



NEWSLETTER 2018-2019

We are so happy and excited to share our second newsletter with you!

Little Fannie's Heavenly Housing is a nonprofit 501c3 organization established in 2016 with a mission to serve the less fortunate and the homeless populations. The executive director/founder, Jolynn Payton was inspired at a young age by her grandmother, Fannie Dunigan to carry on her legacy. Fannie Dunigan was a wonderful, loving person whose life's mission was to serve and help others.

Our yearly goals are to do several community outreach events, fundraisers and form partnerships with other organizations and we have done that. We are still working on our goal of obtaining a building to provide transitional & permanent housing to provide programs and services that will give opportunities to individuals who just need a chance to start over. We want to provide resources and allow participants in our program to learn life skills, gain self-esteem and be able to live in this world with dignity. We want to help with their journey by turning a setback into a comeback.

2018-2019 Events -With an outpouring of love and support from others, we were able to do several major Outreach Event and One Fundraiser

Feb 2018 – Love Month, PADS Homeless Shelter, Chicago Heights, IL, Delivered Stuffed Animals and Heart Box Chocolates

Nov 2018 – Bridge of Hope Transitional Housing, Chicago, IL, and Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents

Dec 2018 – Bethlehem Village Apt, Harvey, IL, Christmas Dinner for the residents, Gifts for the Children

Dec 2018 – Bridge of Hope, Chicago, IL, Wish list gifts for all the residents

May 2019—FEFE Designs, We were blessed to be one of the recipients of a portion of funds received from FEFE Designs Relaunch

June 2019 – Taste for the Homeless Event, Dolton Park, IL, Donated a combination of 400 Snack and toiletry bag

July 2019 – Bowling for the Homeless, Oak Forest, IL, Fundraiser

Aug 2019– Bethlehem Village Apt, 3rd Annual Free Clothing Giveaway-Harvey IL
Aug 2019– South Suburban PADS-Overnight Homeless Shelter –Food Team-Matteson
Nov 2019- Partnered with Better Days Community Outreach and helped prepare and serve Thanksgiving Dinner, provide clothing and toiletry bags for the Sheltered Veterans and Seniors
Dec 2019 – Bethlehem Village Apt, Harvey, IL, Christmas Dinner for the residents, Gifts for the Children
Dec. 2019 – Family Adopted, Single Mother with 6 Children, Chicago, IL, and Donated Christmas tree and Gifts

Donors Highlights

We are 100% volunteer run, we do not have any grants or any outside funding resources. We strictly operated with the donations from individuals with caring and giving hearts. We could not do what we do without the help and support of others. We want to recognize and personally thank all our donors: LFHH Dedicated Board Members; Archana Liggins/Bag Lady Outreach; Diane Lee/ New Friendship Missionary Church Mission Department; University of Chicago- James Eason, Michael Grosse, Shirley Proby, Jessica Greenfield, Caroline Santana, Laura Rigazzi, Mary Heintz, Shadla Grooms, Dorothy Cook, Stuart Gazes; Faith Movers Church- Benjamin Chambers, Leah Smith, Thelma McGriggs, Roy & Dorothy Rogers, Chris & Pat Parkman, David & Lattreal Robinson, Rhonda Simmons, Laverne Manuel, Robert & Lovey Maddox, Mark & Kimberly Creasy, Stephanie Roberts; Laverne Haskin-Scarborough, David & Tiffany Gethers, Corey & Rayna Walker, Rachelle, Wanda Harris, Rev, Anthony & Juanita Lowe, Brenda Gossitt, Rev..Felix & Kathy Simpkins, Bruce & Marnita Loggins, Levar & Sandra Barren, Bradford, Monica and Jessica Robinson, Tucson Arizona; Sherryann Nickerson, Dorothy Parrott, Amanda, Skokie IL; Robin Young , Brandi Nicole, Katie Jones, Sherri & Faye Russell, Vickie Marsh, Irish Smith, Benita Jackson, Dorothy Parrott, Food4Less, Sam's Club; Bombas Socks

Special Recognition in Remembrance to Bev. Bjornson aka Mary Bjornson, who passed in the early part of this year 2020. Bev was a coworker of the executive director's mother Diane Lee at Northern Trust Company many years ago. She acknowledged all the things we were doing in helping to provide services to the less fortunate and homeless. Bev started sending us annual donations to support our cause. When I spoke with her to thank her for her generous donations she said she never had to face adversity or ever was faced with being homeless, but she appreciated us for helping others and trying to make a difference. Continue To Rest Well My Friend!

New Connections

Little Fannie's Heavenly Housing is pleased to have been able to connect with the following nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in the community.

Archana Liggins/Founder Bag Lady Outreach who collects gently used purses and bags and fills

them with toiletry items, goodies and essentials and distributes to women and men in need at shelters, food pantries and group homes.

David & Tiffany Gethers/Founder The 2Gethers Foundation, An Illinois non-profit organization dedicated to empowering first-generation students and preparing them for academic and life excellence.

Janelle Towne/Founder Home 2 Home Project, is committed to collecting gently used furniture and household items to be placed in formerly homeless clients empty apartment, thus creating a “home”

Latasha Barnes/Founder Patricia’s Place DV Shelter, an organization dedicated to help women, children and small pets who have been victimized by Domestic Violence.

Pastor Joyce Smith/Founder Better Days Community Outreach meets the needs of the less fortunate by providing clothing, food, school supplies, etc.

Lisa-Stewart Baugh/ Executive Director of Sister House this is a faith Based recovery Home for women seeking to restore their lives from the perils of substance abuse

Michael & Pamela Airhart/Founders Taste for the Homeless, they feed the homeless and less fortunate EVERY Day! They have a Giant Summer and Winter Festival Every year for the Homeless making it their day by providing everything you can imagine. Homeless Lives Matter!

Kimberly Creasy/ Founder of RestoreHer Housing, to provide temporary housing for single mothers currently living in shelters and offer social work, financial & life skills services.

Erikka English/ Founder and Life Coach of Coffee & Conversation w/Erikka, created a platform whereas, we meet, we talk, we plan, we execute and we seek to bring forth the best part of one’s self through a variety of activities and conversations.

Linda Harrison/ Founder of LELE Foundation, provide social emotional opportunities for special needs children and young adults.

Volunteer Recognition

Thanks to all of the volunteers that supported us and gave up your precious time and donations to help us to fulfill our vision to the less fortunate and homeless.

Diane Lee, Jessica Howard, Deshaun Stewart, TaSeana Howard, Latoya Dunigan, Nicole, Ellis, Rebecca & Charles Kurns, Anthony & May Hickey, Lovey & Robert Maddox, Gloria & Herbert Tillman, Renee & Ron Gustien, Angela Thomas, Isaiah Ross, Anita Hughes, Rev. Felix & Kathy Simpkins, Dorothy Rogers, Keith & Karen Harris, Thelma McGriggs, Robin Young, Robin Saka, Amari & Lawrence Veal, Joyce Franklin,

Impact

Our goal is to impact the lives for the betterment through Little Fannie’s Heavenly Housing. We

were able to provide hundreds of families with food, clothing, household items and moral support in 2018-2019. We are believing that in 2020 we will secure a building that we can use to help individuals move from homelessness to permanent housing. We intend to develop a full service of resources to be able to tool us with the necessary leadership to help restore independence and stability in individual lives.

Community Events

Due to the Pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus it has caused a delay in our Outreach Events but we are still planning several Big Community Outreach Events in 2020! Please check our website for information regarding upcoming events.

Make a Difference

Give some of your time and support to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are less fortunate. Donate financially to our organization or an organization of your choice that is making a difference in someone's life. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, donate clothes to a shelter that you were going to throw out. Your trash will be is someone's treasure.

Advocate for the homeless population by writing letters to the Mayor and your Alderman regarding all the abandoned buildings and houses that could be renovated and used to help families come out of shelters and live in a community with pride and dignity. Whatever you do will impact someone's life. Together we can make a difference!

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Readers,

First, I would like to say thank you for taking the time to read our second newsletter! The Lord has been connecting us and opening doors that we never would have imagined. We are making bigger impacts in the communities. We know we are only successful by the amount of lives that we service. We have a long road ahead of us and since the Coronavirus Pandemic has affected our nation we know that the impact it has on our underserved population is going to be greater. We know with Prayer, Faith and Guidance from God we can accomplish anything. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our mission in helping others.

Sincerely,

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