



Samaritan Inns Springs Forward: A Letter from the President



Greetings from Samaritan Inns! As we close the books on our fiscal year in June 2022, I want to share some of our successes as well as changes that occurred this year – despite the ongoing pandemic! We have much to be grateful for, and we are thankful to God that Samaritan Inns continues to fulfill its mission by providing housing, and addiction and recovery services to homeless and at-risk men, women, and families.

Like so many non-profits, Samaritan Inns has been, and is still being significantly impacted by the pandemic. Everything including delivery of services, capacity, staffing and operations has changed. But through it all, Samaritan Inns' dedicated staff continues to save lives by helping people overcome homelessness and addiction.

In the last 12 months, Samaritan Inns served nearly 500 people across all our programs. This year, we celebrated the one year anniversary of the opening of our Women's Transitional Treatment Program at Huff House; and we welcomed two new directors to the team and two new board members: Joanne "Jo" Houston, Director of the Adult Treatment Program, and Marquincy Cottrell, Director of the Long Term Recovery Program (LTRP) joined our staff; and Michael Wolski and Temi Dada (see bios on the next page), recently joined our board of directors. We also said "farewell" to one of our beloved team members, Lynette Daniels, who retired from her post as Director of LTRP after 24 years of faithful service.

Other significant changes this year and next year include addressing changes to Medicaid authorizations, working with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), and applying for national accreditation. Samaritan Inns has always worked to creatively and effectively respond by establishing programs and treatment protocols that help people overcome their addictions and reclaim their lives. To that end, the board of directors and staff have recently embarked on a strategic plan to guide Samaritan Inns through the next several years.

What began as one transitional home in the heart of DC, has developed into a full treatment and recovery continuum with eight transitional homes and a proven formula in combatting homelessness and addictions. Plans going forward include the establishment of an outpatient treatment center.

I pray that we see an end to homelessness and addiction someday. Until then, we have much to do in this fight. Some days it seems impossible. But then I'm reminded of Scripture when Jesus said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

On behalf of the men, women and families we serve, our staff and our Board of Directors, and everyone involved with Samaritan Inns, I thank you for your continued support of our mission. We can't do it without you!

With gratitude,

Lauren C. Vaughan
President and CEO

Miss Vickie's Story of Hope & Retirement

For years, Miss Vickie has been a mainstay of Samaritan Inns. Whether it has been in the day care at the Women with Children Program or cooking for our Adult Treatment Program, embodying our organization's values as she ministers through her work. For volunteers and residents alike, her bright and cheerful nature makes her someone you never forget. But for Vickie, her life today would be unrecognizable to her younger self.

Back in 2007, Vickie Herrod was in a world of pain, physically and emotionally. Scars from childhood trauma, abuse, and guilt culminated into substance abuse from alcohol to crack cocaine. She was feeling a low that was too low for her to get out on her own. Not quite ready to admit the extent of her troubles but in dire need of help, she turned to her uncle who worked at Samaritan Inns and asked him, "I know somebody that needs to get into a program and how can they get in there?"

He told me, "they have to want to come there on their own; can't nobody [make] them." Just a few days later, Vickie came to Samaritan Inns. When her uncle saw her, he was overwhelmed with joy and started crying. "Vickie, I knew it was you, and my heart wanted to grab you and take you there. I had to make sure that you wanted it for you."



Vickie went through all three phases of Samaritan Inns' Continuum of Care but as she tells clients, she went through all five phases; volunteering with the program and eventually working for Samaritan Inns as a monitor, a cook, and now with the Women with Children Program. She decided to retire last month.

She credits her work and volunteering with others in recovery for her continued success. "One day it's going to be a cure for AIDS, cancer, diabetes...but there's never going to be a cure for addiction. Only thing you can do is go one day at a time, even when I don't want to, I still get up and do what I get to do because my word is my word. My word is my bond."

We are incredibly grateful for Miss Vickie's dedication and years of service to our mission. You will truly be missed!

Save the Date!

**14th Annual Tournament of Hope
Kenwood Country Club
October 3rd, 2022**

Register at www.samaritaninns.org/golf



Samaritan Inns Adds New Talent to Our Board

MIKE WOLSKI

Mike Wolski joined the Samaritan Inns Board of Directors in December 2021. "I decided to serve on the Board because I wholeheartedly believe in their mission to provide homeless and at-risk people suffering from addictions a real opportunity to rebuild their lives. I also agreed to serve to continue Mr. [Jim] Clark's mission of giving back to the communities where we both live and work."

Mike began working at Clark Construction in 2000 as an engineer on the 1875 K Street project team and then went on to support the delivery of projects throughout the Washington, DC area.

In 2016 Mike joined the Mid-Atlantic purchasing group where as senior vice president, he provides executive leadership for purchasing efforts in this region. Mike also works with project development leadership to continue to enhance Clark's development capabilities and deploy company-wide best practices.

Mike earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in structural engineering from Lehigh University. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Elizabeth and their two boys, ages 8 and 10. He enjoys running, fishing, outdoor activities, and spending time with family. Mike also volunteers as a cub scout leader with Pack 100 in Washington, DC, and, in addition to Samaritan Inns, also currently serves on the board of directors for the ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC.



TEMI DADA

Temi Dada joined Samaritan Inns' Board in April looking for another way to get involved and give back to our city, a deeply held passion of his.

After graduating from University of Colorado Denver in 2008 with a B.Sc. in Finance and Accounting, Temi began his career with Jones Lang LaSalle before moving to Washington, D.C., earning a Masters in Real Estate Finance from Georgetown University in 2013. Temi has worked for companies such as CBRE, Lowe Enterprises, and EB5 Capital.

In 2019, Temi founded his own real estate investment company, TD Properties, LLC, and serves as the managing principal; responsible for the acquisition and asset management of the firm's investment portfolio and day-to-day operations.

In addition to his service for Samaritan Inns, Temi Dada serves in his church and is a mentor for the College Success Foundation.



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As the world has began to open back up, we see a familiar, but long missed, sight around our buildings; **VOLUNTEERS!**

We have been blessed by so many from our community who are working hard for our mission of restoring hope in our city. Whether it is through feeding our residents as a part of the Dinner Fellowship Program, dropping off much needed supplies, leading a worship service, or beautifying our properties, we are grateful to all who have offered a helping hand.

Special thanks to organizations such as Amazon Web Services (AWS) and 4th Presbyterian Church for their ongoing and continued support.

If you'd like to get involved with Samaritan Inns through volunteering, please contact Cecilia Kramer at cecilia@samaritaninns.org.



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