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See inside for upcoming dates
to add to your calendar!

Cassandra
Moving up, moving on from
permanent supportive housing

Homecomer

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DRC becomes beta partner with CNM-pact®

At the DRC, we envision an end to homelessness achieved through investments that make permanent shelter a reality for all who need it. We've designed programs and forged partnerships which we believe are working.



and affordable housing, to build their program evaluation capacity across a shared measurement system.

The CNM-pact® portal allows the DRC to plug in and unlock the power of our data, easily see our demographics and outcomes in real-time, identify trends, and pivot accordingly to increase our community impact.

But how can we know definitively if our efforts are effective? One word: data.

This is why we've joined **CNM-pact®**, the **Center for Nonprofit Management's** new innovative evaluation consulting and outcomes technology service.

"Being able to have a tool like this portal where we can put our data in and really examine it and look at it in ways we can make good decisions has been very beneficial and very exciting," says DRC Executive Director Bruce Frankel.

In late 2017, CNM Connect received a \$50,000 grant from the Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation at the Aspen Institute and JPMorgan Chase & Co. CNM worked with six nonprofits — including the DRC — focused on ending poverty through workforce readiness

Through CNM-pact®, your support of our housing first approach to end homelessness means more than ever before. Thank you! 🌟

Cassandra's Tenacity: An Update

If you joined the DRC last year for Breakfast with the Mayor, you likely remember Cassandra, who graciously and eloquently shared her story with us that morning. We're excited to bring you an update!



Cassandra worked for 40 years as a CNA. She escaped an abusive marriage but found herself homeless. Eventually, she was forced to stop working due to chronic pain, but was able to find an affordable apartment for a couple of years. Sadly, when her elderly landlady passed away, the family took over the property and evicted all the residents. Cassandra was once again homeless, this time with less income and in poor health.

She stayed at a shelter for a while before being referred to the DRC, where Tamara became her case manager. This was when she received another blow: she was diagnosed with cancer and needed surgery. Cassandra was more than concerned: where would she go when she was released from the hospital? About that time, the Palm Tree Apartments, the DRC's partnership project of permanent supportive housing with the Paulos Foundation, was ready to accept residents. When Cassandra was released from the hospital, she was able to go home to a new apartment, fully furnished and outfitted with everything she needed — thanks to **you!**

During her time at the Palm Tree, Cassandra's health has improved: she's recovered from cancer treatments and several additional surgeries. Because her consistent and on-time rental payments with no lease violations, she has earned a housing choice voucher and has been approved for an apartment in the area of town of her choice. Cassandra is very excited about her move, and so are we! Even though she's moving on, the DRC will maintain contact with her and will always be available to assist if needed. After all, Cassandra is forever part of the DRC family! And so are you. Thank you for making Cassandra's success possible! 🌟

Palm Tree Apartments Community Garden

The new community garden at The Palm Tree apartments is starting to grow! Residents selected fruits and vegetables to plant, and they have been learning about the care and cultivation of their garden. 🌱



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A Message from Bruce



"Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble."

— Yehuda Berg

Considering the powerful force of the words we choose, I ask you to be deliberate in speaking in a manner that conveys respect, gentleness, and humility. So many times I've walked along East Lancaster and asked people if they've received services through the DRC and if so what most stood out about their interaction with our staff.

Invariably people cite the kind and respectful way they were spoken to.

For people who have been humiliated and traumatized by homelessness, the first steps toward recovery begin with the kind words of strangers. The people we work with at the DRC are not "the homeless," "clients," or "patients." These words stigmatize and draw a value-laden distinction between "them" and "us." In fact, the people we work with are just that: people — just like us, just like our parents, children, and neighbors. Imagine being ill, frightened, disoriented, and on the streets. How would you want to be spoken to?

So, the next time you encounter someone who appears to be homeless, please reflect for a moment on the power of your words...and for the grace of God, choose carefully.

All my best,

Bruce Frankel, Executive Director

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Results: You Make It Possible

From a night out of the heat or cold, to personal identification that allows one to make a difference every day to real people right here in our community thanks to

Here are just a few of the successes you've made possible during the first half of



System Navigators

Helping individuals and families prepare for housing
695 people served



Room in the Inn

Opening houses of worship for overnight shelter in heat and cold
126 unique overnight guests during the winter



Critical Documents

Helping people replace identity documents
1,036 documents replaced



Rapid Rehousing

Quickly placing people in temporary housing
29 people housed

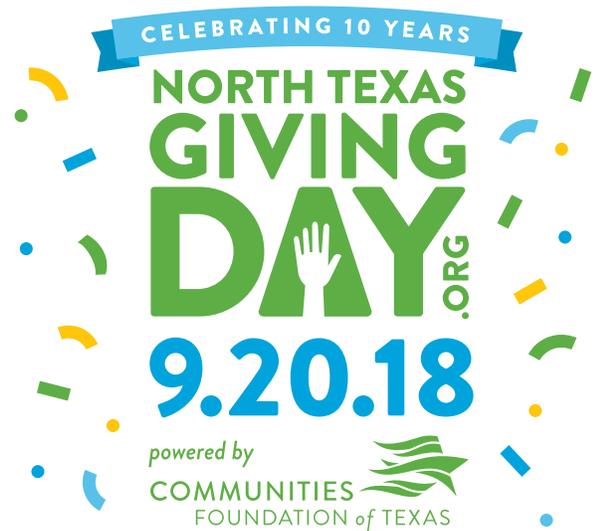
Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, September 20 is North Texas Giving Day!

The DRC will participate again this year in this area-wide day of celebration. In 2017, across North Texas, people like **you** supported 2,723 nonprofit organizations with over 137,000 gifts totaling over \$39M.

This year, DRC's North Texas Giving Day goal is \$15,000.

Whether you schedule your gift ahead of time or give during the excitement of North Texas Giving Day, please plan to show your support for housing first with a gift to the DRC. Simply visit www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org/DRC. Easy, and so appreciated! 🌟



Did you know?

For 60% of the extremely low-income renters in the DFW area, there is no available, affordable housing?

Sources:

National Low Income Housing Coalition "Gap Report 2016"

Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University "State of the Nation's Housing 2018"

Extremely Low-Income Renters in DFW
 203,466 households



DEFICIT: Units Needed to Fill the Gap
Affordable but Unavailable Rental Units in DFW
Affordable and Available Rental Units in DFW

re-enter society, to a real place to call home at last, DRC programs to **your** support!

f 2018:



Healthy Community Collaborative
 ing those with mental illness find housing
255 people assessed



Palm Tree Apartments
 A permanent supportive housing solution
3 new residents, 22 residents maintained housing



Victims Advocacy
 oing homeless crime victims seek justice
children, 34 adults served



Learn more about these programs at www.DRC-solutions.org. 🌟

Save the Date!



BREAKFAST
 — With the —
MAYOR

PRESENTED BY **DRC**

11th Annual Breakfast with the Mayor
 Friday, February 1, 2019