



With these Updates, we hope to encourage you with news of local progress on the strategies of the ten-year plan, educate you with information re: projects, services, homeless issues, and inspire you with news of other activities around the country!

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*Destination: Home* on the Radio

## Champions for Ending Homelessness

**New Commitments to the Spirit & Philosophy of *Destination: Home***  
*We welcome recent organizational, individual and elected official endorsements from these "Champions" for ending homelessness:*

- Commissioner Jeff Korb, Vanderburgh Co. Commissioners
- Commissioner Bill Nix, Vanderburgh Co. Commissioners
- Commissioner Troy Tornatta, Vanderburgh Co. Commissioners
- William Fluty, Jr., Vanderburgh Co. Auditor
- Sally Becker
- Lottie Cook
- Stephen Culley
- Gayl Killough
- Bob Shaner
- Lisa Smith
- Jane Staton

*We continue to actively solicit endorsements, both from organizations and individuals. Contact 428-3246 x 28 to request an endorsement form. Please send in your endorsement if you support the spirit and philosophy of *Destination: Home*.*



## Commission Responds to Recommendations of the Homeless Youth Council

During its February meeting, the Commission on Homelessness approved, with amendments to three points, the recommendations submitted last month by the Homeless Youth Council.

The Council will transform into an ongoing *Homeless Youth Coalition* and welcomes new members who are interested in helping to implement its plan. State level legislation was passed this week that will aid the efforts and plans of the Coalition. Read more about youth homelessness.

The *Discharge Planning Committee* continues to move forward in its work to connect with stakeholders

and gather funds for the creation of a coordinator, who would assist area institutions with developing plans that include housing considerations when releasing clients, patients, inmates or wards of the state.

The *Housing Committee* gave progress updates on various projects as well we announced its aim to promote, a web-based service that connects prospective tenants with landlords.

(See the feature to the left: indianahousingnow.org)

The *Prevention Committee* has completed its Housing Risk Assessment Tool and is working on developing in-

## Commission on Homelessness

structions for use and a list of intervention suggestions. The tool will aid agencies in the community in discussing housing needs and options with those they serve.

The next Commission on Homelessness meeting will be Thurs., Mar. 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's conference room at the Civic Centre.

Currently, Commissioner Troy Tornatta serves as Chair until June 2008, when the chairmanship will switch to Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel for 2008.

### Indiana Housing Now

*Are you looking for a place to rent in the area?*

*Are you a landlord with rentals?*



This website is a free and anonymous tool to search for and list affordable and accessible housing for rent & for sale:

www.indianahousingnow.org  
or call toll free 1.877.428.8844

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Commission on Homelessness

Thu., Mar. 13 at 10:00 am, Mayor's conference room, Civic Center, Evansville

### Homeless Services Council of Southwest Indiana

Fri., Mar. 14 at 12:00 noon at YWCA, 118 Vine St., Evansville

### Destination: Home booth at the Tri-State Home Show

Fri.–Sun., Apr. 4, 5, 6 at Roberts Stadium, just inside Gate 1—(no ticket needed to visit the booth if entering at Gate 1)

### Bridges Out of Poverty - Day 1 training

Tue. Apr. 8, call 428-4975 x 30 for a registration form or download from [www.destination-home.info/bridges.htm](http://www.destination-home.info/bridges.htm)

### Commission on Homelessness

Thu., Apr. 10 at 10:00 am, Mayor's conference room, Civic Center

### Homeless Services Council

Fri., Apr. 11 at 12:00 noon at YWCA, 118 Vine St., Evansville

### Homeward Bound

Sat., Apr. 12 at 10:00 a.m., Garvin Park, Evansville; for more info, 428-3246 x 29 or [www.homewardboundindiana.org](http://www.homewardboundindiana.org)

## Funds to Be Awarded to Local Homeless Service Providers

In the coming year, \$1.3 million of federal funds will come to the southwestern corner of Indiana in order to address and work toward ending homelessness!

The Homeless Services Council of Southwest Indiana, the regional Continuum of Care group, received word from HUD that its application for Supported Housing Program funding met threshold, or the requirements necessary as per HUD, and will be awarded. The region's funding comes through the Continuum of Care grant.

Local projects set to receive funding include:

### Transitional Housing Programs:

- ECHO Housing Corporation - Lucas Place - families
- Goodwill Family Center - families
- United Caring Shelters - single men

- YWCA - single women in recovery

### Outreach Services:

- Aurora - Homeless Outreach Team

### Permanent Supportive Housing projects:

- ECHO Housing Corporation - 20 units for families; in partnership with Aurora and local landlords
- Evansville Partners - 20 units of rental assistance as part of a 60-unit facility for individuals; partners include Partners in Housing Development Corporation, Southwestern Mental Health Center, and Aurora

The Homeless Services Council of Southwest Indiana addresses the needs of homeless and near-homeless in Southwest Indiana and works to end homelessness in our communities.



The membership is open to homeless service providers, social service agencies, faith-based groups, government agencies, businesses, and individuals throughout the southwestern Region 12 of Indiana (Davies, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh & Warrick counties).

For more information, contact the facilitator

Gayl Killough at 812.436.-7810 or visit [www.destination-home.info/hscsi.htm](http://www.destination-home.info/hscsi.htm)

Request the HSCSI's core beliefs & mission statement from Gayl or download at [www.destination-home.info/council/HSCSI-MissionPurpose-regional10-07.pdf](http://www.destination-home.info/council/HSCSI-MissionPurpose-regional10-07.pdf)

## Homeward Bound 5K Walk

Saturday 10:00 am

April 12, 2008

Garvin Park, Evansville, IN

Visit

[www.homewardboundindiana.org](http://www.homewardboundindiana.org)

and click on

"Find a Walk Location"

and then the map marker for the Southwest Indiana site for this annual 5K Walk!

This year's participating agencies are United Caring Shelters, Tri-State Food Bank, ECHO Housing Corporation, ECHO Community Health Care, and Aurora.



Indiana's 5K Walk to Provide Housing and Fight Homelessness

*Create a team & raise funds! Donate! Volunteer! Learn more about ways you can help provide housing and work with others toward ending & preventing homelessness!*

For more info, call Sherrie at 428-3246 x 29

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Spotlight on ... Albion Fellows Bacon Center



**MISSION**  
to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our communities through advocacy, education, support services & collaborative partnerships

Serves 11 counties:  
Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey, Gibson, Dubois, Spencer, Perry, Crawford, Orange, Pike, and Harrison

Offers these programs:  
- Crisis Lines  
- Domestic Violence  
- Sexual Assault  
- Shelter Program  
- Legal Advocacy Program  
- Peer Advocacy Program  
- Children's Program

All services are confidential and free of charge

**CURRENT NEEDS**  
flashlights & batteries

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**  
(contact for ideas)

**CONTACT**  
812-422-5622  
812-424-RAPE  
1-800-339-7752  
www.albionfellowsbacon.org

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!!

Contact for more information on the following events in April:

- Walk a Mile in her Shoes
- Take Back the Night
- Albion Fellows Bacon Center's Gala

## Bridges Out of Poverty - Day 1 Trainings 2008

Training dates have been scheduled for "Day 1" full-day training based on "Bridges Out of Poverty" by Ruby Payne, Phil DeVol and Teri Druessi Smith.

Tues., Apr. 8  
Wed., July 16  
Wed. Oct. 8

All trainings run 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Participants must pre-register. No walk-ins accepted.



For more information, visit [www.destination-home.info/bridges.htm](http://www.destination-home.info/bridges.htm) or call 428-4975 x 30 to request a registration form

## Barnabas Bear Club Party

In fall 2007, Family Christian Store (FCS) in Evansville encouraged customers to adopt a Barnabas Bear that would be delivered to local needy children in the Tri-State. The store connected with the Homeless Services Council of Southwest Indiana, offering booth space in the store to provide information on area homeless services.

A total of 721 bears were adopted locally. 228 of those are being distributed to area homeless service providers who have beds and serve children.

On Feb. 6, FCS held a party, hosted by the Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe), for 33 children from AIDS Resources Group, Goodwill Family Center, Lucas Place, House of Bread &

Peace, and Ozanam Family Shelter.

Eleven parents, six staff members, and 49 volunteers from area churches, agencies, and businesses helped make the event a fun afternoon!

More information on the event and the other providers receiving bears can be found at [www.destination-home.info/bears.htm](http://www.destination-home.info/bears.htm)



(Above) Bear Cave Crafts products sponsored by Resurgence Church



(Left) Homey the Bear, of Gammon Realty, joins Glenn Riggs, manager of Family Christian Stores, the party sponsor

## Destination: Home on the Internet

*Thank you for your ongoing interest in the progress of implementing our community's 10-year plan to end and prevent homelessness!*

Send your friends and colleagues to Destination: Home's home on the Internet to sign up for e-newsletters, like this "Destination: Home Up-

date," *Housing Matters!* activities, *PlaySpaces* progress, Volunteer Opportunities, and others related to projects and strategies of the ten-year plan.

Simply, type an e-mail address into the "Sign up for our E-mail newsletters" button at the left of each page and click "Go."



## Destination: Home on the Radio

When you listen to any of these South Central Communications stations during the first week of March and April, you'll hear 30-second commercials spotlighting Destination: Home:

- WIKY 104.1 FM
- HOT96 96.1 FM
- WABX 107.5 FM
- JACK 107.1 FM,
- 93.5 The Wolf at 93.5 FM

