



Staff Profile: Jim Durant

Jim Durant knows his business. He's a former U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant, a highly experienced licensed Social Worker, and a solid support for his coworkers, always available for consultation and a ready joke.

Jim has been a mainstay at LCCH for a number of years, leaving briefly, but returning when LCCH implemented its Returning Home Ohio program in 2015. Though "retired" now, Jim continues to work part-time to assist homeless Veterans and other eligible LCCH clients to apply for SSI/SSDI benefits through an expedited process with the Social Security Administration called SOAR.

When asked why he came back to LCCH for a second time, he replied "It was the staff at LCCH. They are dedicated to providing stable housing to those we serve. Plus the staff make it an enjoyable, goal directed work environment."

Tiffany Davis, Transitional Housing Supervisor stated, "Jim is a book of knowledge. He is very dependadable as a supervisor and co-worker. He always has an open mind and will listen to what you have to offer and then give you back some options. He is genuine and cares about the staff and the clientele. And I appreciate all he has helped with throughout the years I have worked at LCCH."

As a Licensed Social Worker (LSW), Jim has supervised several OSU and other aspiring Social Work students over the years. He notes, "I've had the privilege of assisting prospective Social Workers with their first experience in providing services to the public we serve. It has been my experience that the students are well trained, but need the hands on time that develop the person to person skills that are so essential to assist others. It fills me with a sense of pride when a formed student obtains employment in their chosen field."

Former students, now LCCH staff members, say this about Jim:



Jim Durant with his grandchildren (L-R) Cambria, Knox and Carter, Halloween 2019.

"...he is a Comical Character that can be serious and fun all in one conversation! He is a great mentor and always willing to help when he can," commented Lurinda Rivera-Graham. Ryan Shock adds, "I know that for me he played a large role in shaping who I became as a social worker. Even now, I rely on him for emotional support and a person to bounce ideas off of and inquire his opinion on ethical concerns. He is a good role model and mentor, at least from my perspective."

Born in Zanesville, Jim grew up in Muskingum County. Now living in Newark, Jim enjoys his motorcycle and community service work with his Marine buddies, regularly attending the Annual Marine Corps Ball. "American History has always been of interest. Not the times and dates but what happened, the why behind what happened, the response to the situation, and what were the results."

And, he says as he pulls out yet another photo to share, "I love being a father and grandfather."

Jim concludes, "I love the quote from Winston Churchill, 'You can count on Americans to do the right thing, after they've exhausted all other options.'"

Our Mission

Through partnership, guiding those in need to sustainable housing.

Our Vision

A community where everyone enjoys a safe, stable and sustainable home.

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Executive Director's Corner



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Since 1992, the Licking County Coalition for Housing has been on the ground working with homeless families, homeless adults, homeless Veterans, and, in recent years, an increasingly even broader population of folks. But we have always believed in the value and worth of the individual, and have never discriminated on the basis of race or sexual identity or any number of a whole host of characteristics of us human beings. It's really important for people to understand that.

The LCCH Board of Directors and staff want to reach out and at least provide some support for those who are working on racial and social justice issues of all kinds right now. This is really a difficult time, and it's difficult to have important conversations. So many of us aren't very articulate about it. Some people don't even want to have the conversation. But, we want to just remind people that LCCH has stood for the worth of the individual since the beginning, and we want to reiterate that. We want to make sure that people really, really understand that whether you're homeless or have a housing challenge, or are a supporter of the organization, that LCCH is a safe place for any person in our community experiencing a housing crisis.

LCCH doesn't usually take a public stance on controversial subjects. We just quietly get the work done. Every day, every week, every month, every year. But there was full backing of the Board of Directors and staff at LCCH to put out a formal statement (see Box, Page 3). That's not to say that we didn't have some very tough conversations. We have. And we probably will going forward, too. I mean tough in the sense that it's hard to have the conversation, for one. It touches on a lot of concerns. One of which, frankly, was concern that if we spoke out, that we would be criticized for speaking out. Others were concerned that we're going to be criticized if we don't speak out. Silence is also... you know, what does that say? So, we had a lot of conversations and they've not always been easy ones, by a long shot! But, everybody, to a person, absolutely believes in the notion that the Licking County Coalition for Housing will continue to serve clients regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, family status, sexual identity or orientation. There is absolutely 100 percent "no question" about that.

There are problems with discrimination across the County when it comes to housing. It's not written about a lot, not spoken about a lot. We have a racism problem. We absolutely do. Many years ago, I was the Fair Housing Officer for the City of Newark – we're talking quite a while ago now – and back then, in addition to discrimination based on disability (the Americans with Disabilities Act had just been enacted), one of our other challenges was discrimination based on family status. It was clear that a mom and a couple of kids often had much more difficulty obtaining and keeping housing. I had enough calls around that issue, that yes, we definitely had a problem. And still do.

On a personal basis, on an individual basis, people are still facing those kinds of challenges every day. In the case of housing, I think we've made some real improvements. I say "we" as a nation

and as a state, and certainly as the City of Newark, by unanimously passing the Ordinance a couple of years ago concerning anti-discrimination based on sexual identity. I mean, that's HUGE. Enforcing it, is another challenge. It's not easy. People have... their own ideas about things.

So, work has been done. There's more work to do. But we want to lend some support to those who are trying hard to have rational conversations around these issues so that we can really make some progress and work past the horrible things that people say about each other at times.

In the broader context, I hope that our community leaders will be willing and able to have the conversations about these facts. It's not easy, and we stumble over the language. I'll be the first to say that I am not the most articulate. Language changes. And for some people, words matter so much that those become the tripping points to actually getting to the meat of the issue. So, it's hard to do, but I do hope that we will be stepping forward as a community to really talk about this. And I know that there are those who want to have the conversation, if we can just find a safe space – make the safe spaces – to have the conversations that we really need.

(Based on a WNKO Radio Interview, July 9, 2020, with Dave Doney, News Director)

What should you do if you or someone you know feels they've been discriminated against? Contact Southeastern Ohio Legal Services at [740.345.0850](tel:740.345.0850) or [888.831.9412](tel:888.831.9412) (toll free) or www.seols.org. They have the expertise to handle discrimination cases of many types, and can do the necessary investigation.

LCCH Statement of Purpose Regarding Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination

Adopted June 30, 2020 by the LCCH Board of Directors

The Licking County Coalition for Housing (LCCH) Board of Directors, staff and volunteers have operated under a philosophy of inclusion since its founding in 1992. LCCH has not and does not discriminate in its provision of services. Clients are served regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, sexual identity or orientation, disability, or any characteristic other than having met the qualification requirements for the services offered.

LCCH, its Board of Directors, staff and volunteers believe that housing outcomes matter for Black members of our community. We acknowledge and condemn the history and damage of structural racism in our nation. Much progress remains to be made and we will continue to respect and appreciate the vast diversity in our community, in all our activities, offerings and decision-making.

LCCH will continue to advocate and will actively support those organizations, who, collaboratively and with integrity, are working to address racial and other disparities in our community.

LCCH is a safe space for any person in our community experiencing a housing crisis.



Great Granville Garage Sale Moved to August

A socially-distant Great Granville Garage Sale was held on August 29th, 2020, with over 35 participating sales at private locations in and around the Village of Granville. After months of staying home, sellers and shoppers were anxious to participate in this yearly fundraiser for LCCH homeless programs. Electronic versions of the map/sale listings were made available to all this year, rather than requiring the purchase of a paper map. We trust the sale was fruitful for sellers and enjoyable for shoppers. The results of the fundraising effort will be published in the next issue of this newsletter.

Thanks to Reese Pyle Meyer PLL for once again providing the traditional blue GGGG yard signs, and to all who sponsored the map! Check out the GGGG Facebook page for a complete list of sponsors. (The GGGG is usually held the first Saturday in May. This year's event was re-scheduled due to COVID-19.)



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WHS Walk-a-Thon Update

LCCH would like to thank the Welsh Hills School for donating the proceeds of their spring walk-a-thon to LCCH. The annual event, which was modified to be socially-distant this year, raised \$1,000 for LCCH homeless assistance programs. THANKS to WHS students, and all who contributed.

Over \$2 Million in Refunds For VITA Clients

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program prepared a record number of tax returns this filing season, despite the closure of our partner locations and the LCCH office due to COVID-19. Although we were unable to meet with clients for about 11 weeks this spring, an extension of the filing deadline and a move to drop-off preparation allowed LCCH and our dedicated team of volunteer preparers to re-open the program and safely serve over 1300 taxpayers when most other free programs remained closed. The total federal and state refunds due to our VITA clients this filing season was over \$2.1 million. Those dollars are critical to the financial stability of our clients, and most are re-invested in the Licking County economy.

VITA, which uses community volunteers to prepare and e-file tax returns, is a FREE service for income-eligible taxpayers. The average Adjusted Gross Income of our VITA clients was \$22,685 in 2020, with the average federal refund being \$1,660. This year, the program also prepared a record number of returns for taxpayers over the age of 60.

LCCH has been offering the service since 2006-with a continued growth in locations, services, volunteers and number of taxpayers served. Volunteer recruitment for the 2021 filing season will begin in October. If you are interested in volunteering with VITA, contact Kathy Scott (kscott@lcchousing.org) or watch the LCCH Facebook page for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

2020 VITA Statistics

Total Returns Prepared: 1371

Total Refunds: \$2,109,748

Total Federal Refunds:
\$1,855,974

Total State Refunds: \$253,774

Total Balance Due: \$130,691

Total Federal Due: \$115,313

Total State Due: \$253,774

Total Earned Income Credit:
\$552,421

Average EIC: \$1,477

EIC Returns: 374 (27%)

Average Adj Gross Income:
\$22,685

Repeat clients: 922

Age 60+: 507 returns,
630 individuals

Filing status single: 64%

Filing status Head of Household:
12.5%

Filing status Married Joint: 18.5%

Filing status Married Separate: 5%

**“Love everyone here. Thanks
for another great year.”**

– 2020 VITA client



31 community volunteers gave 747.5 hours to the VITA program this year! We would like to thank them all for their service:

Brandon Akey
Mary Albright
Faith Bazley
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Kameron Carpenter
Sue Chen
Jennifer Collins
Zac Cooperrider
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Julio Valladares
Trina Woods
Rita Youel

Thanks also to our partners at Ohio Means Jobs and the Licking County Library, as well as our funders: the IRS, State Farm and the United Way of Licking County.



The Big Give Was a BIG Success. There was so much interest in this giving event that the 24 hour donation window was extended so the website could handle all the traffic! With designated donations AND the proceeds of the donor pool, which was divided proportionally between all of the participating non-profits, \$2,819.11 was raised for LCCH programs. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

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Katrina Woods
Gerald Young

Eagle Scout Candidate Makes Benches for LCCH



Many thanks to Jacob Hinger (front row, fourth from left), who completed his Eagle Scout project with help from BSA Troop 4004, family and friends.

Jacob Hinger, Eagle Scout Candidate from Boy Scouts of America Troop 4004 in Newark, completed his eagle project at the LCCH Transitional Housing complex on August 1, 2020. Jacob managed the project, which included fundraising for and construction/installation of seven heavy-duty outdoor benches and two picnic table sets. The benches were installed on the patios of individual tenant units and the tables were placed in the playground. The benches, especially, will be a wonderful addition to the 14-unit complex, as LCCH had previously not been able to provide outdoor furniture. Completing a community service project is one of the requirements necessary to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting. LCCH would like to congratulate Jacob on his achievement and thank him, his friends, family, fellow scouts and project donors for their contribution.



The scouts assembled 2 new picnic tables and placed them in the playground.



Heavy-duty benches were made off-site and installed on each of the seven patios.

In Loving Memory

LCCH would like to acknowledge the following Memorial Gifts:

Thank you to the friends and family of Elaine Marie (Johnson) Mounsey, who passed away on March 5, 2020, for the generous contributions in her memory:

- Ann Brown
- Patricia Fuller
- Matthew and Jessica Gerson
- Kevin Gray
- Carole Johnson
- Susan Maus
- Joan Rohde
- Mary Rouse
- Michael Walraven
- Sandra Walraven

Thank you to the friends and family of John Joseph Bodine, who passed away on July 8, 2020, for the generous contributions in his memory:

- Carol and Kenneth Apacki
- Richard and Anne Daly
- Margie Dye
- Kenneth and Nancy Froehlich
- William and Patricia Mason
- Beth and Dave Price
- William and Patricia Mason
- Rob and Sally Schaadt
- Ronald and Janet Sheldon
- Anthony and Dorothy Skufca
- Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP
- Frederica White
- Williamson Insurance Service of Newark



The new benches look great! They will be enjoyed by our residents for many years.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who contributed to Jacob Hinger's Eagle Scout project. The benches are wonderful!

- Park National Bank
- Lowes
- Tabby Hahn
- Jeremiah's Automotive
- Linda Dimon
- Mid City Auto
- Dan Gavin
- Mike Gavin
- Walt Hinger

Capital Campaign Update

We have been working hard to update our Transitional Housing apartment complex with funds from our Capital Campaign. Security lighting in the parking lot was upgraded this spring, vinyl siding and painting is underway and security lighting and fencing for the back yards will be completed in

the coming weeks. We are also in the process of totally renovating the laundry area, with new commercial appliances (Thank you Energy Cooperative-Operation Round Up Foundation!) Check out our December issue for the “after” pictures.



The old trim and faded canopies have been removed. All remaining trim will be painted.



Facia, soffits, gutters and downspouts have all been replaced. The AC covers will also be repaired and/or replaced



New vinyl siding is being installed over the old plywood panels.



Eighth Annual LCCH Home Run 5K - October 3

Registration is now open for the Eighth Annual LCCH Home Run 5K, which will take place October 3 at Rotary Park in Newark. The run has been moved to the first week in October, with hopes for beautiful fall weather. At this time, we are planning an in-person 5K fun-run, with socially-distant starting corrals. All participants will receive a T-shirt and goody bag. Unfortunately, due to limited entries and staggered starts, LCCH will not be timing the race -but runners are welcome to submit their own times for publication. Also, in order to avoid a large gathering, we will not be hosting our usual post-race meal or awards ceremony this year.

The cost is \$30 for early entries (received by September 27) and \$35 for late entries (received after September 27). Groups of 6 or more are eligible for a \$5 discount per person. Online

payment and registration is available at itsyourrace.com

Packet pick-up will be Friday, October 2 at the Canal Market District-Gilbert Reese Pavilion from 3:00-6:00 PM, and also the morning of the race. Race day registration/check-in will begin at 9:00 AM, with the first runners starting at 10:00 AM.

All proceeds benefit the programs of LCCH. Sponsorship opportunities are still available for businesses who wish to support the event or make a prize contribution. Please email Kathy Scott at kscott@lcchousing.org. Questions about the race may also be sent to that e-mail address.

We've all been cooped up for far too long! Come on out and enjoy a run with us on October 3.

Registration Details

Register now for the 2020 Home Run!

Online: www.itsyourrace.com – search Home Run (credit card only)

Email: Request a registration form kscott@lcchousing.org and return by mail or in person (checks only, please)

Website: Download a registration form www.lcchousing.org and return by mail or in person (checks only, please)

In-person: Register on October 3 and pay with cash, check or credit card.

What is...Coordinated Entry: Prioritization?

Coordinated Entry (CE) creates a streamlined process for accessing resources available in a homeless crisis response system. Through CE, a community's highest-need and most vulnerable households are prioritized for services. CE establishes a common process to assess all households in need of assistance within the homeless system. There are four parts to the CE process: access, assessment, prioritization, and referral.

Once a person experiencing homelessness has been assessed, the CE process determines his or her priority for housing and supportive services. Due to scarcity of housing and resources within the county, LCCH creates a prioritization list. The assessment (VI-SPDAT) along with LCCH's prioritization standards determine a person's priority and status for Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid ReHousing (RRH). A person with the highest priority is offered housing and supportive services first.

LCCH case managers meet monthly to discuss the prioritization list and work to match those who have been prioritized with the appropriate housing program. The VI-SPDAT score is used to begin the prioritization discussion; however,

no single scoring tool is completely reliable, and nor is a single tool ever used to determine prioritization. LCCH also considers other factors in determining prioritization, including: length of time homeless, age, disability, domestic violence, among other housing barriers and vulnerabilities.

The prioritization phase is also used to prioritize individuals for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs. PSH is a long-term housing program but is a limited resource. It is utilized to help the disabled and most vulnerable. To determine prioritization for PSH, a case manager from LCCH, Behavioral Healthcare Partners, The Main Place, The Salvation Army, and Saint Vincent Haven meet monthly to create a prioritization list to assign PSH vouchers when they are available.

Though CE helps ensure the most vulnerable are assisted first, this means that those individuals who have a lower vulnerability score may have to wait longer for a housing program. In some circumstances, it may mean that a less-vulnerable individual may never be prioritized for TH, RRH, or PSH due to funding guidelines.

Waste Not, Want Not!



Daily, LCCH picks up meals and food leftover from the Meals on Wheels program.



Meals are available to LCCH's homeless clients to tide them over until a paycheck, food stamps or trip to a food pantry can be arranged.



Chef Mike at The Salvation Army takes delivery of extra food items LCCH cannot use, and turns them into hundreds of "meals-to-go" each week.

Coordinated Entry Program – Second Quarter

Coordinated Entry (CE) is the process through which someone is entered into the homeless assistance system. LCCH is the primary CE provider for Licking County. When an individual or household presents for Coordinated Entry as homeless/unsheltered, their living situation is physically verified by LCCH outreach staff. The CE is completed after their status as homeless/unsheltered is verified. These CE statistics reflect new, confirmed instances of homelessness. This typically does not include those staying in The Salvation Army emergency shelter.

April

- 6 Households (6 adults, 2 children) confirmed to be homeless
- 4 men staying at the men's shelter
- 2 households in vehicle (2 adults in vehicle, 2 children staying with relatives)

May

- 7 households (7 adults and 2 children) confirmed to be homeless
- 6 men staying at the men's shelter

- 1 family (1 adult, 2 children) in hotel paid for by an agency

June

- 7 households (8 adults and 1 child) confirmed to be homeless
- 5 men staying at the men's shelter
- 1 household (1 adult) in hotel paid for by an Agency
- 1 households (2 adults, 1 child) escaping domestic violence at New Beginnings

From New Beginnings to LCCH

By Alejandra Leon

Some people get to experience events in their lifetime that shake them to their core. In June 2008, I had come to a point where I had had enough of living in what may have seemed to be a picture-perfect family, but in truth was not. At the core, I was lonely, and my opinions and my ideas about what our life should be were not listened to or respected. Instead, my marriage was falling apart and my then-husband was turning into a person I could hardly recognize. We had serious economic challenges, and we were struggling to raise three children ages six, three, and one. Further, at a time when I most needed the support of friends and when my children also needed friends of their own, my husband became increasingly jealous of my friends and objected to my time spent with them. Because my family does not live in Ohio, I was further isolated and my situation made worse.

That day in June, I called the domestic shelter in Columbus, and they told me their center was full, but they gave me the phone number of New Beginnings in Newark. A kind voice told me that they had space for me and my three children. I told my children that we were going on a “summer adventure” even though I felt I was throwing them and myself into the abyss. I didn’t know what was going to happen, but I was totally convinced that I did not want my children to grow up in a family like ours where we were under constant surveillance and where everything I did was wrong in my husband’s eyes.

I can still remember that first evening when we entered the Shelter. I was very confused and worried sick about the future. Right away, however, I learned that all of the women and children there had been living in very similar circumstances. We were required to attend a daily meeting where we could talk about our lives. Very soon, the pattern became clear in my mind: the cycle of abuse, the coping mechanisms that we develop in order to survive, the labels we fear that are assigned to us by society—being irresponsible, selfish,

weak, lazy—whether we stay in or leave an abusive relationship. We examined the role of supportive or accusatory family and friends; of the way girls are raised to become people-pleasers which can lead to relationships that are not good for them.

During this time, several of these women became my friends who are still there for me. They kept reminding me of the good work I was doing with my life and for my children when some of my family members and some former friends were questioning my decisions. The Shelter staff did a wonderful job in providing me with every tool and resource they could to help me get back on my feet. They were very encouraging. At the same time, I also knew that the decisions were mine and not theirs.

For a few years, it felt that I was swimming against the current of my self-doubt, the questioning from others, the temptation to give up. The hardest obstacle of all was the pain I saw my children suffering from not being close to their dad.

When I look back, it is overwhelming to think of how much I had to deal with while raising my three children. Although they have great memories of the Shelter (my children have even asked to go back to live there!!), my time at the Shelter was marked by a turmoil that continued on for a very long time after we left to live in Transitional Housing provided by the Licking County Coalition for Housing.

Those years were extremely difficult, but there are a few lessons I’ve learned from trusting people at the Shelter and every place that I’ve been that has supported me. First, I will never be alone if I decide to reach out for help. Second, I will always have options even if it feels that I don’t. I just need to look for them. Third, there will always be a way to solve a problem. Sometimes, I only need to talk about it, and even if nobody gives me the solution, just hearing myself describing the challenge may allow me

to find a way to overcome whatever it is. And last, I cannot look at a person living in a situation that I have suffered through without the impulse to want to help. My conscience does not allow me to look away.

I have made many mistakes in my lifetime but during my time at the Shelter I was reminded to be gentle with myself because I was doing the best with what I had and what I knew then. Also, I have learned that whenever I have an opinion on how well a person is doing in their life, I remind myself that I don’t know their full story and I should not make assumptions on their past or their future.

Today, I am so grateful for deciding to go to New Beginnings when I did. The people that work there are selfless workers by the mere fact that they are choosing to work in such a place. All people going in there as residents are going through a crisis that either brings out the best or the worst in them, and the staff is ready to take it, no matter what. The rules that I was told to follow make perfect sense, and they gave me a good sense of stability when nothing else made sense. Most of all, in hindsight, it is very clear that the Universe provided me with a support in New Beginnings that allowed me to become strong, selfconfident, and resilient over the years. This growth did not show up immediately, but the Shelter experience was necessary for writing these words today.

My son has recently graduated from high school, and my two daughters are now two teenage girls navigating this world with the knowledge that their mom will be there to help them make the best decisions on their behalf. Thank you, New Beginnings. You have made a difference in their world for sure!

*Note: Alejandra received her Ph.D. at OSU and is now a staff member at the Licking County Coalition of Housing. She lives in Newark and is an active contributor in our community.

Family Support is Key to Successful Transition

Alice Harvey-Brown, at 53 years old, hit the ground running when she returned home from prison. After 4 years of incarceration for drug trafficking, Alice came home determined to change for the better for her kids and grandkids. Alice attributes a huge part of her change due to her kids not giving up on her.

Alice grew up in Newark, Ohio and found herself involved with the wrong crowd. Getting involved with drugs, she began selling them to feed her habit. She eventually ended up landing herself a 4 year stint in prison.

While in prison, Alice realized that things needed to change. She participated in the Therapeutic Community, Intensive Outpatient Program, Recovery Maintenance Program, and Treatment Readiness while in the Ohio Reformatory for Women. This sparked a change that today, is still having a positive impact in her transition home.

Upon her release, Alice was assisted through the Community Transitions

Program. The program has helped her find housing, assisted with her rent/ deposit and furnishings, and continues to provide case management. Alice has been home for just over 4 months and will be paying 30% of her own rent this month.

Alice is working at a local distributor and is one of their most reliable employees. Working on call and regular hours, Alice has been there whenever her job has needed her. Also a fulltime grandmother, Alice finds her greatest joy in spending time with her kids after a day of work. She continues to adjust to everyday, to ensure a successful reentry, be a productive member of her community, and leave a positive impact on her family!

She recently wrote, "I just want to say how much the CTP program has helped me since I came home from prison. I am able to have my own place and get on my feet. It's been 4 months they have helped me with my bills and helped me with everything. I'm so grateful for that program. I don't know what I would have done without it. My case worker



Alice (back, right) surrounded by her family- the motivation for her recovery and successful transition.

there, Stanley (Frankart), has been amazing. He has been there step by step with me, so I want to say thank you for everything." Sincerely, Alice Harvey

Doug Price Hired as Housing Navigator

We told you in the December 2019 issue of this newsletter that LCCH would be hiring a Housing Navigator to work directly with case managers and property owners to promote rapid placement into safe, affordable housing for homeless individuals and families in Licking, Knox, and Coshocton counties. We are happy to announce that the position has been filled. Doug Price has been assigned the task of recruiting and building relationships with landlords and property managers throughout our service area to expand the network of available rental units.

We are thrilled that Doug has accepted this new role at LCCH. A lifelong resident of Licking County and a graduate of Heath High School, Price has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University and retired from the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities after more than 35 years of

service. He has worked as a volunteer tax preparer for our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for nearly a decade, functioned as one of the VITA Site Coordinators in 2020, and worked as one of our Maintenance Technicians. For the past 6 years, he has served as Treasurer for Heath Sertoma. Doug was also a member of the Licking Township Board of Zoning Appeals for 27 years, 10 years as Chairperson.

Currently, LCCH operates six rapid rehousing programs, two homeless prevention programs, one permanent supportive housing program, and one transitional housing program that utilize rental properties. We know that Doug will be an asset in this new position, developing landlord relationships that benefit all of the programs, and functioning as a property manager's single point of contact at LCCH.

Thank You

DENISON

We would like to thank Denison University, once again, for their in-kind donation of dormitory furniture. We picked up 42 pieces of lounge furniture (loveseats, chairs and occasional tables) in March and 45 dressers in August. Their first rate "hand-me-downs" will be used to upgrade the furniture in our Transitional Housing apartments. We appreciate their generosity and community involvement.

Save the Date



Now thru Oct 31: Granville Farmers Market

LCCH is once again selling coffee at the Granville Farmers Market, every Saturday through the end of October. To accommodate social distancing, the Market is now located at the Raccoon Valley Park on 1225 River Road. Enjoy a cup of coffee, purchase fresh produce and shop a wide selection of baked goods, meats, cheese and specialty foods. Still one of the best Markets in Central Ohio! (Face covering required).



Oct 3: Home Run 5K

Run or walk with us at the Eighth Annual Home Run 5K on October 3! Participants were overwhelmingly in favor of running earlier in the year, so our Home Run has moved to October. Enjoy a fun run (untimed) in the beautiful fall weather and support LCCH programs. Cost is \$30 for early registration, \$35 for registration the week of the race. All participants will receive a race shirt and a goody bag. This is a family-friendly event for all skill-levels. Register online at www.itsyourrace.com For more details, see page 6 or contact Kathy Scott (kscott@lcchousing.org).

COVID 19 Rental Assistance

LCCH was awarded funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to provide COVID-19 emergency rental assistance. The goal is to prevent evictions for non-payment of rent during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you or someone you know is unable to pay rent due to a decline in income, job loss, or other financial challenges stemming from COVID-19-related matters contact LCCH:

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