



# JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

## A Life Transformed: Painting a Brighter Future

Mr. H. is typically a soft-spoken, mild-mannered person. But, ask him about his time at Joseph's Home and he becomes much more animated as he describes the care he received. "All the Joseph's Home staff, especially Ms. Jackson [Executive Director Georgette Jackson], have supported me all the time," explained Mr. H. "It relieved my mind knowing I could be somewhere safe, clean and secure. I am very appreciative."

After years of struggling with diabetes and congestive heart failure, plus undergoing dialysis due to kidney failure and being hospitalized regularly, Mr. H. was unable to work and eventually became homeless. He stayed at a homeless shelter for more than a month, but the shelter could not provide the specialized medical care he needed. He was referred to Joseph's Home and admitted in August 2011.

Joseph's Home provided Mr. H. with the medical attention he needed, ensuring he took his medications and received regular dialysis. He also received anger management counseling, life skills classes and nutrition education. When his car was repossessed due to an administrative problem with his payments, Joseph's Home social worker Rodney Dial helped him resolve the issue and get the vehicle back.

Being at Joseph's Home also allowed Mr. H. to try new things. Some of them—like attending his first Cavs basketball game thanks to a generous donor's contribution of tickets—were a big hit. The art program was a slightly different story. For his first and only masterpiece, he tried his hand at painting a picture of a pumpkin. Although he enjoyed the experience, the painting didn't turn out well. When asked about it, he laughed and said, "I can't paint a lick." But, he did receive a certificate for giving it his best shot. He said the encouragement from others was inspiring.

Mr. H. was hospitalized again in January to repair a detached retina in his eye. After four months away from Joseph's Home, he was re-admitted. Mr. H.'s health stabilized and he was approved for an apartment. He moved into his new home in late July, with a nurse visiting regularly to provide medical attention to keep his health stable. With the help of Joseph's Home, he can look forward to fewer days in the hospital and a longer, healthier life. ♦



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# Empowered to Change

A MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH'S HOME BOARD CHAIR

## New Board Chair Kathy Heigle

The Joseph's Home Board of Directors elected new officers in May. Kathy Heigle, a native Clevelander who has been on the board since 2010, was chosen to be the new board chair. Heigle works for Victory Capital Management as a portfolio manager. She lives in Rocky River with husband David, 6-year old son Rees and 4-year old daughter Maggie. In her spare time, she enjoys bike riding, hiking and home renovation projects.



Recently I met the wife of a former Joseph's Home resident. She explained how her husband had tried many times to turn his life around, but everywhere he went for help fell short.

Only Joseph's Home was able to give him everything he needed to succeed. She attributed it to the coaches and their personal attention. She said they were able to show him all of the good he had inside. They empowered him to take hold of his life. Now this man is reconciled with the family that has always loved him.

I hear similar stories whenever I listen to the people connected to Joseph's Home. They remind me of what first led me to this organization...

When my office was located downtown, I often saw a man at the corner of Ontario and Rockwell, outside of the Old Stone Church. He didn't ask for money, but would smile and wish people passing a good day. Some people ignored him, but others offered him a good day back. Often he would greet passersby by name.

I was amazed. Here was a man who was obviously homeless, wishing people well.

Over the course of a year, I became friends with J.K. Jr. We talked each morning as he walked me from my parking lot to Key Tower. One day, he even bought me a cup of coffee.

J.K. Jr. taught me a lot about his life as a homeless man and the opportunities Cleveland offered him to better his life. Tuesdays and Thursdays he would shower at St. Malachi and twice a week he went to classes for computers and woodworking.

Hearing stories of places in Cleveland that didn't just offer food and shelter but opportunities to change lives made me want to do more.

Joseph's Home is just that type of place. We are not a pass-through facility like a rehabilitation center. We help homeless men heal their mind, body and soul in a home atmosphere. We do an initial assessment, then provide coaching, enrichment programs and continuing care tailored for each man's needs. We provide a pathway of escape from the revolving door of safety-net services.

One day J.K. Jr. told me he got a job and was moving into a group home. He was so proud. I was proud. Here was a homeless man who didn't complain about his situation, but instead accepted it and set out to change his life for the better.

That's why Joseph's Home is here, and that's why I'm pleased to serve...for men like J.K. Jr. who just need a little extra love, encouragement and help to heal.

J.K. Jr.—if you ever read this, know that I'll never forget you. Thank you for your inspirational example. Your hope, courage and determination are impacting more lives than you will ever know.

KATHY A. HEIGLE

*Chair, Board of Directors, Joseph's Home*

## Partner Profile: *The Church of St. Clarence*

### VOLUNTEERS DEMONSTRATE CHARITY IN ACTION

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The Church of St. Clarence in North Olmsted has an extremely active Charity In Action (C.I.A.) volunteer program. Parish members engage in a variety of weekly, monthly and annual service projects that benefit the needy in the Cleveland area and around the world.

A team of C.I.A. volunteers cooks a Saturday meal for the men of Joseph's Home each month. They also play an active role in the annual Joseph's Home Christmas celebration by providing gifts individually selected for each resident.

*"The St. Clarence volunteers bring a real ray of sunshine into our building," said Joseph's Home Executive Director Georgette Jackson. "Their thoughtful acts of kindness and generosity promote profound spiritual, emotional and physical healing in the lives of our residents." ♦*

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## Partner Profile: *Cleveland State University Field Education Program*

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM PAYS DIVIDENDS FOR STUDENTS AND JOSEPH'S HOME

College interns from Cleveland State University are a welcome sight around Joseph's Home, where they supplement the work of professional staff and the loving labor of caring volunteers to benefit residents daily.

Internships are a vital part of the training for both undergraduate- and graduate-level social work students, explained Valerie Treisch-Chirdon, field education coordinator for the School of Social Work at Cleveland State. Treisch-Chirdon personally matches students with the agencies she thinks will fit best with their background, experience and interests.

At Joseph's Home, the faith-based mission and emphasis on meeting clients' physical and spiritual needs adds a special wrinkle for the interns. "It's a unique program, especially the holistic approach," she said.

Cleveland State interns at Joseph's Home this academic year are Marcus Redfern and Howard Winton. Combined, they are spending 40 hours per week at Joseph's Home until next April. They help the staff with paper work, answer phones, participate in group sessions and interact with residents.

Winton said his time at Joseph's Home so far has been "a very rewarding experience." He added, "I like to think I'm being of service to another human being."

Redfern agreed and added, "It's an organization that does excellent work, getting men back to health and back into society. I'm proud to be a Joseph's Home intern." ♦



*Cleveland State University  
interns Howard Winton (left)  
and Marcus Redfern.*

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# Donor Profile: *Joseph Sweeney*

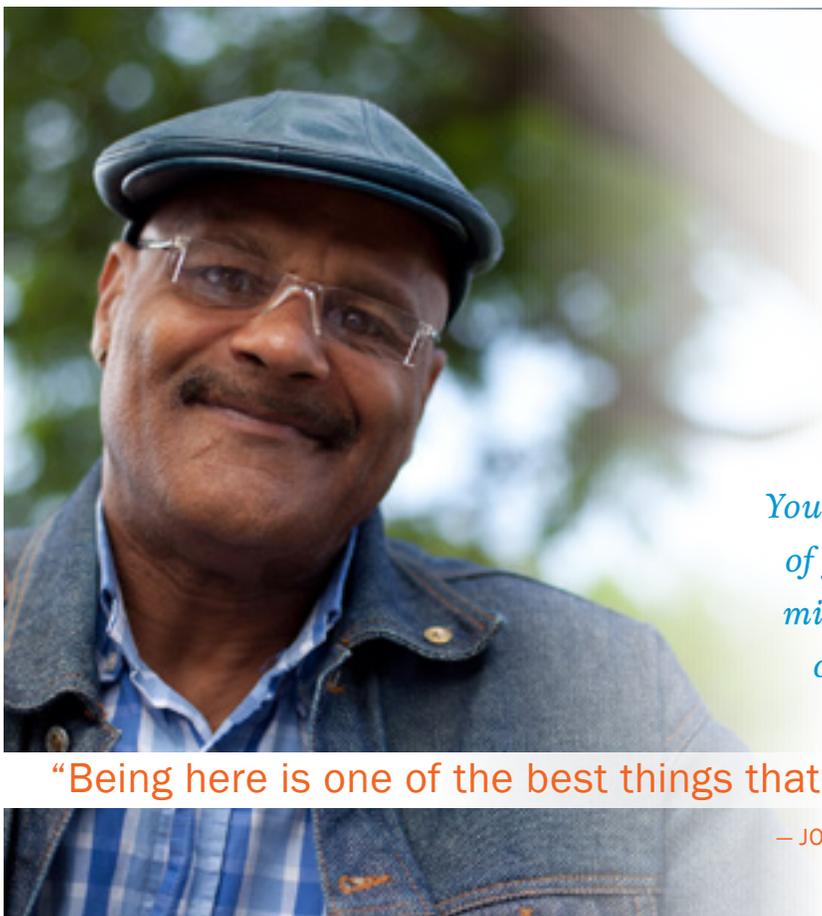
## SURPRISE PARTY LEADS TO A SURPRISE GIFT

When Joseph's Home supporter and retired firefighter Joseph Sweeney turned 75 in July, guests at his surprise party didn't bring him gifts—and he couldn't have been happier. Instead, they were asked to make donations to Joseph's Home. Nineteen guests donated a total of \$895. Sweeney also had the opportunity to describe Joseph's Home and its mission to his guests. Since the party, people have continued to ask Sweeney about Joseph's Home.

Sweeney initially learned about Joseph's Home several years ago through a newspaper article with a request for donations of lampshades from Sr. Joan Gallagher, who was the executive director at the time. Sweeney recalled saying to himself, "Who in the world asks for donations of lampshades? I've got to meet this nun." He called her and has been involved ever since. Sweeney was a firefighter in Lyndhurst, Ohio, for 34 years, including 17 years as chief. He has six children, including two sons who are also firefighters. ♦



*In lieu of gifts for Joseph Sweeney's surprise 75th birthday party, guests donated money to Joseph's Home. Pictured are Sweeney and his daughter Kathy Sbrocco.*



## Support Joseph's Home

*Your financial support provides the men of Joseph's Home with healing for body, mind and soul. Send your gift today, or call 216.875.4634 to donate by phone.*

**"Being here is one of the best things that's happened to me."**

— JOSEPH'S HOME ALUM MR. HALL *(pictured to the left)*

# ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## Mr. Butas, 2012

Mr. Butas graduated from Joseph's Home in September, only five months after surgery to correct a debilitating foot condition. Although occasional pain is expected to continue until a year or more after the surgery, his recovery is progressing rapidly. Mr. Butas lives independently within walking distance of Joseph's Home and is looking for full-time work. He has more than 20 years of experience as a computer numerically controlled machine programmer and hopes to find a position where he can use his knowledge of precision measuring tools.

*"If it wouldn't have been for Joseph's Home, I don't know what would have happened. There's no other place like this in Cleveland."* —MR. BUTAS

## NEW BEGINNINGS

## UPDATES

### Mr. Parks, 2011

Sometimes turnaround stories are better than success stories. After repeated relapses, the Joseph's Home team decided Mr. Parks needed to be in a residential drug treatment program. Thankfully, he embraced this change of plans. He continued to visit Joseph's Home during the course of his treatment and relied on his relationships with Joseph's Home staff for the support and encouragement he needed to get clean and stay clean. Today, he is 22 months sober and active in nursing home and prison ministry.

*"I received quality care and genuine compassion from the staff of Joseph's Home."*

—MR. PARKS

### Mr. Scott, 2009

When Mr. Scott came to Joseph's Home with stage four colon cancer, one of his doctors told him he was "at death's door." His cancer now remains in remission. He lives independently in a downtown apartment and is engaged to be married next June.



*"I'm getting a second chance at life. This program works."*

—MR. GAMBLE (pictured above)

*"Joseph's Home is a good place to change your life. Here, you're in a safe place."*

—MR. PATTERSON

### Mr. Patterson, 2010

Mr. Patterson came to Joseph's Home after hip replacement surgery. A recovering addict who has been sober since New Year's Day 2008, he is now in his second year of school at Cuyahoga Community College, where he is studying to become an addiction counselor. Having been out of school for more than 30 years, Mr. Patterson reports that the algebra and biology classes are a challenge, but he is taking full advantage of the tutoring resources available to him. He has been gratified to find other, younger, students looking to him for help in class.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Joseph's Home Again Chosen for Holiday Spirit Campaign

For the second year in a row, Joseph's Home was selected as one of several nonprofit groups to receive funds from the Cleveland *Plain Dealer's* Holiday Spirit Campaign. The award includes a \$10,000 cash prize that will help to cover the cost of programs and services for residents. Plus, at least one former Joseph's Home resident will be featured in a Holiday Spirit story, which will run in the *Plain Dealer* sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



## Open House Draws a Crowd

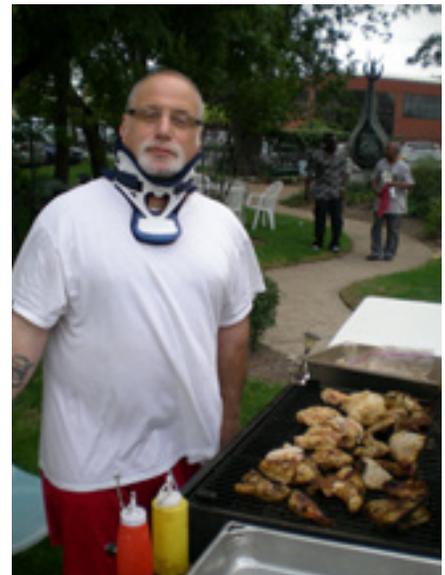
Joseph's Home hosted an open house on September 30, which provided guests an opportunity to tour Joseph's Home with staff and board members, and learn more about its programs and services. Guests also enjoyed light refreshments, a drawing for door prizes and children's activities.

## Alumni Return to Joseph's Home for Annual Picnic

Alumni, staff and board members gathered at Joseph's Home for the third annual alumni picnic September 14. Rain moved most of the event inside, but a few hardy souls braved the weather and ate outside. Guests enjoyed Chef Jeff's barbeque and the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.



*Howard Winton (left), social work intern, and Michael Allen, a 2010 Joseph's Home graduate, play horseshoes at the alumni picnic. Robert Piscioti, current resident, helps out with grilling at the alumni picnic.*



## Resident Paintings Featured at Art Show

Twelve paintings by former Joseph's Home residents were featured in the Helping Hands, Healing Hearts Art Show that ran from August 5 to August 26 at the Beachwood Community Center. Visit the Joseph's Home Facebook page to see some of the featured paintings.

## Federal Employees Encouraged to Donate

Federal employees in the Cleveland area can donate to Joseph's Home via payroll deduction through the 2012 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Enter agency code 65874 on your pledge card to direct your gift to Joseph's Home. Consult [www.northcoastcfc.org](http://www.northcoastcfc.org) for more information. The CFC runs through December 15.

## Find Us Online



Visit [www.josephshome.com](http://www.josephshome.com) to get news and updates, connect with Joseph's Home on Facebook, make secure online donations, learn about volunteer opportunities and more.

# AND EVENTS

## December 10: phil-an-thro-pi-a Benefit Luncheon

Executive Caterers' annual phil-an-thro-pi-a benefit luncheon is December 10. Admission is a tax-deductible donation of at least \$75 to a Cleveland-area nonprofit. To enjoy a fantastic meal and support Joseph's Home, visit [www.executivecaterers.com/philanthropia](http://www.executivecaterers.com/philanthropia), print out the registration form, then send the form along with your payment to Executive Caterers. Remember to make the check payable to Joseph's Home. Let us know you're going by contacting Development Manager Nathan Munn at 216.875.4634 or [nmunn@sistersofcharityhealth.org](mailto:nmunn@sistersofcharityhealth.org).

## February 25, 2013: B'laster Chili Open Golf Classic Fundraiser

The Strongsville Rotary selected Joseph's Home as a beneficiary of its 21st Annual B'laster Chili Open Golf Classic Saturday, February 25, 2013, at the Cuyahoga County Fairground. The Chili Open is a unique and fun event for golfers and non-golfers alike. Advance registration is \$35 or \$40 at the door. For more information and online registration, go to [www.chiliopen.com](http://www.chiliopen.com). The Chili Open phone hotline is 216.898.4719.

## March 19, 2013: Feast of St. Joseph

Joseph's Home will host the annual Feast of St. Joseph celebration in honor of our patron saint on March 19, 2013. Invitations and more information to follow after the New Year.

## 2013 Anniversary Luncheon Planning Under Way

Planning is under way for the 2013 Joseph's Home Anniversary Luncheon. For information about sponsorships, contact Joseph's Home Development Manager Nathan Munn at 216.875.4634.

## WISH LIST

*Help us continue to be a blessing to our residents. We would be grateful if you could donate special funds to help purchase these items, or donate them in coordination with Facilities & Operations Manager Edison Mosley, II at 216.685.1551.*

- Tools—household and gardening
- Winter clothes
- Men's underwear (L & XL)
- Art supplies—canvases and acrylic paints
- Computers (in good shape)
- Towels and wash cloths
- Housewares for men being discharged
- Men's personal hygiene items (razors, shaving cream, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)
- Twin bed sheet sets

## 2012 Annual Fund Needs Your Support

It costs approximately \$150 a day to serve each of our residents. Your tax-deductible year-end donation will allow us to continue to heal, empower and transform lives. Please send your holiday gift in the attached envelope or donate on [josephshome.com](http://josephshome.com). Many thanks and blessings on you and your loved ones.

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"From the second I  
walked in the door,  
I felt nothing but love."

—MR. KIMBROUGH



*Joseph's Home alum Mr. Kimbrough and his daughter in the Joseph's Home garden.*

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