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CONTINUUM OF CARE WORKS TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS

The Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness takes a person centered approach when it comes to providing services for the homeless, according to Amanda Stadler from Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Continuum of Care. The benchmarks for how they meet the needs of their target population is measured by:

- Length of time Homeless
- Returns to Homeless
- Number of Homeless Persons
- First Time Homeless
- Successful Housing Placements

the overall number of homeless, the number of families, children, youth and those who are veterans. The number of homeless in Springfield is nearly 500 individuals and 10% of those are youth.

Some of the initiatives that Stadler shared are the Homeless Veterans Taskforce; which is designed to provide safe, decent bridge housing for a limited time to eligible Veterans. Since February the Bridge Housing Fund has served 5 veterans.

The annual Hope Connection was held on November 20th, which is a one day, one-stop service site for the Ozarks homeless population to gain access to vital services. Their goal this year is to serve more than 650 homeless and poverty stricken



Amanda Stadler, Continuum of Care Coordinator spoke to our lunch audience about the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness in Greene, Christian and Webster Counties.

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On The Agenda

DECEMBER 12TH LUNCHEON

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

FOOD, MUSIC, PRIZES & SANTA'S SWEET SHOPPE

11:30 - 1:00 PM

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

LUNCH \$12

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In The Future

JANUARY 12TH LUNCHEON

IT'S ALL ABOUT NSBA
BRING A GUEST
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

11:30 - 1:00PM

DOUBLE TREE HOTEL

LUNCH \$12

The year-long culmination of their efforts are being touted as part of November's Homeless Awareness Month; which includes the release of the Annual Unsheltered Report, a community conversation on Myths About Homelessness and an Awards for Homeless Advocacy ceremony.

Stadler shared the Alliance breaks down the issue into five categories,

HIGH RISK & HOMELESS YOUTH REPORT
42% OF YOUTH HAVE BEEN IN STATE CARE
56% OF YOUTH WERE ABUSED BY A RELATIVE OR SOMEONE ELSE
42% OF YOUTH HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS ON THEIR OWN (WITHOUT A PARENT OR CAREGIVER)

It's time to get your sweet on! We'll be celebrating the holidays, complete with Santa's Sweet Shoppe, at our December luncheon. We are soliciting silent auction items, so if you'd like to contribute an item, with a \$25 or greater value; gift cards, services, theme baskets, etc., please tell an NSBA board member.

The cost for the holiday luncheon is \$12, even if you paid for lunches with your annual membership.

WHO THE OZARKS ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS SERVES

492 HOMELESS
51 FAMILIES
32 VETERANS
46 YOUTH
95 CHILDREN

17% OF THOSE COUNTED ARE UNSHELTERED

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individuals, connecting them with services from 70+ agencies including education, employment, healthcare, housing and more.

In her closing remarks Stadler shared a story of hope for a woman named Jenny who found herself homeless back in 2014, but has recently found housing at Eden Village. Her story and message of, "I'm homeless but not worthless" is featured as part of local photographer Randy Bacon's exhibit titled "The Road I Call Home" currently on display at the Springfield Art Museum through February.



The NSBA Commercial and Residential Betterment Awards recognize efforts to improve properties in north Springfield. Our most recent Commercial Award was presented to the Kitchen Inc. Emergency Shelter. Seen pictured above is Meleah Spencer receiving the award from NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap. Also seen in the picture is Jeff Rens and Kendall McDaniel (far right).

If you'd like to nominate a property owner contact NSBA Board Member Brent Gilstrap.

bet-ter-ment

/bedərment/

noun

1. the act or process of improving something.
"they believed that what they were doing was vital for the betterment of society"

synonyms: improvement, amelioration, advancement, change for the better, furtherance, upgrading, enhancement...

- the enhanced value of real property arising from local improvements.
- "a betterment charge"



Who We Are



Our Purpose:

To encourage and promote worthwhile and honorable endeavors which will make North Springfield a better place in which to work and live. Our intent is to be alert to our community's needs and well-versed and knowledgeable in order to take constructive action for community betterment.

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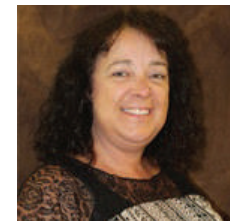
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Letter from the NSBA President



Happy Holiday's everyone! I hope your Thanksgiving was a wonderful time with family and friends. I hope you can join us for our December luncheon at the DoubleTree. We have some great silent auction items, so bring you holiday cash! Also, Santa's Sweet Shop will be open to satisfy your sweet tooth. Thanks to NSBA Board Member King Coltrin for making Santa's Sweet Shop possible!!!



Finally, I want to say thank you to all our membership for the support you have given NSBA in 2019 and now is the time to renew your membership for 2020, so you won't miss any of our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

As always, thank you to everyone for what you do to make north Springfield a great place to live, work and raise a family!

Jacquie Breedlove-Harness, NSBA President

Nate's Notes



DID YOU KNOW?

Regular attendance is the precursor to the "soft skills" that you [business leaders] will continue to expect and require. Students who don't develop the habits associated with good attendance in the early years will find it difficult to develop them as adults.

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Membership Dues

Retired Individuals: \$25

Neighborhood Associations: \$25

Single Membership: \$75

Corporate for 2 individuals: \$125

Corporate for 3 individuals: \$150

Plus 3-person Corporate Memberships will get to present a 10-minute company profile at an NSBA General Meeting

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*A Single Membership is one person, with or without a company affiliation, who wants to join NSBA.



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