

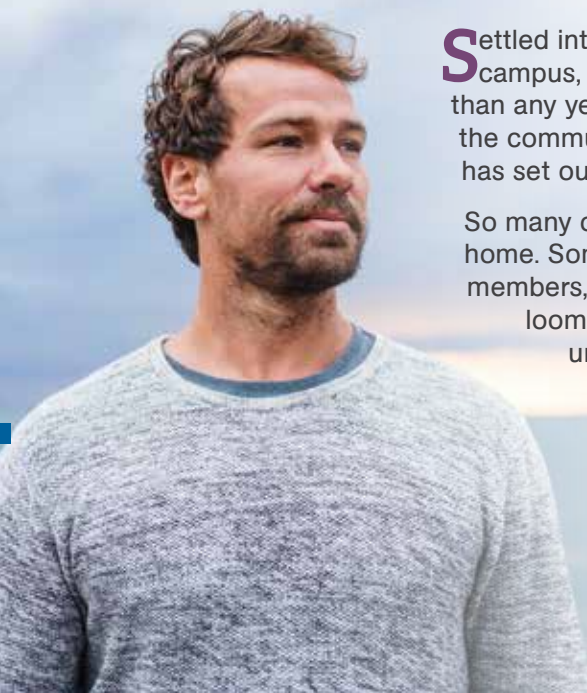
SPRING/SUMMER 2022

BUILDING CONNECTIONS



UNPRECEDENTED. UNMATCHED. UNUSUAL.

These are the words that best describe the need ECHOS saw throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



Settled into our new home on the Community Place on Washington (CPOW) campus, ECHOS has served an unrivaled number of community members, more than any year before. With each individual life touched, there is a greater impact on the community, and building and maintaining a strong community is what ECHOS has set our sights on.

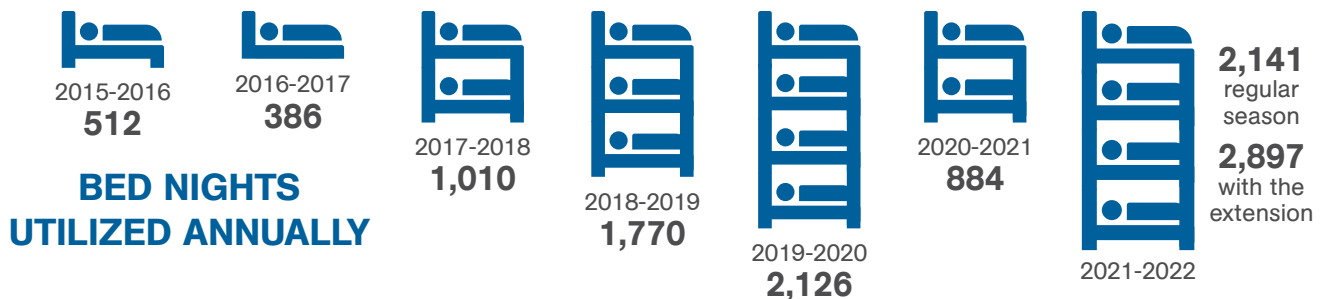
So many of our community members come to us without a place they can call home. Some have been surviving by sleeping on the couches of friends and family members, some seek shelter in their car, and others have an eviction notice looming to take away a place they did call home. Many face barriers and other uncertainties that most of us could not imagine, like...

How long can I stay here? How am I going to afford rent this month? Can I park and sleep here safely? How do I tell my children that we don't have anywhere to go tonight? When will I get a break?

ECHOS is honored to work with community partners across the northwest region of Lancaster County that share our dedication to helping our neighbors find stability in their lives, to help them break the cycle of housing insecurity so that they can reach their full potential.

EXTENDED MONTHS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY NEED

The Elizabethtown Emergency Shelter just finished its seventh shelter season after extending an additional month until April 29, 2022. ECHOS saw unprecedented numbers this season and would not have been able to serve those seeking shelter without the new shelter space on the Community Place on Washington (CPOW) campus.



“Every season carries new challenges and changes – this was the highest season thus far in terms of utilization both for the number of clients served and bed nights. I am so grateful for the new building, the support of the community, and all the people who volunteered to meet this unprecedented need in the community.”

– Chrissie Raffensperger, Shelter Coordinator



A NEXTDOOR NEIGHBOR MAKES A LIFE-CHANGING CONNECTION

Jim and his service dog, Lady, were the first residents of the ECHOS Homestead Housing Program. Jim moved into his apartment in February 2022. Prior to moving into the Homestead Housing Program, Jim was facing housing instability, and the deadline for moving from his residence was quickly approaching. During this time, Jim said he was at the end of his rope, and finding housing was proving to be difficult.

Jim found ECHOS through a community-based social media app called NextDoor. A member of the group recommended that Jim reach out to ECHOS for his housing needs. Jim called ECHOS and was identified as being a candidate for the new program. Within weeks, Jim moved into his new apartment, narrowly avoiding homelessness.

During his time at ECHOS, Jim proved to be motivated to find successful housing. He worked routinely with ECHOS Campus Housing Coordinator, Sue (*pictured above*), and focused on budgeting, building his credit, finding employment, and most importantly, finding an apartment to call his own. With the support of ECHOS and Veterans Affairs, Jim was able to secure employment and housing.

When reflecting on his time in the program, Jim said that ECHOS gave him the time and shelter that he needed to focus on increasing his income and finding a long-term housing solution. Jim shares, “If people follow the structure of the Homestead Housing Program, they will be successful.”



ENRICHMENT CENTER

Counting Life-Changing Community Moments

July 2021 through May 2022
(11 months into the fiscal year)

- **487** hours of case advocacy
- **319** individuals
- **\$40,050** of free service to our clients
- **\$1,345** on computers for clients to utilize



OPEN ACCESS TO AN ENRICHING OPPORTUNITY

The ECHOS Enrichment Center (EC) has been open to the public since Fall 2021 and has already seen more than 315 individuals in the first 11 months of this fiscal year! It is proving to be a much-needed service that is free to anyone looking for assistance with housing, employment, or additional resources to help them become stable.

We're pleased to be able to offer EC services as a walk-in center so that our clients can utilize our resources as they need during open hours rather than having to go through the extra obstacle of setting up an appointment (although appointments are available outside of walk-in hours). Our client advocates are ready to offer reliable and up-to-date information in an accessible and welcoming center.

EC services are available year-round to assist with a variety of needs. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with what resources we provide as well as the workshops that we currently have scheduled.



WALK-IN HOURS

Monday | 9:00am – 3:00pm
Tuesday | 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday | 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday | Closed
Friday | 9:00am – 3:00pm

Daily Walk-In Services

- Computer & wi-fi access
- Obtaining documentation
- Emergency to-go items (food & hygiene supplies)
- Phone & printer access
- Benefits applications
- Skills & education workshops
- Assistance acquiring basic needs
- Résumé-building and interview preparation
- COVID rapid tests to-go



Summer Special Opportunities at ECHOS

- **First Monday of the month, 9:00am – 12:00pm**
CareerLink by appointment
- **Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30am**
Refresh Lancaster in CPOW parking lot
- **Tuesdays, 10:00am - noon**
Crisis Intervention & Peer Support
- **Thursday, July 21 10:00 - 11:30am**
Workshop: Good Credit and How to Get It



2022
ECHOS
of HOPE

Gala

A Night of Inspiring Hope,
Celebrating Change

ECHOS will be hosting its 2nd Annual ECHOS of Hope Gala on SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, at the Star Barn in Elizabethtown.

As our major fundraising event of the year, the proceeds from the gala will go directly towards programming aimed to reduce housing instability and poverty in our local communities.

We're pleased to announce that our Legacy Maker sponsor this year is Stone Gable Estates! They have been a vital supporter of ECHOS in helping us provide services to our neighbors experiencing crises, and we are grateful for their continued support. We also extend our thanks to our Dream Maker sponsor, DDMP, and our Blessing Maker sponsor, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. These generous sponsorships allow us to continue providing important programs and services in the Greater Elizabethtown Area. **The goal of the evening is to raise funds and outreach support for ECHOS' current initiatives such as:**

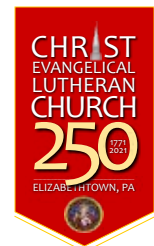
- **Elizabethtown Emergency Shelter**
- **Job readiness and workforce development**
- **Connections to local resources**
- **Supportive housing programs**
- **Youth crisis counseling**
- **Other initiatives that support our neighbors.**

The gala allows attendees the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment as community leaders to support those on a path towards stability.

This event will consist of formal attire, a short program, catered dinner, a silent auction, and dancing. Sponsorship opportunities are available to support the event through the ECHOS website, echoslancaster.org. If you are interested in donating a ticket to a volunteer or finding out more information regarding the silent auction, please reach out to dixonn@echoslancaster.org.



Thank you also to the following sponsors of the 2nd Annual ECHOS of Hope Gala: Crowe Transportation, Dustin Nagy Excavating LLC, Harvest View Barn, The Hess Agency, Ken & Peggy Shaffer, Nikolaus & Hohenadel, Pam & Dave Reist, POS SOS, R&T Mechanical, Inc., Sloan's Pharmacy, Tina & Timothy Baughman, White, Rudy LLC, and Waste Hauler Support Services. We appreciate your support!





Wendy, Clinical Director

- 1. Checking a new country off my bucket list
- 2. Definitely beach
- 3. Ben & Jerry's Phish Food

GET TO KNOW THE ECHOS TEAM



- 1. What is your dream summer vacation?
- 2. Beach or mountains?
- 3. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Brie, Executive Director

- 1. Scotland
- 2. Beach
- 3. Banana pudding at King Kone with extra chocolate sprinkles and a waffle cone

Natalie, Development Director

- 1. Alaska- glacier hikes, whale watching, the wildlife!
- 2. Mountains with no humidity
- 3. Jeni's Sweet Cream Biscuits & Peach Jam

Justin, Programs Director

- 1. Travel to the Bahamas to enjoy time on the beach with family
- 2. Beach
- 3. Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough



Kelly, Accountant

- 1. All inclusive resort in the Caribbean
- 2. Beach
- 3. Mint Chocolate Chip

Chrissie, Shelter Coordinator

- 1. Volunteering on an archaeological dig site
- 2. Beach
- 3. Honey Lavender



Corrie, Intake Coordinator

- 1. To visit South Africa for the whole summer
- 2. The beach...I love to be near the water and listening to the endless waves
- 3. Not too much of an ice cream fan, but I like butter pecan and on occasionally Neapolitan

Kayla, Enrichment Center Coordinator

- 1. Currently have a trip to Spain booked for September 2022! I'm most looking forward to experiencing their culture, the authentic food, beautiful scenery and maybe some dancing!
- 2. Hard choice! I love the beach but I don't think I could live somewhere that was so flat or had no mountains!
- 3. Mint chocolate chip or a twist cone with rainbow sprinkles

Hillary, Administrative Assistant

- 1. Swimming in crystal clear water!
- 2. Beach
- 3. Mint Chocolate Chip

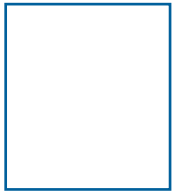
Sue, Campus Housing Coordinator

- 1. African safari
- 2. Beach
- 3. Chocolate Marshmallow



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TO MEET UP WITH ECHOS

2022 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

AUGUST 2 | 6:00 – 9:00pm

ELIZABETHTOWN FAIR

ECHOS BOOTH

AUGUST 22-27 | 10:00am – 10:00pm

2ND ANNUAL ECHOS OF HOPE GALA

SEPTEMBER 22 | 6:00 – 10:00pm

NISSLEY VINEYARD

WINE & WALK

OCTOBER 22

THE EXTRAGIVE

NOVEMBER 18 | All Day

THE GREAT TURKEY CHASE 5K

NOVEMBER 24 | 8:00 – 10:00am