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#### 2019 GALA HONOREES

Neli Vazquez Rowland & Brian Rowland, ASH Co-Founders
Alex Pissios, Cinespace Film Studios, Event Chair & ASH Past Honoree
Dionne Miller, Celebrity ABC7 Sportscasters, Gala MC

Perry Mandera, Military Veteran, Custom Trucking CEO, IL Trucking Association Chair 2019 ASH Champion in Business Honoree

Bill Sternberg, Editor of USA Today, 2019 ASH Champion in Media Honoree Laura Bretan, International Singer, Golden Buzzer Winner at America's Got Talent

#### **FOUNDERS LETTER**

Dear Friends and Loyal Supporters,

In 1994,A Safe Haven (ASH) was privately funded and quietly born in a 13-unit apartment building in Logan Square, a poverty-stricken neighborhood in Chicago. Our plan was simple. We wanted to help a few people in crisis get back on their feet by providing them with room and board, and access to the services and resources they needed to overcome the root causes of their addiction and homeless issues. We noticed that the rising demand for our services was undeniable. We had nowhere to turn to share this knowledge, so we took a giant leap of faith to do something about it ourselves.

When we founded A Safe Haven, we never would have imagined that our vision and mission would lead to A Safe Haven surviving, enduring and growing over so many years, and that the work that we do would become so incredibly relevant today. Our hard work has paid off. Today, we are seen as subject matter experts and as the pioneering architects of the most complete solution to end homelessness, with a tried and true model we are sought out nationally and internationally to speak on so many of the overlapping topics we address, and we have proven are mostly retractable and solvable problems.

We were inspired to begin ASH by our own personal stories, two first generation American's - one a military veteran and another from a poverty-stricken community, overcoming challenges we faced personally, and saw plaguing our communities, which led us to make a radical decision to create a new model for empowering people to break the cycle of poverty and its causes. Our crystal-clear vision and experience led to a mission of freeing people from the shackles of substance abuse, incarceration, domestic violence, poverty, and homelessness with a holistic and sustainable model. Today, each and every one who played a role and got involved deserves the credit for our collective success.

Guided by intention and purpose, what sets A Safe Haven apart is that we looked at the problem from the lens that in order to solve it, it needed to be a holistic approach. An approach that assesses and connects people to our unique network of behavioral healthcare services, education, economic and housing opportunities. Today, we are grateful to be recognized around the world for our model thanks to our leadership team and entire staff which is a combination of credible, lived experience and academically trained professionals who are all the most dedicated, passionate, and compassionate people you will ever meet. Most of all, we owe our success to the I25,000 inspiring and powerful testimonials from ASH alumni who placed their trust in us, and allowed us to help them transform their lives to self-sufficiency. We measure our success by their success.

We are also very proud to be accountable to all of our funders and supporters. A Safe Haven is rated as one of the most efficient organizations in the country where all of the money we get goes directly to providing food, shelter and services. There is no middle man.

As trailblazers, we have faced many challenges that were beyond our control, such as facing the stubborn social stigma, the economic headwinds, the political culture that so often supported entrenched systems and let's not forget the powerful dark forces behind the opioid epidemic. Despite the challenges, we have experienced much joy and success in the knowledge that in the last 25 years we have had the privilege of serving and helping to empower the lives of those in need. We have also met so many great like-minded people along the way. It has been the most amazing journey of our lives!

We are proud of how far we have come, but know our work is not done. Not by a longshot!

Today, we cannot emphasize enough that we are at the most crucial crossroads in history. For the first time in our generation, we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to get it right. We humbly believe that it will take all of us to get involved to help us realize our ultimate goal of making sure that we do everything we can to replace our broken and fragmented systems with more compassionate, streamlined and accountable systems that can consistently put people who fall on hard times on a path to their highest level of independence. We invite you all to join us as we continue our journey to lead the way towards building a system that heals root causes of poverty and homelessness with dignity, and allows everyone to play a role in making this a better world.

In the meantime, let us all take a moment to review our performance metrics, and watch the inspiring video testimonials and imagine what the world would look like if we could unite around our common goal of ending homelessness. We believed it, and now we hope you believe it too. Be inspired to know that today we have smart choices that allow us to all do our part to do more good in the world! We hope you continue to partner with us. By sticking together with a shared love for all humanity, the future is bright and we will build an elegant solution.

Gratefully,

Neli Vazquez Rowland, President & Co-Founder

A Safe Haven Leading the Solution Opioid & Homeless Epidemic

LEARN MORE https://youtu.be/sKJDysC4LTI

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"Coming Together is a Beginning, Staying Together is Progress, Working Together is Success"

- Henry Ford

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# Board of Directors

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"Leadership Team as of July 2019"

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"A Safe Haven Foundation provides a vertically integrated, focused model continuum of care that recognizes shelter, food and clothing is not a cure but a beginning."

-Steven R. White, W.P. & H.B. White Foundation

# CONTINUUM OF CARE



### **BY THE NUMBERS**

FROM JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

4,945
UNDUPLICATED
PARTICIPANTS

UNDUPLICATED VETERANS SERVED

673



849

ADULTS & HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SECURED PERMANENT HOUSING

UNDUPLICATED YOUTH SERVED IN OVERNIGHT SHELTERS

> 215 (18-24 YEARS OLD)

528
CHILDREN
SERVED

\*0 - 17 YEARS OLD

471,331
HEALTHY MEALS PREPARED

**55** DAYS

AVERAGE LENGTH
OF STAY\*
\*INTERIM HOUSING

\$ 3,339,832\*
ESTIMATED TAX CONTRIBUTION
\*BASED ON 15% ILLINOIS TAX RATE

2,779
TOTAL BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH SERVICE HOURS

29,554
CLASSROOM
HOURS

1,015
TOTAL JOB
PLACEMENTS

(INCLUDES TRANSITIONAL, TEMPORARY & PERMANENT) \$22,652,214

CUMULATIVE ANNUAL EARNINGS OF ASHF JOB PLACEMENTS

\*ESTIMATED BASED ON FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT **PARTNERS** 

190

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SOCIAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

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TRANSITIONAL, SUPPORTIVE, AFFORDABLE, SENIOR\* & MILITARY VETERAN HOUSING LOCATIONS ACROSS

THE CHICAGOLAND AREA \* A Safe Haven also welcomes partners

to provide housing for program graduates.

OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU DONATE GOES TO SUPPORT ASHE HOMELESS RESIDENTS

### Transitional housing

#### **#HOUSING IS HEALTHCARE**

The process of rebuilding and healing the root causes of homelessness begins with providing shelter, food and other wrap around services that happen at our transitional housing headquarters. A Safe Haven's leadership's presence on site every day improves our ability to keep a finger on the pulse of the needs of the community in real time. A Safe Haven's headquarters is also the location of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Community Resource and Referral Center. Every day our flagship 140,000 square foot location is filled to capacity providing intake, assessment and stabilization services for almost 400 people a day. Unlike a traditional homeless shelter, all residents are provided with a semi-private suite to ensure privacy and security for themselves or their entire families.

Food • Education • Treatment • Semi Private Accommodations for Individuals & Families • Individualized Case Management • Education & Job Training • Job Placement

4,945

Total participants in ASHF programs



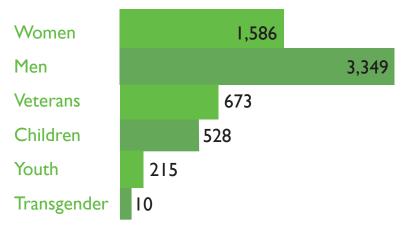
55 days\*

Average length of stay

82 Intakes per week on average

\*Interim Housing

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS OF HOMELESS SERVED**



ting my daughter. I got arrested in Cook town, and they sent me here (instead of jail). I've tried quite a few treatment centers since I was 20 years old. The difference is I work on all parts of my issue, mental health, substance abuse, living life, & I get (peer to peer) support. Learning how to live life again. The classes and the meetings reminds me of where I've been and I don't want to go back to. She's happy I'm here. I needed all the help I could get. The support

here is phenomenal"

GINA A Safe Haven Alumnus



#### **Grateful Hearts**



# Meet Gina. Alcoholic, Arrested to Sober Mom https://youtu.be/srp2vsHyTaQ

"Acceptance doesn't mean resignation; it means understanding that something is what it is and that there's got to be a way through it."

- Michael J. Fox



"I've been in prison 26 years of my life. I'm Truly Grateful They have a lot to offer. They help you get your id, housing, life skills, job training, education and I'm Blessed to be here. I don't want to die. When you have someone who actually wants to help you, you can't help but love them for it. Now I help people. Someone helped me. You want to change your life? This is the place to come.

PAUL A SAFE HAVEN ALUMNUS

# ASSESSMENTS

To begin the process of addressing the root causes of poverty and homelessness, at ASHF, all residents are assessed utilizing respective industry accepted assessment tools for various areas of their lives. The results of their individual assessments determine a baseline of their particular needs and are used to inform and design an individualized and holistic service plan. Clients are required to address and follow their individualized plan during their stay at ASHF. The basic areas of assessments include the following:

SOCIAL
ACADEMIC
PHYSICAL
EMPLOYMENT
VOTER STATUS

#### **Grateful Hearts**



Meet Paul.
From Prison to
Paying it Forward

https://youtu.be/TKpw07VCyOI

# HUNGER

Eat your food as medicine or otherwise, you will eat your medicine as your food.

- Unknown



471,331 meals were served



#### A SAFE HAVEN FEEDS THE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

- Serving 3 Healthy & Nutritious Meals a Day
- Providing Culinary Arts and Food Service Training
- Growing our own Organic Gardens
- Providing Nutrition & Wellness Education
- Serving as a Community Food Pantry Resource Center

4.5



TONS

Canned goods collected at the 2019 Chicago Auto Show

**LEARN MORE:** http://www.asafehaven.org/ashf-2019-chicago-auto-show/

2 Organic Community Gardens located in Chicago's top food deserts

28,000

individuals served in A Safe Haven Food Pantry each year, providing community residents access to food to support their families' nutritional needs.

In Chicago's food deserts, such as North Lawndale, well balanced, nutritious and affordable foods are out of reach. For men, women and children living in poverty, studies have shown that this inaccessibility contributes to problems such as lower achievement in academics and health issues.

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE



A Safe Haven's team of professional behavioral healthcare clinicians provide on site individual and group therapy sessions to all residents of A Safe Haven in need of professional psychological counseling. Many residents, adults and children, of A Safe Haven have suffered from underlying traumatic experiences such as sexual assault, domestic violence, PTSD from gun violence, human trafficking, physical and mental abuse and co-existing mental health conditions or behavioral healthcare diseases such as depression, substance use, stress, bi-polar and schizophrenia. A Safe Haven trauma informed care services have successfully helped tens of thousands of our residents learn how to cope, manage and overcome their challenges in a way that allows them to restore their self-esteem and to live their lives successfully with life long commitments to recovery as positive productive members of society.

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ng from drug abuse ocaine was shot 7 Is disowned me, I had become homeless. My family didn't want me around. (ASH) are the only ones who wanted me. I listened to the staff. I don't do the things I used to do. I don't rob. I don't steal. I'm proud A Safe Haven gave my mother their son back. In a short amount of time. I am just really, really happy. I feel good about myself. I thank Safe Haven."

JOJO A SAFE HAVEN ALUMNUS

33%

of all ASHF homeless adult residents reported chronic alcohol issues at intake 73%

of all ASHF homeless adult residents reported substance use issues at intake

67%

of Veterans at intake reported abusing substances

#### **Grateful Hearts**



Meet JoJo.
Homeless and Addicted To
Clean Family Reunited
https://youtu.be/0V4kY4Dumvc

ASHF's Psychotherapy / Behavioral Health Program is an imperative part of the recovery process for residents at ASHF because a large percentage of the individuals who seek help have experienced significant emotional trauma, loss, poverty, poor parental modeling, and/or abuse.

1,759 2,236 2,417 362 Individual Substance Use Session Hours

Group Substance Use Session Hours

Mental Health Individual Sessions

Mental Health Group Sessions

<sup>\*</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Behavioral Health Services for People Who are Homeless

# POLICY LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

# A Safe Haven Congratulates Federal Elected Officials For PASSING The Nation's Historic Criminal Justice Reform Bill "First Step Act"

December 20, 2018 - The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly passed the Criminal Justice Reform Bill called the "First Step Act" with bipartisan support on Tuesday, a pivotal piece of criminal justice legislation that will allow low-level and nonviolent drug offenders to get treatment and workforce development services that help address the root causes of the high rate of recidivism, joblessness, homelessness and opioid dependence, rather than receive prison time. http://www.asafehaven.org/a-safe-haven-congratulates-federal-elected-officials/

# White House Hosts Co-Founder of A Safe Haven at Opportunity Zone Conference as Featured Speaker

April 17th, 2018 - The White House, Washington DC. US Neli Vazquez Rowland testimonial at the nationally televised Inaugural Opportunity Zone Conference featured A Safe Haven as an inspirational and innovative model for helping the address the opioid epidemic, criminal justice reform and affordable housing through opportunity zone investments which can help rebuild the lives of America's most vulnerable populations. Over 170 people from across the Nation attended the White House Opportunity Zones Conference with State, Local, Tribal, and Community Leaders. The Opportunity Zone conference included remarks from President Trump federal leaders Doug Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President & Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Kevin Hassett, Assistant to the President & Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Secretary Steven Mnuchin, U.S. Department of Treasury, Secretary Ben Carson, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and Larry Kudlow, Assistant to the President & Director, National Economic Council.

# A Safe Haven Foundation Co-Founder Appointed to the Illinois Institute of Medicine

June 27th, 2019 – The Board of Governors for the Institute of Medicine Chicago (IOMC) has appointed the 2018 Healthcare Innovation Honoree and Co-Founder of A Safe Haven Foundation, Neli Vazquez Rowland as a Fellow to one of Chicago's oldest and most distinguished societies at their Annual Meeting in Chicago. Neli, will be joining Chicago's most richly diverse group of healthcare professionals, with varying experiences, education and achievements, who all have the same vision to make a positive change in health care. The inclusion of Neli Vazquez Rowland, on the Board marks a new era where upon the traditional healthcare industry is now expanding its delivery system to build bridges with State licensed community based behavioral healthcare delivery systems. This convergence is crucial and revolutionary to creating a more comprehensive, integrated and seamless continuum of care to address both the healthcare needs of the patient and to create a warm handoff to address the underlying social determinants of health that are impacting so many of the most vulnerable populations of society.

https://bit.ly/357KtUV

# A Safe Haven Co-Founder & President Neli Vazquez Rowland Current Board & Leadership Positions

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Board Member Scouts of America, Board Member State of Illinois Medicaid Advisory Committee Small Business Advocacy Council, Board Member Little Village Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Board Member Bradley University Construction and Engineering, Advisory Board Member Illinois Drug and Alcohol Women's Committee Member State of Illinois Re-Entry Housing Task Force "We Must All Work Together to End Youth Homelessness in America" – lewel



Just one episode of homelessness can impact a child's future health and educational outcomes. Homeless children, due to poor nutrition and housing conditions, are more likely to suffer from physical health conditions such as obesity, asthma, lead poisoning, and mental health disorders such as anxiety, depression, and disruptive behavioral disorders. Homeless students are also much more likely than their housed classmates to transfer schools, be chronically absent, have lower proficiency rates on state assessments, be suspended, drop out of school, or have special education and English language learning needs.

50,949 Homeless Children in Schools in IL\*

# YOUTH SERVICES

\* Updated January 2018; Source US interagency council on Homelessness, US Department of Education

603 Homeless Youth

between the ages of 18-24 fully enrolled in A Safe Haven's programs and were provided a range of services including:

- individualized case management
- housing
- food
- GED
- literacy

- computer literacy
- mentoring
- employment
- career placement

#### YOUTH OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

A Safe Haven provides a City of Chicago funded Youth overnight shelter that is open 365 days a year for 25 homeless youth nightly. Many of the youth we serve in this program are aging out and are released from the foster care and juvenile justice system. Many of them are also runaways due to trauma and sexual abuse, and some are from the LGBT community. The goal of the program is to provide a warm place to get access to a shower, food, laundry services, shelter, a sense of community and belonging and professional counseling. The Youth Overnight Program is a stepping stone to engage youth into more intensive programming offered by ASHF.

Unduplicated Youth Served in Overnight Youth Program

# YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

"One Summer Chicago Plus"

ASHF participated in a city-wide initiative, One Summer Chicago, to provide financial literacy, job training, placement, and mentorship to youth from high violence communities. This program is in line with ASHF's mission to create vibrant, viable communities in previously blighted areas. The youth participated in the city-wide beautification project and other activities designed to bring services to neglected neighborhoods.

#### 58 STUDENTS ENLISTED

- 43 COMPLETED THE PROGRAM
- 19 ENROLLED IN COLLEGE
- 40 RETURNED TO HIGH SCHOOL



- Iohn Adams

# ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES



A Safe Haven offers its residents educational certifications and credentials and meets standards prescribed by the Illinois Community College Board. A Safe Haven residents can significantly improve their reading and math skills and even earn their GED through regular classes and tutoring offered on site.



"I slept at Bus Stops. The pain was gnawing inside of me so hard I began to reach out for help and that's when I reached out and A Safe Haven helped. I found people who had my same story. They had a sense of direction and a sense of hope. A Safe Haven provided me a starting point. They provided me a job. They provided training for it for me. Whatever the situation is when it comes to living, there are more resources (at ASH) for those that want to give themselves a chance. Give A Safe Haven a chance."

> **ALFRAEDO** A SAFE HAVEN RESIDENT

#### Increase in skills by grade level\*

**MATH** 





\*Pre and Post assessments given for program participants over an average 6 week time period. (TABE Assessment)

#### **Grateful Hearts**



Meet Alfraedo. **Homeless Military Veteran Back to Work** https://youtu.be/ccBINQnUA9Y



29,554

hours spent in the classroom during this fiscal year

#### **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ASHF**

Health & Nutrition Education Anger Management Domestic Violence Consumer Education Civic Education **HIV/STD** Awareness

Parental Leadership Computer and Financial Literacy Self Awareness Relapse Prevention GED Preparation Credit Restoration Education

# VETERANS

"A Man Who is Good Enough to Shed His Blood for His Country is Good enough to Be Given a square deal afterward"

-Theodore Roosevelt



A Safe Haven partners with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, corporate sponsors, donors, employers and community supporters to empower military veterans to rebuild their lives by providing access to benefits, healthcare, shelter, food, jobs, housing, and to restore their pride and purpose.



"For Veterans this is a goldmine. They even provide shuttle services to our primary medical care facility everyday. Everyday there is someone there to provide resources for us. It's like heaven-sent. They are so resourceful, considerate, and nice... If you are homeless and you're a Veteran; come on in here and take care of yourself, get your life back together and be whole again."

A SAFE HAVEN ALUMNUS, MILITARY VETERAN





#### PREVENTING, ADDRESSING & ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR VETERANS



veterans are experiencing homelessness in the U.S. in 2018\*





Unduplicated Veterans Served Suicides while in our care since 1994

45% have serious mental illness\*\*

have substance use

65.2%

did not have a job when leaving the military

43%

did not have a place to live when leaving the military

(http://cir.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CIR\_ChicagoReport\_double.pdf)

A Safe Haven's state-of-the art headquarters location is strategically located between two major VA Medical Centers in Illinois: Hines and Jesse Brown. Since 2012, it also uniquely serves as the host site for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) for Military veterans in VA Great Lakes Health Care System (IL, UP of MI, WI, Northern IN) who are currently in crisis, homeless or at risk of homelessness.



# JOBTRAINING & PLACEMENT



A Safe Haven's Illinois Community College Board on site State of Illinois accredited vocational job training and workforce development programs provide our participants industry credentialed professional certifications, instill a solid work ethic through classes, provide paid on-the-job training, and provide access to internships and employment opportunities to our residents and to community participants. The job readiness programs at A Safe Haven have a strong track record of successfully helping build the professional skills and confidence needed to help our alumni succeed in overcoming barriers, and to have the ability to compete to obtain and retain jobs in high demand and rewarding career paths that help people have the ability to support themselves, their families and to break the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

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"I've been struggling with addiction to heroin for 13 years. Started from my dental work and pain killers. What frustrated me I just couldn't stop it was out of my hands. It was hard to find a program that accepted insurance or had state funding. After jail, I was sent to A Safe Haven. A Safe Haven staff treated me with nothing but courtesy. They give you the tools to deal with that. I went through stages, from dorm room setting to an apartment that I had to take care of and keep clean to your own place. That's very unique move you to type of housing based on your progress. They take it to the next level. They got me job training, skill and certification in welding. I got a job I got a promotion to supervisor. They not only gave me back me they gave me back to my family."

A SAFE HAVEN RESIDENT



A Safe Haven's job traning program meets the criteria and standards prescribed by the Illinois Community College Board & ICCB Certificate of Recognition.

#### **Grateful Hearts**



Meet Kyle.
Opioid Addicted To
Employed & Family Restored
https://youtu.be/L0Y-LZbvWDc

# ASHF'S IMPACT ON ILLINOIS JOB MARKET

67% Job Placement Rate



I,015
Total Job
Placements

\$22,652,214

CUMULATIVE ANNUAL EARNINGS OF A SAFE HAVEN FOUNDATION JOB PLACEMENTS\*

\$3,339,832

### ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION TO THE TAX BASE\*

\*The estimated above totals are based on 1,015 ASHF program finishers that were placed in jobs at an average of \$12.00 an hour for direct hire and transitional job placement over 12 months. Taxes paid are calculated at an estimated 15% tax rate.

# 190 EMPLOYER PARTNERS

IN HOUSE JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

OSHA • WELDING • LANDSCAPING CUSTOMER SERVICE • SECURITY CULINARY ARTS • HOUSEKEEPING TELEMARKETING



"The Ache for a home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go and as we are and not be questioned"

- Maya Angelou

A Safe Haven offers a unique continuum of phased housing that consists of direct access to a growing network of real estate developments. A Safe Haven's network of housing is located throughout the Chicagoland area, including the surrounding suburbs. Traditionally, A Safe Haven's investment in 'at risk' and economically disenfranchised communities has also served as a catalyst for community social and economic transformation. As people become stabilized and employed, they still face many barriers to safe and secure affordable housing. Access to the appropriate level of housing allows people to move from transitional, supportive, affordable, senior and military family housing to ensure long-term stability and safety. All sites are professionally managed, safe, affordable, beautifully maintained and professionally landscaped.

### CONTINUUM OF HOUSING

PHASED HOUSING SERVICES

#### **Transitional**

Food • Education • Treatment • Semi Private accommodations for individuals & families Individualized Case Management • Job Training • Job Placement

#### Supportive

- Semi Private Apartments
- Individualized Case Management
- Access to Social Services, Community Engagement and Economic Opportunities

#### **Affordable**

• Independent Apartments and Single Family homes for pre-qualified individuals and families • Services may be available, as needed.



2017 Distinguished Design Award Winner by American Institute of Architects (AIA)



2018 Silver Design Award Winner by Association of Licensed Architects (ALA)

#### **Senior**

- Independent Housing for individuals 55 years and older
  - Alternative to Assisted Living
- Services may be available, as needed.









\*More Housing Coming Soon in 2020-2021!

A Safe Haven develops, owns and manages a network of over 40 real estate developments. KMA Development Company is actively partnering to help A Safe Haven grow a professionally managed portfolio to meet the unmet and pent-up demand for transitional, supportive, affordable, senior and veteran housing Coming soon in 2020-21 – A 90 Unit Veteran Housing Project, Chicago, IL and a 75 Unit Veteran Housing Project, Hobart Indiana. These KMA/A Safe Haven projects are funded by both public and private partnerships including but not limited to top funders like: US Housing and Urban Development, US Veterans Administration, City of Chicago, City of Hobart, IN, Lake County, IN, Federal Home Loan Bank, Bank of America, Community Investment Corporation, Cinniare, IL Department of Housing and IN Department of Housing COMED, Home Depot and the private contributions and donations of others including the Founders Neli and Brian Rowland. To learn more or to partner with us, please visit our website www.ASafeHaven.org or email info@ASafeHaven.org

"A viable and socially responsible business is one of the most potent catalysts for ending poverty and homelessness; it is the only institution that can employ, invest and partner to

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# SOCIAL ENTERPRISES



A Sustainable Model: Since 1994, A Safe Haven has been considered a pioneer in the field of social entrepreneurship and private-public partnerships. Early on, A Safe Haven leadership determined that government services could not solve poverty alone. A Safe Haven's network of for-profit and not-for-profit businesses are an outgrowth of a need to create jobs for people with barriers to employment, to help support job training programs, and to provide high quality services to our customers. Today, 35% of A Safe Haven's revenues are derived from earned income. Hire us!

#### **ASH TALENT RESOURCES\***



RETAIL CUSTOMER SERVICE | MAINTENANCE | FOOD SERVICE

MANUFACTURING | WELDING | CONSTRUCTION | OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

DATA ENTRY | COMMUNITY HEALTH | AND MORE!



Let us locate, train, pre-screen, and payroll the talent you need to get the job done right. Contact us for a free consultation! Visit our website and complete the online inquiry form. Email: Workforce@asafehaven.org Phone: 773-435-8300

#### **2018-2019 BY THE NUMBERS**

85 I

Number of Employees \$12.34

Avg rate of pay

per hour

8,428

Classroom Training
Hours

1,120

On the job training I hours

190

**Employer Partners** 

\*Reflects Workforce Development and Staffing Services.

www.ASafeHaven.org/social-enterprise/talent-resource-services/

foster an ecosystem and culture that aligns and represents all our values and economic interests to empower all humanity." - Neli Vazquez Rowland, Philanthropist & Social Entrepreneur

# SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

#### CATERING



#### MPRESS YOUR GUESTS!

Classic & Custom Design Plated Lunches / Dinners Gourmet Box Lunches **Buffet** 

Light & Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres

#### INDULGE IN YOUR FAVORITE CUISINE AT YOUR NEXT GATHERING OR EVENT ANYWHERE IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA.

Golf Outings I Corporate Lunches I Women's Luncheons I Conference Retreats I Association Meetings I Networking **Events I Holiday Parties** 

For catering information or to request a quote: • Email: catering@asafehaven.org • Phone: 773-435-8374

Complete our on-line inquiry form and an A Safe Haven Representative will contact you to customize your menu.

#### 2018-2019 BY THE NUMBERS

**Employees** 

# of Students Avg rate of pay per hour

**4,900**Classroom Training Hours

www.ASafeHaven.com/Catering

#### LANDSCAPING



LET US HELP YOU DESIGN, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN

A Safe Haven Landscaping is a full-service, year round landscaping and snow removal company and Social Business Enterprise poised and ready to serve businesses, municipalities, institutional organizations as well as private residential clients in every phase of landscape management.

Outdoor Corporate Complexes, Condominiums, Restaurants, Shops, Hotels and Public Venues!

For landscaping information or to request a quote:

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# HIGHLIGHTS & IMPACT

#### 9th Annual 5K RUN! To End Homelessness

On July 14, 2019 thousands of supporters from all over the State of Illinois took part in the 9th annual 5k RUN/WALK To End Homelessness that was held at Chicago's Montrose Harbor. Among the crowds were enlisted military, elected officials, corporate leaders and neighbors united to support the cause. Host City councilman James Cappelman welcomed the crowds, ABC7 Dionne Miller emceed the event, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot served as event Grand Marshall. Cook county Commissioner Board of Review Dan Patlak Team won for the 5th year in a row for Largest and Biggest Fundraising team!



ASH Residents Provide Powerful and Emotional Testimony to address the Opioid Epidemic with Mental Health Insurance Parity at State of Illinois Insurance Hearing

LEARN MORE: https://youtu.be/OQSybnGLEKc



# 2019 A Safe Haven Military Veteran Stand Down



On May 14, 2019, A Safe Haven hosted a record 88 vendors providing services to military veterans which included healthcare, education, social service and housing providers and employers,

L-R Chicago Aviation Commissioner, Jamie Rhee; Senator Military Veteran Tony Munoz; ASH President, Neli Vazquez Rowland, Midwest Regional HUD Director and Federal Board Director Joe Galvan; SSA Communications Director, Doug Nguyen; Jose Alvarez, Tollway Executive Director; State Representative LaShawn Ford; A Safe Haven Co-founder, Military Veteran, Brian Rowland.

LEARN MORE: https://bit.ly/2QkcNz3

# Historic Polar Vortex Day at A Safe Haven

On January 24, 2019 - January 27, 2019, Chicago was the coldest place on the planet. Hear from A Safe Haven homeless residents on the days Chicago was the coldest place on the planet. There are over 86,000 homeless in Chicago.



LEARN MORE: https://youtu.be/VNZ4WFyEigM

# LINK, LEVERAGE AND ALIGNTM

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#### 9th Annual 5k RUN/WALK To End Homelessness Sponsors



Learn more about Link, Leverage and Align™ at www.asafehaven.org/link-leverage-and-align/

#### 2018-2019 SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS FOR NELI VAZQUEZ ROWLAND

#### White House Opportunity Zone Conference, Washington D.C.

Neli received the distinct honor of being selected by the US President to provide a testimonial at the Inaugural Opportunity Zone Conference. A Safe Haven was featured as an inspiration and innovative model for helping to address the opioid epidemic, criminal justice reform and affordable housing through opportunity zone investments. The conference included remarks from Doug Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President & Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Kevin Hassett, Assistant to the President & Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors, Secretary Steven Mnuchi n, U.S. Department of Treasury, Secretary Ben Carson, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development and Larry Kudlow, Assistant to the President & Director, National Economic Council. www.asafehaven.org/whopportunity-zone-conference

#### Jimmy Kemp Foundation - Chicago, Illinois

Neli was invited to speak about A Safe Haven with other investors and community leaders at the event held at Wrigley Field regarding Upcoming Opportunity Zone Legislation.

#### Family Office Deal Flow Summit NYC

Discussion of A Safe Haven Foundation and A Safe Haven, LLC amongst other investors, philanthropists, and family owned businesses.

#### Family Office Deal Flow Summit - Florida

Neli Vazquez Rowland of A Safe Haven Foundation and A Safe Haven, LLC amongst other investors, philanthropists, and family owned businesses.

#### Loyola University "Leading for Good Summit"

Neli was I of 5 panelist that presented to crowd of I50 executives. The focus of the panel was partnering for business and community impact. The purpose was to explore how businesses and social impact organizations partner in accelerating impact.

#### Loyola University - Women's Power Breakfast Keynote

Neli Vazquez Rowland was invited to be the keynote speaker at the Loyola University - Women's Power Breakfast. Several topics were covered including; social business enterprise, homelessness and poverty, employment challenges and public policy issues.

#### HUD All Agencies Briefing - Data to Empower Our Most Distressed Communities

Neli was asked to speak as a subject matter expert. The discussion revolved around the efforts over the past several decades to reduce poverty.

#### Presentation to Regional Federal Directors for DOJ & VA

Neli gave a detailed presentation to Senior Members of DOI &VA.

#### Columbia College Class - Guest Lecturer

Neli Vazquez Rowland was invited to speak to a group of students from Columbia College. As a subject matter expert on Non-profits and events, Neli provided an overview on A Safe Haven's mission and large-scale events such as the 5K Run to End Homelessness.

#### International Business Council - Growth and Exposure in 2019 A Guide to Export Diversification

Neli Vazquez Rowland was invited to make the closing remarks at the 5th ILCC Annual Exports Conference. The purpose of the conference was to focus on risks, opportunities and exports schemes to penetrate high-value markets around the world. The goal of the program is to encourage first time and growing exporters to accelerate their scale-up plans and to provide access to expert advice, funding tools and networks. The conference hosted foreign trade representatives from countries representing top international export markets for Illinois.

LEARN MORE: http://www.ASafeHaven.org/ speakers-request/ "What a privilege to be here on the planet to contribute your unique donation to humankind." -Morris Dees

of every dollar you donate goes to support ASHF homeless residents

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Give Your Way | A Safe Haven provides maximum flexibility to give to the cause that resonates with you the most. You can choose to give anonymously or in memory of a loved one to causes like hunger, domestic violence, shelter, job training, treatment, etc. and to special populations like children, mothers, youth and veterans. You can also provide unrestricted resources that allow us to use the resources where we need them the most!



Charity Partner | Name A Safe Haven as your Charity Partner for your next private or public event. Hosting a party, religious, school, corporate or private holiday event or party? Choose to fundraise or to do a drive in lieu of gifts to help the homeless at A Safe Haven. It gives everyone something to celebrate!



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Life Insurance | Creating a New Policy or transferring an existing one and naming A Safe Haven as the beneficiary enables a donor to convert a modest annual outlay into a substantial gift to A Safe Haven to leave a lasting legacy by helping others in need in the future.



Ongoing Contributions | We rely on ongoing weekly, monthly, quarterly or yearly donations or life event donations throughout the year to close the gaps. Please call us to learn how we may set up an account to allow your contributions to happen on a regular basis.



Give at Work | Let us know if you have Employee Matching options. (United Way #8587974 Combined Federal Campaign Fund #203976)



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Planned Giving | Contact Neli Vazquez Rowland, President, at Neli@ASafeHaven.org or call 773-435-8355





ONLINE | Make an immediate donation online at our website www.ASafeHaven.org/donate

By Mail | Make a check payable to 'A Safe Haven Foundation' and mail it to: A Safe Haven Foundation 2750 W. Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL 60608

Attn: Development Department

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

	2019
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	\$ 5,171,215
Net Property and Equipment	\$ 31,982,049
Net Other Assets	\$ 2,357,014
Total Assets	\$ 39,510,278
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 5,277,761
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 16,579,397
Total Liabilities	\$ 21,857,158
Total Net Assets	\$ 17,653,119
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 39,510,277
Total Support and Revenue	\$ 19,697,684
<b>Program Service Expenses</b>	\$ 20,194,713
Management & General Expenses	\$ 1,030,598
Outreach & Development Expenses	\$ 462,347
Total Expenses	\$ 21,687,658
Change in Net Assets	\$ 215,535
Net Assets - End of the Year	\$ 17,674,628

\*Financials reflect the donations, revenues and assets of all of the entities owned and managed solely by A Safe Haven Foundation and does not reflect the financials of any for profit and nonprofit related partnership entities.



<sup>\*</sup>To see full professionally audited financial statement please visit: www.asafehaven.org/reports/

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SOCIAL INNOVATIONS













ABC7 Chicago 1/6/2018

A Safe Haven Bill Board Highway To Heroin Billboard Ad Campaign by Stacy Baca

#### **Social Innovations Journal**

9/12/2018

Social Innovations Journal became more familiar with Neli from her article they selected for publication in May this year: The Triple Bottom Line: Raising Money, Providing Individual Support Services, and Impacting the Socio-Economic Environment. She spoke as one of four panelists for the fall webinar series regarding Civic Engagement.

ABC 7 9/20/2018

Serial stowaway Marilyn Hartman finds help at A Safe Haven in Chicago

#### **Champagne and Beyond**

10/2/2018

Online journal, Champagne and Beyond, features Brian Rowland as the man of the month, emphasizing his accomplishments at A Safe Haven and other areas of his life, as a military Veteran, real estate developer and wealth management leader.

#### **Negocios Now**

10/6/2018

An Investment in Customers: An Investment in the Future: Neli shares her goals and accomplishments, with the help other board members, on the Illinois Tollway Board and Customer Service Chair.

#### **Chicago Tribune**

11/8/2018

Home and more: Veterans organization offers a safe landing

#### **WBBM Newsradio with Mike Krauser**

11/22/2018

Report on ASHF Feeding Hungry on Thanksgiving Day

### ABC 7 Chicago Auto Show Patrons Donate Canned Goods for A Safe Haven 2/14/2019

LEARN MORE: https://abc7.ws/37a964X

#### **Northwest Indiana Times**

5/25/2019

Construction to start soon for \$11 million apartment complex for low-income vets - By Chas Reilly Times Correspondent

#### Primera Hora (Live at Univision)

6/5/2019

Neli Vazquez Rowland was invited to a Latino morning news show, "Primera Hora", live at Univision. During her tv appearance Neli promoted the Sk RUN/Walk To End Homelessness and discussed A Safe Haven's commitment to addressing and combating homelessness.

To see and/or read stories visit: http://www.asafehaven.org/news/

### MISSION STATEMENT

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A Safe Haven Foundation is a 501(c)3 not for profit, social enterprise that helps people aspire, transform and sustain their lives as they transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency with pride and purpose. A Safe Haven provides the tools for each individual to overcome the root causes of homelessness through a holistic and scalable model. A Safe Haven's visible social and economic impact unites families, stabilizes neighborhoods, and creates vibrant, viable communities.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### 2018 - 2019

- Advocacy Award Community Hero Awards Harmony Health 6/18
- Named Who's Who Hispanic Leader Negocios Now Magazine 7/18
- Silver Award Winner Association of Licensed Architects (ALA) 10/18
- VETHire Gold Medallion Award Winner Department of Labor Washington DC 11/18
- ASH Cook County Resolution Board of Cook County commissioners in Honor of ASH 25 Year Anniversary 1/19
- Highest Number of People Assessed on SNAP in State of Illinois in 3 Year Demonstration Project –USDA, SNAP,
   IL Department of Commerce, IL Department of Economic Development, IL WorkNet 2/19
- Highest Number of People in Job Placements formerly on SNAP in State of Illinois in 3 Year Demonstration Project
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