



HOTEL INC

Helping Others Through Extending Love In the Name of Christ

Summer 2019

Summer Solstice Housing Celebration

This year HOTEL INC participated in hosting a Summer Solstice Housing Celebration BBQ. Thirty six people who obtained and maintained their housing in the past year were invited to be celebrated! It was a great evening of food, fellowship, meeting new friends and sharing in a game of corn hole or bocce. Similar events were held all across the United States. This reaffirms our knowledge that affordable housing, adequate incomes, comprehensive health care, and supportive services can end homelessness, not only for individuals, but also for society. Thank you [Aetna](#) for sponsoring this celebration.



Fresh Food Co-Op

Over the past 2 years we have been working to help address chronic hunger with program participants that utilize Manna Mart. This has included round tables, education workshops, and navigation from the housing department.

This summer we are offering an 8-week **Fresh Food Co-Op** in partnership with **Need More Acres Farm**.



The mixed income co-op is offering households a weekly share of 5 - 7 varieties of fruits and vegetables, food tastings, weekly recipes and relationship building. Food co-ops offer households the opportunity of food equity and access.

Thanks to the [United Way of Southern KY](#) grant to help offset the cost for some participants.





The Meijer Corporation recently changed their *Simply Give* program across the country. They have extended each *Simply Give* campaign by up to 2 weeks. They will no longer be offering a dollar-for-dollar match but will offer two days of Double Dollar Match. Meijer will match up to \$5000 for each campaign. Thank you to the *Hope for Homeless* event for the Double Dollar campaign gift for the spring and summer *Simply Give* Double Dollar Match days.

This change will have an impact on our Manna Mart program as we have had great participation in the past from the community and Meijer’s matching program. You can continue to support Manna Mart in two ways. You can still give your gift through the *Simply Give* campaigns or you can designate your gift to Manna Mart through direct giving to HOTEL INC.

Preferred Tenant Program

held it’s 2nd Quarter graduation on June 27 at Christ Episcopal Church sponsored by [Aetna](#).



Graduating from the program: **Christy, Shanna, Miguel, Ace, Dorothy, Brittany, Anthony, Tray, Wayne, Micah, and Charles.**

The graduates completed 22 hours of classroom education including financial literacy, rental education, and being a part of building a healthy

community as well as 1-2 meetings a week with their Housing Navigator to work on their housing stability plan and goals.

Four of the households have obtained permanent housing during the month of June. Five obtained jobs and are saving for their housing. All have applied for permanent housing and will continue working with their navigator on additional goals and stability.

We greatly appreciate the grants that support the work of the Housing Department from the [Berta Family Foundation](#), [First Christian Church](#), [PNC Foundation](#), [River Foundation](#), [KY Bar Foundation](#) and [United Way of Southern KY](#).

Impact Partners

make a difference day in and day out in the work of HOTEL INC and in the community. Your monthly gift allows operations and supportive programs to be stable and consistent. To allow us to continue the work we do we are asking you to partner with us each month as a donor to help offset our costs that are not covered with grants.

It’s easy online at www.hotelincbg.com, press  select your donation amount and the program you wish to support.

50 people @ \$100 per month
100 people @ \$50 per month
400 people @ \$25 per month  **\$20,000**

Donation Wish List

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Printer Paper (any color)
- Family Size Hygiene
- Notebooks
- Pens
- Reusable Water Bottles/Canteens

Affordable Housing Initiative



Homelessness continues to be a complex issue affecting multiple facets of our local communities throughout the state of Kentucky. Homeless individuals and families face a myriad of financial, medical, educational, and dietary barriers, and HOTEL INC seeks to assist our neighbors in removing these barriers that will allow achievement of stable, affordable housing and a life of vitality.

Our goal and all our programs focus on making homelessness a rare occurrence in Warren County.

The Challenge

In Kentucky and in Warren County in particular the lack of affordable housing is extreme. Waits for housing can be longer than a year, up to five years. People who have traditionally been able to move ahead in their housing did not do so at the same ratio in 2018 as in past years. Among the families that utilize HOTEL INC services, additional affordable housing was lost due to increased rental prices that far exceed 30% of the average person's bring-home pay.

- **In Bowling Green 45% of renters are rent-burdened.** This means an estimated 15,800 renters are paying more than 30% of their net income in rental costs—making their household unstable and at risk of homelessness as well as unable to meet basic needs.
- Anna Baumann, communications director at the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy stated a two-adult, two-child household would need an annual income of \$77,000.00 to **securely** cover housing, transportation, taxes, food, and child care. The median income in Warren County is \$39,901.

HOTEL INC's Housing Committee conducted 2 years of research and financial planning to create a 5-year Affordable Housing Initiative that will include transitional and permanent housing of 40 household units (living spaces).

The project will create new affordable housing opportunities for homeless and low-income households in Warren County, KY. HOTEL INC is leading with innovative, sustainable strategies that can be a model for Kentucky. Below is a summary of the plan's milestones.

Summary 5-Year Housing Plan to Address Lack of Affordable Housing

- Acquire two houses to be used as *Transitional Medical Respite Houses*. People who are recovering and stabilizing from an illness or medical procedure are referred to the program. HOTEL INC leased the first of two houses in 2017. The 2nd unit will be acquired in 2019-20.
- Homes/duplexes purchased by HOTEL INC for use as transitional and permanent housing (10 units.) Donations and grants will be used to purchase the homes. HOTEL INC will manage them.
- *Master Lease Units*. HOTEL INC will gain long-term access to units in existing buildings through a master lease arrangement in an effort to keep rents affordable for tenants. This strategy is win-win. Property owners are assured of a reliable steady occupancy while homeless families in transition are able to rent at affordable rates.
- A property manager or landlord will call HOTEL INC upon notice of vacancy to allow for application from potential renter.

HOTEL INC developed the [Preferred Tenant Program](#) which is an 11-week intensive training and counseling for households working with HOTEL INC to secure stable, affordable housing. It is offered four times per year for up to a total of 120 households per year. The program participant and the housing navigator work together to develop a sustainable path to permanent housing.

If you are interested in learning more about the Affordable Housing Initiative as an investor or property owner please contact Rhondell Miller, 270-782-1263 or email her at director@hotelincbg.com.

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Bowling Green KY

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The Reimagine Charity Seminar is a distillation of 40 years of on-the-ground, hard-won wisdom. As we have walked alongside under-resourced neighborhoods in Atlanta, we have learned so much about what does - and what does not - work.

What makes the Reimagine Charity Seminar unique?

- **Learner-centered:** We know your organization comes to the table with your own stories, experiences, and ideas. Therefore, this event is designed to integrate your knowledge and expertise with the lessons we have learned so that everyone walks out better equipped for creating change.
- **Community-driven:** At this event, people sit at tables interacting, listening, sharing, and learning together. The power to transform the paradigm for charity is in the partners already present in your community. We want to facilitate that transformative exchange of ideas.
- **Research-based:** The material that we present and the exercises we will facilitate are based on our own experience in this work, continual research, and partnerships with innovative organizations around the country.

Key takeaways:

- The reasons why traditional charity paradigms are not working
- The principles of responsible charity
- The framework of charitable efforts and where change must begin

More information or purchase **TICKETS** online at <http://bit.ly/reimagineBG>

Seeking Shalom - How Reimagining Our Response to Poverty Can Transform Lives and



Restore Communities, is a small group curriculum that we are hosting on a regular basis.

The 7-week series engages our minds and hearts to look at 5 elements of Shalom that each of us can learn from and be transformed as we work in the community with others to transform their lives.

Email beth@hotelincbg.com to register for Sept. 3 - Oct. 15 class.

Cost is \$15.

Class Participant Experience:

*“Signing up for the 7-week **Seeking Shalom** class I had no idea what to expect. As a board member for HOTEL INC for the past 5 years I thought I understood about giving and helping our program participants. These faith-based **Seeking Shalom** classes have been an eye opening experience on the way our society has addressed poverty in the past and most importantly how we all need to start changing our thoughts and ways in dealing with people experiencing homelessness and poverty of today! I would encourage all board members, volunteers, local and county government officials, clergy, and donors to take the time to sign up for the next available classes being offered. It will change the way we as a society need to start addressing the needs of the materially poor.”*

— Andy Wilkins, Board Member

*“Compassionate hearts can feed and clothe those in need, but only mindful hearts can create lasting change. What an honor to participate in **Seeking Shalom** alongside HOTEL INC staff members, board members, and volunteers. In the beginning, I was convicted, humbled, and challenged. What I thought I knew about poverty and charity was turned upside down. In the end, inspiration replaced conviction as we collectively envisioned a flourishing community – an outcome that can be achieved when we actively partner with those we serve and bring together the right skills and talents to address the real needs. I’m grateful to Rhondell for leading our study, and I’m excited to see how God will continue to use HOTEL INC to help bring shalom to our community.”*

— Evelyn Thrasher, PhD, MBA

Why I Love and Donate Monthly to HOTEL INC

Having moved to Bowling Green in 2017, the first nonprofit’s work I learned about was HOTEL INC. A volunteer at the organization told me that they are the REAL THING. By that she meant they work intelligently and closely with the families assisted by the programs.

- ◇ *They are part of a partnership of state and local organizations that track the progress of homeless families and decide together the kind of services to be offered. This saves the community money by not duplicating limited resources;*
- ◇ *From the very beginning, homeless households are asked to consider what they need to change in their lives to NOT need the services. That gets people thinking about solutions, and out of the crisis/stop gap solution wheel of woe;*
- ◇ *HOTEL INC makes an enormous impact with a minimum of staff and whole lot of devoted volunteers who work in meaningful positions at the main campus.*

I’ve worked in nonprofits for most of my life and I am here to tell you that HOTEL INC is managed by people with foresight. They labor round the clock to design and implement strategies that are making homelessness less likely to occur.

Mainly, what drives HOTEL INC is love. Love of neighbor. I think that is right. There is no judgement. People who join with HOTEL INC to turn their lives around are respected and considered partners in the process. That is innovative and sets a high standard for Bowling Green.

In my view, you cannot find a better investment for your charity dollars than in HOTEL INC.

Susan Feathers - Monthly Impact Donor

Grants Received in 2019!

Homeless & Housing Services

PNC Foundation, KY Bar Foundation, United Way of Southern KY, River Foundation

Street Medicine – United Way of Southern KY

Food Security for Chronic Households & Local Food

The Community Foundation of South Central KY, United Way of Southern KY



Save the Dates

August 15 12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch & Learn at HOTEL INC. Register by August 12 at 270-782-1263

September 3 - October 15 5 - 7 pm Seeking Shalom Fall Offering series at HOTEL INC. Registration required. \$15 per person

November 15 - 23 Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week at HOTEL INC. Sponsorships available

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