



February 2024

# DAYLIGHT

Happenings at St. John Center

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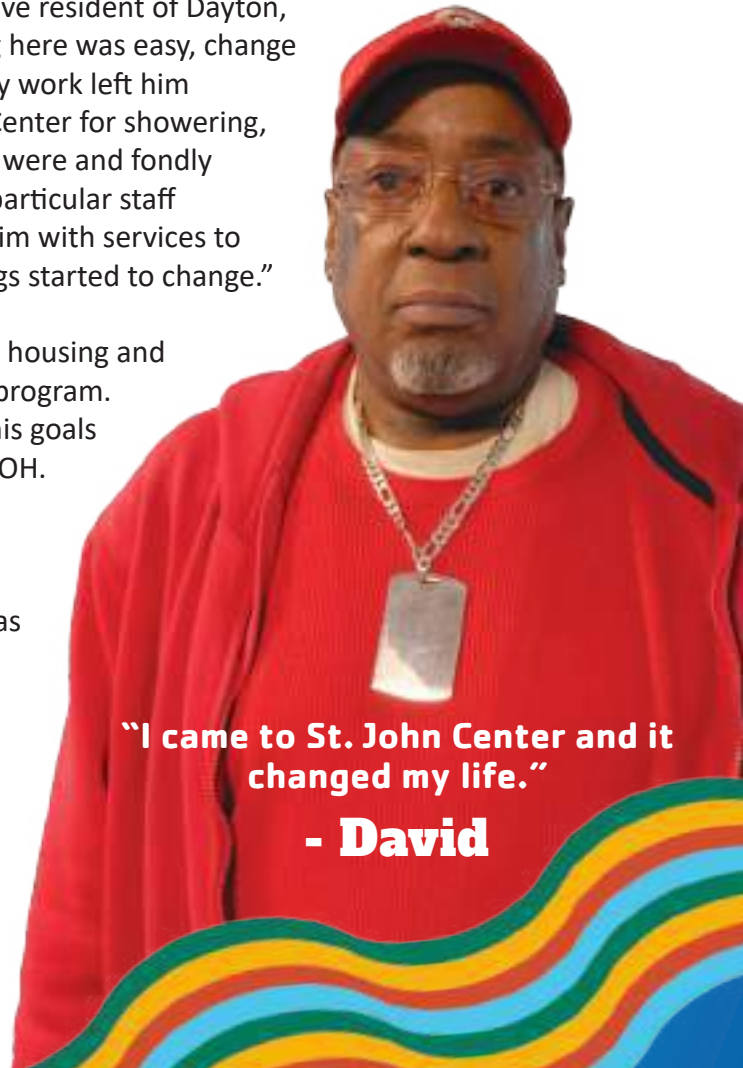
## WHY WE RAISE THE RENT

In March, SJC will bring people together to Raise the Rent in support of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, so that people like David can thrive in their own home.

David found St John Center (SJC) at a low point in his life. A native resident of Dayton, Ohio, David moved to Louisville to start again. He said, "Getting here was easy, change was hard." Struggles with substance use and maintaining steady work left him homeless. He began using the Day Shelter and Social Services Center for showering, phones, and receiving mail. He recalled how clean the facilities were and fondly expressed that "volunteers treated me like a human being." A particular staff member found him small work opportunities, and connected him with services to begin receiving disability benefits. For David, "that's when things started to change."

David utilized SJC's supportive services to begin moving toward housing and eventually entered SJC's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Over the years, his PSH case managers have supported him in his goals for treatment and to reconnect with his family back in Dayton, OH. He recognized that accessing housing first allowed him a stable home from which he could then achieve these and other goals.

After twenty years of experiencing homelessness, David now has a home and a full-time job that he enjoys. As a dedicated Ohio State fan, he likes watching football games with his friends. He frequently visits his daughter and grandchildren and speaks of them proudly. David shared that a lot of people he used to know have noticed a big change in him. He explained, "I came to St John Center and it changed my life." This is why we Raise the Rent. With your support, **286** people who worked with SJC's programs moved home during 2023.



"I came to St. John Center and it changed my life."

- David

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## NEIGHBORS SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS ON THE ROAD HOME



Here's how you can join us for **Raisin' the Rent 2024** and be a part of the community of support that leads to new opportunities for people experiencing homelessness:

**JOIN US** on March 2nd at Mellwood Art Center from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$75 and reserved tables of 8 are \$1,000 while they last! Get your tickets now!

**BID, BID, BID** on the fabulous Silent Auction packages. The Silent Auction will be open for bidding from **February 24th** until 8:30 p.m. on March 2nd.

**TAKE A CHANCE** on our terrific raffle packages. Every chance purchased on a vacation in Asheville, Local Dining for a Year, and the Big Pot of Gold directly supports our services. Chances on sale now!

**FUND THE MISSION** with your direct donation to St. John Center.

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The live Raffle drawing will take place at Mellwood Art Center at 8:45 pm on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024. Need not be present to win. Charitable gaming license number: ORG0000323

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