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LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Harvest, Compassion & Co-laboring



Dr. Judith Bell

President & CEO

When I first heard that the theme of the fall newsletter would be, "Harvest, Compassion and Co-laboring," I was overwhelmed with memories of my time as a Youth Director at First United Methodist Church in Monroe, LA. The youth I served were very mission oriented. We spent several summers gleaning fields for local food banks and co-laboring with churches and residents. That was a good time for me; working with youth who love God and have a desire to help others.

Harvesting the fruits of others, showing compassion and working alongside others to bring about change is part of my DNA. I don't know how to live life differently. That's one of the things I love most about Providence Place; everyone working together with a shared

vision of creating a community without barriers where families live their happily ever after.

It isn't just colleagues working together, it is people working with people; it is employees working with clients and staff working with the Board of Directors to ensure the path is cleared of obstacles for those on the journey of restoration.

When you donate to Providence Place, you are working with us to help grow others through compassion and collaboration. You are making a tremendous difference as you co-labor with us. Many of you have been working with us for over 25 years; you have helped us bring in the toils of our labor over and over again.

Our programs are working; we are seeing results, but we need your help now more than ever. Why? We are currently \$32,000 behind in our donation budget. We extend the invitation to become a co-laborer, in the fight to end the cycle of generational trauma.

We appreciate any amount you can contribute:

PLEASE GIVE TODAY

PREPAID ENVELOPE LOCATED ON PAGE 4

\$50

PROVIDES
Personal Care
Products

\$100

PROVIDES
Mental Health
Counseling
Session

\$250

PROVIDES
Career & Life
Skills Help

\$500

PROVIDES
Monthly Food,
Cell Phone &
Transportation
Allowance

\$1,000

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Home Goods
& Furnishings
Assistance



MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD



Patricia Wilson

Chair of the Providence Place Board of Directors

Planting Seeds

School is back in session, the daylight hours are getting shorter and the temperature in theory, but not usually in Texas, begins cooling. These signs of fall and the coming change of season stir emotions of gratitude in me, for the enjoyable summer, and excitement for the upcoming harvest season.

Harvest is a busy season. Much preparation must be done to reap all the anticipated bounty. Farmers know this. I read an article that the goal of a good harvest is to maximize crop yield and minimize crop losses and quality deterioration. There are even harvest management programs that provide methodology to ensure success for the farmer. Clearly, a proper harvest must be prepared for and executed well.

We, too, are involved in a harvest and we have access to methods that will provide a better harvest of richer relationships, heartier health,

and collective contributions. Our preparation for harvesting starts with gratitude. Having the courage to begin with thanksgiving and having a heart for others, will give us the ability to maximize the richness of every moment for all of the people we meet. Only resting when we have the health for the work ahead. The seeds we plant will reap a reward and if we make the world a better place, we can truly say we have had a bountiful harvest.

What seeds are you planting now? What will your harvest yield and who will be blessed for it? Providence Place is grateful to call you friend and celebrates the many blessings we share as we labor together to bring healing to families, hope to the forgotten women in abusive relationships and a brighter future for babies and children finding stable and loving homes. Thank you.

Meet Brittany



Providence Place would like to introduce you to Brittany Ewing, the new Development & Outcomes Officer! Brittany comes to us with 11 years of experience as a professional fundraiser and has worked in a variety of nonprofit subsectors. She possesses extensive managerial and leadership experience, which includes program development, volunteer management, planning and executing fundraising special events, fundraising campaign management, grant writing, and donor cultivation. Brittany prides herself in pursuing excellence and producing top-notch results in all that she does.

It is the culmination of her professional, and personal experiences, as well as God's guidance, has led her to Providence Place. With a personal connection, she is here to share the stories of the women we serve, as well as the amazing story of how Providence Place is ending the cycle of generational trauma through innovative services. She hopes to share this story with you, your friends and family, and possibly even your church, and hopes to gain your support so that Providence Place can continue pursuing our vital mission for many years to come.

Read full article online at:

<https://www.provplace.org/meet-brittany/>

Heroes in the Hallways

By Bianca Maldonado,
Marketing & Special Events Coordinator



Pictured: Francisco & his loving grandmother

It's breathtaking hearing the stories of my co-laborers. Being a somewhat new-person on the block, lends me a great opportunity to learn about my team. Sometimes, it even feels like I'm listening to angels sing, while they tell me about their beautiful work, and what it means to them. There is so much love, care and compassion that goes into what my co-laborers do that it floods my heart with happiness and sadness all at once. Happiness, because what they do is pure gold and beyond selfless. Sadness, because many of the atrocities our survivors had to go through, no one should ever have to face, but thanks to you, the donor, and the team, we're here to help end the cycle of generational trauma through innovative services.

Francisco Garcia, is our Housing Navigator for Providence Place. What that means is, he does a TON of relationship building with different properties around town and works collaboratively with clients who are experiencing homelessness due to various circumstances, such as abuse, abandonment, and the lack of a positive support system.

Francisco's empathetic ability to fully immerse himself into his work stems from two prongs, his love of helping others, and his personal experience with the bitterness of homelessness, he too once faced. "I know what it feels like to be out there and to have no hope in sight," Francisco continues, "if it was not for my grandmother who found and

rescued me off the streets, I would not be here today."

Francisco made a promise to his grandmother that he would finish his schooling. His grandma made sure that all of his homework was done and that he was attending all of his classes. She believed in him, she was his guiding light. Sometimes that's all we need, just one person to give us a chance, not to give up on us when we have given up on ourselves, someone to believe in us.

Today, Francisco goes out to some of the roughest streets of San Antonio, Texas to find people who are experiencing homelessness, sadness and despair, just as he once was, so long ago. He enables the people he meets with hope, support and uses the same guiding light his grandmother gave to him.

After finding and assisting a 22-year-old young man, by the name of Adam who lived day-to-day in the south Texas scorching heat; Francisco found and arranged a suitable apartment, for Adam to live in and is working with him to improve his overall life. Francisco can smile and reflect, knowing he is helping others help themselves to see the value in who they are and who they have all the potential in the world to be, with a little light.

This article is dedicated to Francisco's grandmother for bringing his path to us. We cannot do our jobs without him. Special thanks to Francisco's grandmother for creating a legacy of love.

Harvesting Determination

By Bianca Maldonado,
Marketing & Special Events Coordinator

This fall we are bringing home the harvest! One of our previous residents from our Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program, started her first semester at the University of Texas at San Antonio. For Alicia, this was a wish that seemed distant and nearly impossible years ago, but through co-laboring together, dreams do come true.

Alicia found Providence Place through the help of a Google search. She sought an independent living program that would enable her to receive both guidance and independence to empower her to eventually feel assured about living on her own one day.

Within SIL at Providence Place, Alicia was met with compassion, respect and motivation from her caseworker Dorothy, and her therapist Laura. Dorothy expressed, Alicia was initially very shy, quiet and kept to herself. Over time, Alicia slowly began to talk more and started to feel more at ease with the program. She finally was able to reflect on her future, hobbies, and goals.

Dorothy encouraged Alicia to pursue her goals of wanting to go to school, and helped guide her on how to transform her dreams of college, into reality. Over the summer, Alicia texted Dorothy with life-changing news. Alicia shared that she was accepted into UTSA's Criminal Justice program.

Everyone at Providence Place was thrilled about the acceptance letter and Alicia's journey ahead.

Alicia and Providence Place co-labored together during the time that she was at SIL. While we feel that we are bringing home the harvest, we are not finished. There is still much to do as there are many other young adults out there, who are experiencing similar challenges yet are strong, and determined; goal setters, needing that extra guidance to thrive and flourish. Your generous donations make our programs and services possible. If it was not for your support, life would look a lot different, and we are so grateful to share with you the impact your donations are making on our residents.

Pictured Alicia, Fall 2021





Beth's Blessings Boutique

By Brittany Ewing, Development & Outcomes Officer

Providence Place is excited to announce the renaming of our Blessings Boutique, which will now be known as **Beth's Blessings Boutique** to honor long-time Board Member, Elizabeth (Beth) Eadie.

Beth and her husband, John Eadie, Founder and Managing Director of Covenant Multidisciplinary Financial Services, have been faithful supporters of Providence Place since 2012, when Beth first began serving on the Board of Directors.

Beth, at age 58, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully on Sunday, February 7, 2021. Her deepest passion was investing in friends, the larger community, and the children and youth of her church through Bible Study, prayer, and personal community. Beth received her greatest joy spending time watching her two little granddaughters, and soon-to-be grandson, grow and flourish. Beth was a long-time member of University

United Methodist Church and the Harvester's Sunday School Class in San Antonio. Beth served her San Antonio community on the boards of Blueprint Ministries, Impact San Antonio, and Providence Place.

To honor Beth, and her many years of service to Providence Place, Covenant has pledged to give an annual memorial gift to support Beth's Blessings Boutique, which is an on-campus retail store, located in the newly converted Chapel offices, that will be utilized by families and expectant moms/parents of our various programs.

Beth's Blessings Boutique will offer baby items such as: diapers, baby wipes, clothing, car seats, and cribs; kitchenware such as: cookware sets and dish sets; and bathroom items such as: towel sets, hygiene products, shower curtains and other bathroom items. All items are brand new and still have the price tags, that

way clients can learn cost value and budgeting skills while they plan for their expanding family.

Providence Place encourages you, to support Beth's Blessings Boutique, and honor Beth Eadie's memory by making a either a monetary donation or by donating a brand new, unopened baby item or household item.

Providence Place is committed to ending the cycle of generational trauma through innovative services, one being Beth's Blessings Boutique, by offering those in our community an avenue to receive services and earn credits, enabling them to purchase essential items that are needed for becoming parents.

For more information about the Beth's Blessings Boutique or how to donate to the store, please contact Angelica Cervantes at 210-696-2410.



Becoming a Co-Laborer, and Planting Harvest Seeds Through Monthly Donations

By Brittany Ewing, Development & Outcomes Officer

Did you know that donors who give monthly contributions have a 440% higher lifetime financial return for nonprofits than one-time donors?

A recurring monthly donation can have even greater benefits for both you, as the donor, Providence Place, as the organization, and the women we serve, who have survived the complex trauma of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and homelessness.

Studies have shown that one reason donors give is because they feel empowered when they see the impact of their donation, and a recurring donation is a great way to maximize your impact on our mission to end the cycle of generational trauma for the women Providence Place serves.

The four primary benefits of a monthly donation:

1. Monthly donations are convenient for you, the donor:

Monthly giving is a great way to include charitable donations into your budget. Giving a small amount, such as \$25- \$50 each month, can be more manageable for budgeting. It's so easy to pay with a credit card and have your donation come directly out of your account with all your other bills every month! If you're the type of person who finds themselves wanting

to donate, but then forgets to write the check or revisit our website donation page; incorporating a monthly gift into your monthly budget is a great way to make this donation a habit.

2. Monthly donations are beneficial for Providence Place's overall budget:

Unexpected donations are great, but monthly donations allow us to rely on some consistency when it comes to individual contributions. It also means Providence Place doesn't have to spend as much time pursuing new donors and foundations each year. Monthly donors who are consistent with their donations tend to provide an equal return as a large one-time gift. Monthly donors ultimately help Providence Place save time and money.

3. Monthly donations increase donor retention:

Studies have shown that monthly donors are more likely to continue to give year after year. Relying on this consistency affords Providence Place the ability to have sustained impact, and it also allows us to get to know you, as a donor, on a deeper level. As a monthly donor, you are more likely to receive emails and/or phone calls checking in and giving you an opportunity to make your voice heard within our organization.

Monthly donors may also gain access to exclusive panels, events, and discussions that allow you to become more involved with Providence Place and our mission.

4. Lastly, monthly donations allow you to see the impact your donations are making on a deeper level:

When you make monthly gifts, you can see the real impact your donation is making. It helps you stay connected to the innovative programs and services offered by Providence Place, and know how your money is providing for the needs of the women, families, and children within these programs and services. When you make a recurring donation to Providence Place, you know you're helping to end the cycle of generational trauma.

The next time you find yourself giving, consider making your donation monthly. A recurring \$25 donation is a small and convenient way to give back. As Jesus says, "the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Your monthly donation helps to sustain the work of Providence Place and shows that you are committed to co-laboring with us in our compassionate work.



Champions *fore* Charity



Champions *fore* Charity is a fundraising program that provides organizations, such as Providence Place, the opportunity to generate contributions through the Valero Texas Open. Champions *fore* Charity is a no-cost program that gives 100% of funds raised back to Providence Place, plus additional incentives including a 7% match.

Donations made now through April 2022 will receive a 7% match from Champions *fore* Charity, helping Providence Place take an even greater swing at ending the cycle of generational trauma through innovative services!

Donors have the ability and flexibility to pay in advance or to be billed after the tournament. Donations are accepted from anywhere around the world and are tax deductible.

Donations can be made through our website: <https://bit.ly/provplacedonate>

