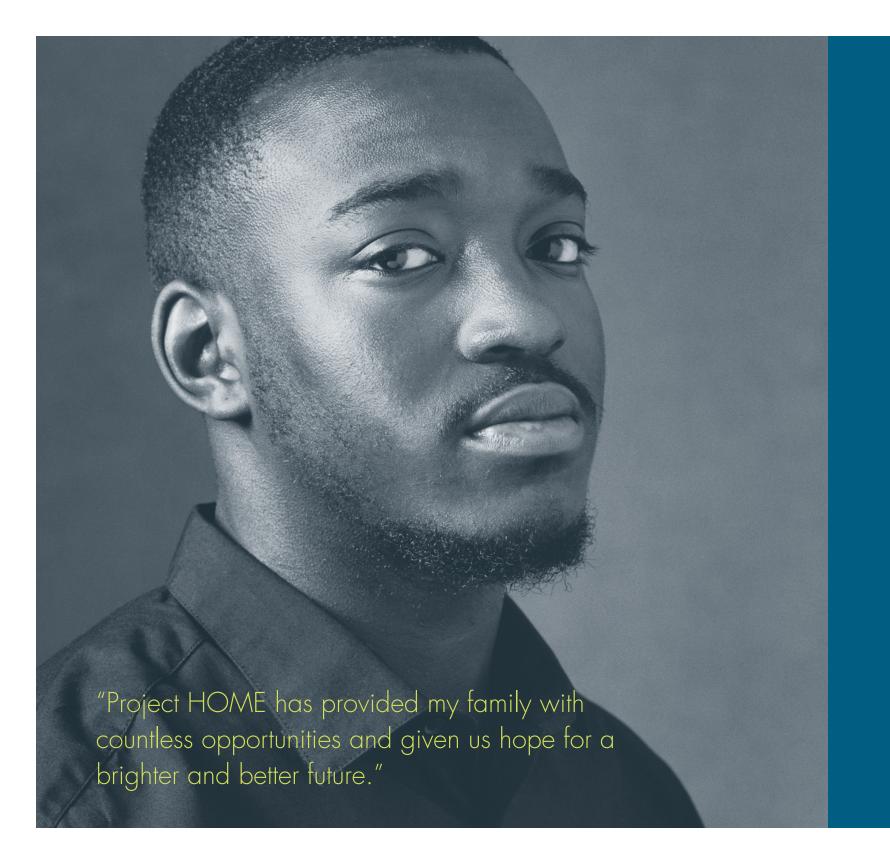
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

What Is Possible

"We need to learn from those persons who have experienced such remarkable transformation in their lives. They are living testimonies to the resilience and power of the human spirit. They also bear witness to what is possible when persons make choices to change their lives, and when we bring together vision, know-how, and resources to solve daunting problems."

WILL O'BRIEN, PROJECT HOME NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2008





TYPETY-FIVE YEARS DIGNITY-COMMUNITY-TRANSFORMATION PROJECT HOME



Our Vision NONE OF US ARE HOME UNTIL ALL OF US ARE HOME.

Our Mission The mission of the Project HOME community is to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. We strive to create a safe and respectful environment where we support each other in our struggles for self-esteem, recovery, and the confidence to move toward self-actualization.

> Project HOME achieves its mission through a continuum of care comprised of street outreach, a range of supportive housing, and comprehensive services. We address the root causes of homelessness through neighborhood-based affordable housing, economic development, and environmental enhancement programs, as well as through providing access to employment opportunities; adult and youth education; and health care.

> Project HOME is committed to social and political advocacy. An integral part of our work is education about the realities of homelessness and poverty and vigorous advocacy on behalf of and with homeless and low-income persons for more just and humane public policies.

> Project HOME is committed to nurturing a spirit of community among persons from all walks of life, all of whom have a role to play in making this a more just and compassionate society.

Our Values The work of Project HOME is rooted in our strong spiritual conviction of the dignity of

We believe that all persons are entitled to decent, affordable housing and access to quality education, employment, and health care.

We believe in the transformational power of building relationships and community as the ultimate answer to the degradation of homelessness and poverty.

We believe that working to end homelessness and poverty enhances the quality of life for everyone in our community.

We believe that the critical resources entrusted to us to achieve our mission must be managed honorably and professionally.

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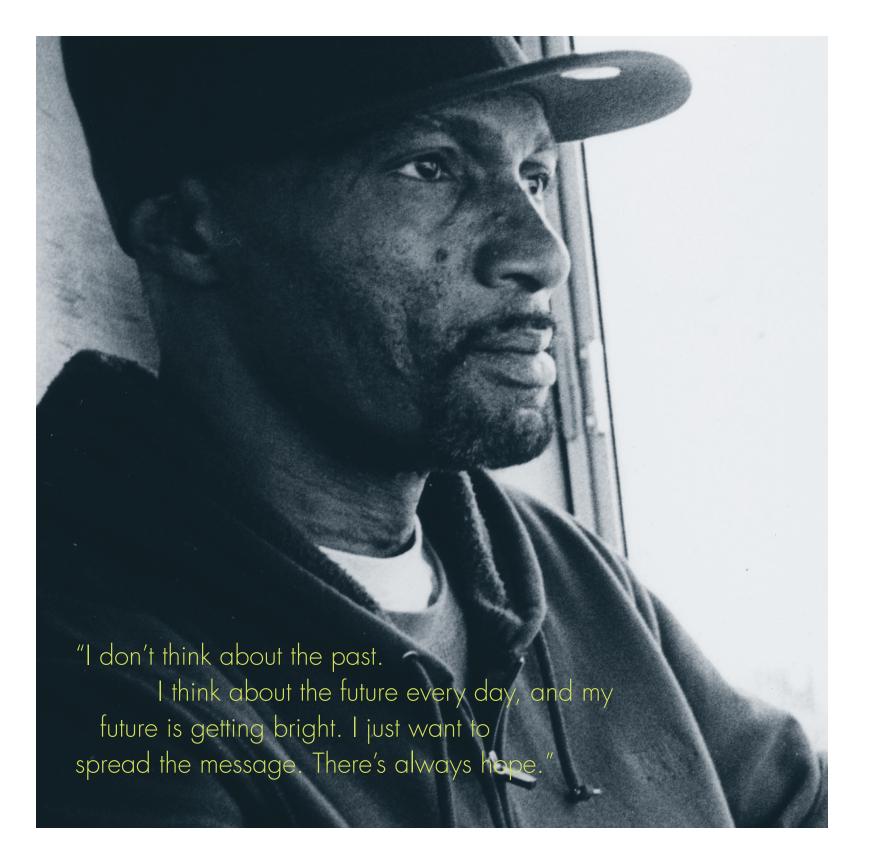
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JANET HAAS

any staff and volunteers put special effort into this 25th Anniversary Gala, to highlight this important milestone in our history.

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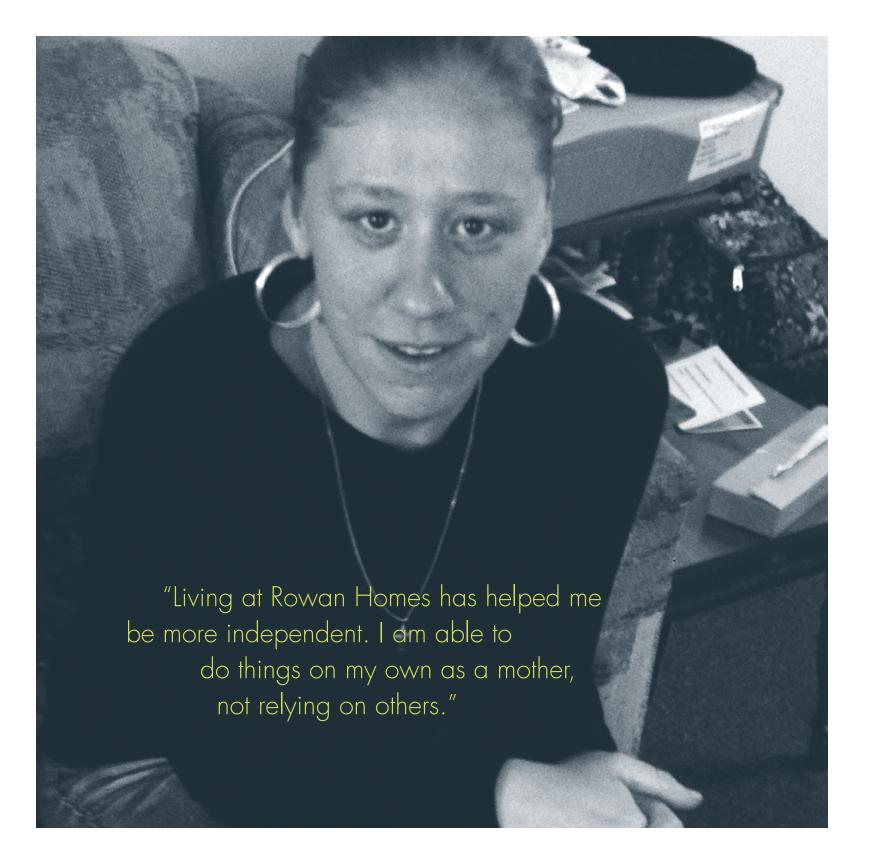
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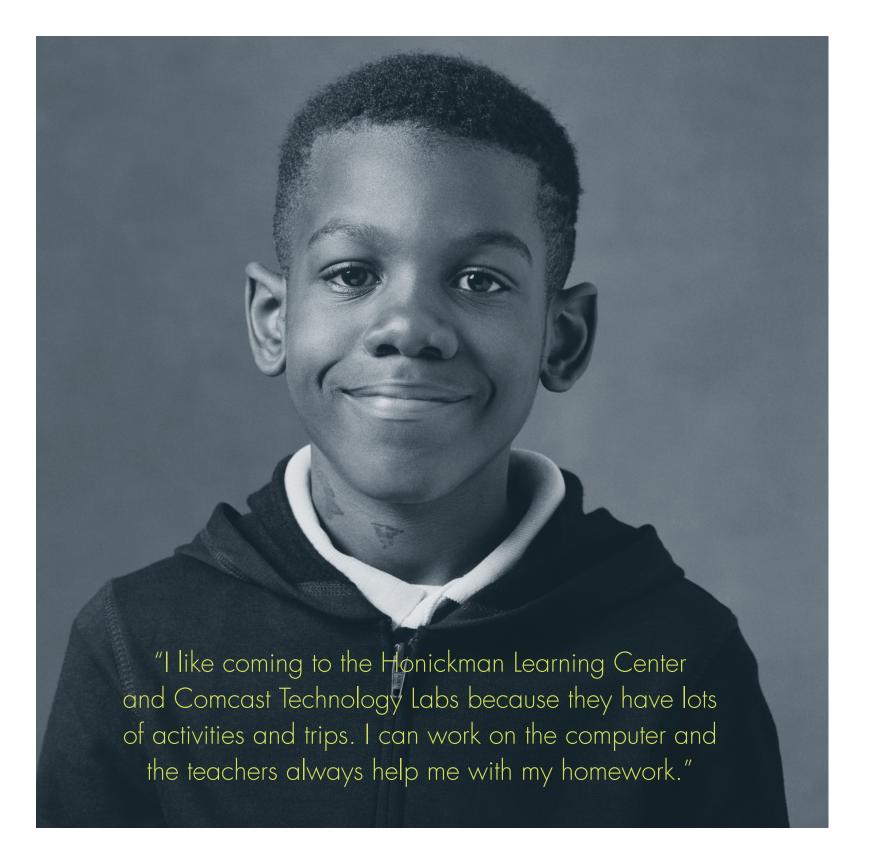
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We all have a role we can play to help end homelessness in our society. From simply treating persons on the streets with respect and dignity, to partnering with a organization that is developing solutions, to joining an advocacy campaign that is working to bring about social change – each of us can make a difference. We have the power to use our gifts, our experience, our time, and our energy to make this a more just and compassionate society.

Get personally involved

If you are concerned about a person on the street who needs help, call the Outreach Hotline at our Outreach Coordination Center, 215-232-1984. The OCC will send a team to try to provide assistance to that person.

Put your resources to work to help end homelessness. Every dollar that you give can make a difference. To find out the different ways you can financially support Project

HOME, see www.projecthome.org/donate or call 215-232-7272 ext. 3057

Volunteer There are many ways you can contribute your time and talent to make a difference. Visit www.projecthome.org/volunteer to get involved.

Advocate Effective public policies and resources are a critical part of our efforts to end homelessness and poverty. You can join Project HOME's advocacy efforts to work with federal, state, and local elected official to develop effective solutions. Check our website, www.projecthome.org/advocacy, or call 215-232-7272 ext. 3042 to get involved.

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it."

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON

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Sister Mary Scullion doing street outreach in the mid-1980s. Page 1

Ron Ferguson, a former resident, moves into a homeownership unit developed by Project HOME. With him is his fiancé Felita Fulton, who died tragically in a car accident.

Page 12 Former Project HOME resident Emmanuel Havens, a musician and artist.

Page 20 Members of the Project HOME community: Julia Galetti, Dennis Griffin, Raymond Wilkinson, Tom Marston, Richard Bogue, Helen Brown, Lashield Myers, Jeannine Litiski, John McFalrland

Page 28 (left to right) Dajisha Smith, Jayonna Gasby-Jackson, and Dana Reed are all participants in the Afterschool Program at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs.

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