

Spring 2023 Update

We have some exciting news to share with you about the growth of our organization and the positive changes that will enhance our support for individuals experiencing homelessness. In this edition, we will highlight the key areas where we are expanding and the impact it will have on our programs and services.

Expanding our Street Outreach Program

Thanks to increased funding from the City of Detroit, our Street Outreach Program has grown. We have expanded our Street Outreach Team from two staff members to three, allowing us to provide outreach services on more days. We have also shifted to “navigation” outreach beyond “basic needs” outreach, allowing NOAH to follow clients through to secure housing.



Introducing the Peer Community Builder

We are proud to announce the creation of the Peer Community Builder position, made possible by funding from the United Way's Race Equity Fund. This role is designed to amplify the voices of individuals with lived experience in homelessness. The Peer Community Builder will collaborate with clients to gather feedback on current and future programs, ensuring that their input shapes our initiatives.

Thriving Partnership with Metro Food Rescue

We are delighted to partner with Metro Food Rescue as a regular drop-off site. They have provided us with an abundance of bread, snack items, and



prepared food, which has greatly supplemented the meals we offer in our bag lunches. If you need sandwich bread for making lunches, please reach out to us. This partnership reinforces our commitment to addressing food insecurity and providing nourishing meals to our clients.

These developments mark significant milestones for our organization and the community we serve. By expanding our programs, including diverse voices in decision-making, and fostering meaningful partnerships, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of those experiencing homelessness. Our supporters, donors, and volunteers have been instrumental in enabling our growth and expanding our reach. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate community.

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Our vision is to be an anchor of hope leading the Detroit community in ending homelessness.

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The NOAH Project is a program of the Central United Methodist Church of Detroit Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 organization.

\$40K in 10 Days!

June 14th - 23rd is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If we can raise \$40,000, an anonymous group of loyal NOAH supporters will match it with another \$40,000! This potential of \$80,000 in a short period allows staff to focus on the work of relationship-building with our clients instead of fundraising.

DANLAW Plus, thanks to our friends at [Danlaw](#), one lucky donor of \$250 or more will win use of a suite at Little Caesar's Arena for one event. (Winner will work with Danlaw directly to choose the event.) **If you'd like to help, watch your emails and our social media for the link to give online or mail a check with memo "\$40K in 10 Days" to 23 E Adams, Detroit 48226**

YOU ARE INVITED!
Thursday, June 29th

**SUMMER
BLOCK
PARTY!**

Join us in the NOAH parking lot from 10:30AM to 1 PM at the corner of Woodward and Elizabeth for food, music, and FUN!

The Journey: Lisa's Path Home

When Lisa (name changed for her privacy) first came to us in the spring of 2021, she was unsheltered and struggling to access her income. Like many of our clients, Lisa did not have identification documents let alone a place to store such documents. However, NOAH was able to work with Adult Protective Services to review her guardianship and ultimately get Lisa a new public guardian. This allowed her to access her income and take care of some of her own needs. It was a first step to building trust with Lisa, and this foundation would make her comfortable coming in to the community center for other needs.



Lisa quickly became a beloved member of our community center, dancing through her days with all her belongings in tow. NOAH services are client-centered and client-directed. So Lisa let us know when she was ready for the next step: finding her own apartment. With the assistance of NOAH caseworkers, Lisa was able to get replacement vital documents and connect with housing navigation to work towards her goal. Along the way, there were many challenges to overcome, including mental health and substance use issues (plus having to get yet another guardian!) However, we were with Lisa every step of the way, offering consistency and stability.

The path to housing is a long one, but finally, in April of 2023, Lisa received the keys to her very own apartment. When she returned to NOAH shortly after being housed, she was practically bursting with joy. She showed us her keys and talked about how well rested she was now that she had a safe, stable place to call home. No two paths are the same to stable housing, and we couldn't have been prouder to walk alongside Lisa on her personalized journey.

Can you help provide lunches this summer?

<https://tinyurl.com/yckyhme6>

THANK YOU!!!