

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE



Letter from Executive Director, Sarah Parker-Scanlon

As we celebrate Shelter Care's 40th year, we recently gathered with nearly 150 loyal supporters to recognize our work, applaud our accomplishments, and honor our founder, Father James Cardone. In the early 1980s, Father Cardone brought together like-minded people to address homelessness in our community. What began as a small shelter has grown into more than 60

scattered-site houses and apartments, serving both families and individuals, and the Jubilee Center, which began as a Sunday afternoon program for individuals and expanded to five days a week as more people sought connection, stability, and support. Two years ago, we reached a long-held goal by adding a housing program for Jubilee Center members.

In our 40-year history, we've supported well over 15,000 people through the Jubilee Center and Supportive Housing programs. In FY25 alone, we provided housing or supportive services to more than 800 people. People like Ashley, a single mother who moved from homelessness to completing her GED and earning a place on the President's List in her first semester of college. And Osie, who rediscovered joy at the Jubilee Center, completed drug treatment, and now has his own home and family back in his life.

We continue to educate ourselves on how to best meet the complex needs of the people we serve. Many are fleeing domestic violence or living with the effects of past trauma, while others struggle with long-term addiction and mental illness. We believe that housing is the foundation for success—a human right, not a reward for sobriety or stable mental health.

Unfortunately, we cannot end homelessness alone, and the need for our programs continues to grow—likely for the foreseeable future. We also face real uncertainty about federal funding that supports our housing programs. Programs that have allowed us to house hundreds of families and individuals may be drastically reduced or eliminated. But stories like Ashley's and Osie's remind us why this work matters and why we must persist. Together, we can ensure that Shelter Care continues its vital work as we Provide Shelter, Awaken Hope, and Honor the Dignity of all who seek our services.

Sarah



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