

Nicholas House Newsletter, September 2020

In the midst of COVID-19, volunteers continue to give their hearts, souls and financial support to Nicholas House – not just their hands. We are taking every health precaution possible (gloves, distancing, sanitizing, masks) to ensure that volunteers and homeless families that we serve remain safe.

We are inspired by our friends who serve their neighbors every day. Though we have limited many in-person/community volunteer opportunities, please be reminded of other ways to make an impact - virtually and remotely - during this time of social distancing.



Nicholas House is grateful to its wonderful volunteers who help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency.

Learn how you, family members or colleagues can be a part of amazing acts of love. Please visit our website at www.nicholashouse.org or contact rfoster@nicholashouse.org to schedule your volunteer experiences today!

Dream Builders - The Virtual Experience



Out of an abundance of caution during the pandemic, Nicholas House cancelled and postponed several face to face fundraising events scheduled in 2020. In June and July, we hosted a series of virtual activities that helped to raise awareness of and funds for our programs and services. Our Let's Talk About It panel discussion series addressed topics to include mental health and wellness, unemployment as well as poverty and children. Moderated by **Angela Yee**, Host of the nationally syndicated radio show *The Breakfast Club*, **Bakari Sellars**, Former SC Representative and Political Commentator and **April Ryan**, American Urban Radio Networks and Political Commentator. In July, we hosted the annual Dream Builders Event virtually. Guests were inspired by special appearances by **Rickey Smiley**, Actor, Comedian and Talk Show Host and **Monica Pearson**, Former WSB-TV Anchor. Special musical performances by **Kelly Price**, R&B Artist and Songwriter and **Ken Ford**, Global Instrumentalist were well received by the audience. Special thanks to our sponsors **Assurant**, **Genuine Parts**

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To view the panel discussions and the Dream Builders Virtual Event in their entirety, please visit **www.nicholashouse.org**

Volunteer Spotlight:

Ms. LJ "topsecret" Smith and Zeta Psi Zeta Sorority Inc.



Ms. LJ "topsecret" Smith and the ladies of Zeta Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. have quickly become one of Nicholas House's most reliable volunteer groups. Ms. Smith has embraced the mission of Nicholas House and continues to do her part to help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency. Ms. Smith and her family also volunteer once a month to show their support of Nicholas House! Thank you Zeta Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc and The Smith family!



Are you and co-workers interested in a Corporate Day of Service activity or project to support Nicholas House? Email rfoster@nicholashouse.org with questions and to sign up!

Provide A Meal: Make A Difference!

"There is no greater joy than to be of service" replied a long term dinner service volunteer. Every night for more than 38 years, Nicholas House residents have been received a wonderful dinner provided by generous volunteers *like you*. Providing food is a wonderful way to care for others and be of service. Dinner is provided daily from 6:00-7:30 pm. For the safety of residents and volunteers, during the COVID-19 pandemic,



we ask that all meals be prepared and dropped off at the shelter.

Contact Rodriquez Foster at 404-622-0793,ext.106 or rfoster@nicholashouse.org for more information and to schedule your dinner service. HURRY! Dates are assigned on a first come basis and requests are filled quickly.
