

# SOJOURNERS' PLACE

## HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Sojourners' program has helped over **1800** people get their lives back.
- **19** people have graduated in the last 6 months.

### How Does It Work?

Acceptance into the Sojourners' Place residential program is a 4 step, client driven process. Prospective residents must call (302) 764-4713 to set up an appointment to be interviewed by one of our Case Managers.

### How Can I Help?

Donations of time and resources are always appreciated. Toiletries, linens, and housewares are in constant demand, however, your time is also vital to our mission.

Contact Michelle Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, to get involved. (302) 764-4713



On Monday, July 16, 2018, 124 Golfers descended upon Hartefeld National Golf Club in Avondale to participate in the **4th Annual Sojourners' Place Open**, In Memory of Joey Francisco. Golfers were greeted with a barbecue lunch on the patio before heading out to enjoy the round accented by special prizes and games. Trophies were presented at a ceremony during dinner immediately following the round.

1<sup>st</sup> place -Jon Saunders, Jeff Manget, Thomas Delle Donne, Herb Hirzel

2<sup>nd</sup> Place -Todd Anderson, Chris Anderson, Brad Mitchel, Larry Lincoln

3<sup>rd</sup> Place -Tripp Way, Dan Wham, Jim Tancredi, Bobby Arthur

Last Place -Bobby Crystle, Andrew Corlett, Scott Panchisin, Tom Hughes

This annual event, hosted by Board member, Dr. Jonathan Saunders and his wife Charlene Saunders, raised over \$40,000 for Sojourners' Place.

We are immensely grateful to the Saunders' for their endeavors and for all the wonderful volunteers and generous donors without whom this event would not be possible.

Sponsors of the event included Porter Chevrolet, Subaru of Cherry Hill, Mark Aitken Foundation, Jonathan & Charlene Saunders, Dr. Jeramy Axe of First State Orthopaedics, Delle Donne & Associates, and Steven & Patty Fasick, and many more.



## Congratulations to our recent Grads!

“Nick”

Nick entered the program in need of stable housing, supportive care to address his mental health, and substance abuse programming. A father of four, his mission and motivation was clear: to reunite with his family in order to be able to provide for them on a full-time basis. A very humble, polite individual, he surrendered completely to the process of working his 12-Step Program. In doing so, he secured not one, but two jobs, began saving money by opening two bank accounts, and eventually moved into stable, affordable housing with his girlfriend.

“Peter”

Peter entered the program after a referral from a substance abuse/mental health facility. His story is very unique as he had been homeless and living in the woods for 20 years! When he arrived, he was very guarded but willing. Eventually he softened and the latter paid off as he secured a sponsor, engaged in the in-house programming, and regularly attended AA meetings as he continued his step work. He went on to secure full-time work but due to the physical demands of the job and a few minor health issues, he had to resign. The employer was so impressed with his tenacity they held his position and eventually that opened the door to a full-time position with another company with better pay and benefits. He managed to open a bank account and through strict budgeting, he saved enough money to seamlessly transition into an Oxford House.

## Notes from the Executive Director - Robyn Beck-Gott

When individuals cross our threshold, many come to us broken. Many are broken because they feel hopeless towards their future. Sojourners’ Place is the vehicle to help many rebuild and restore their hope and purpose and this is truly a rewarding experience to see!! In the past six months, 19 residents have successfully completed our program. All are working and living independently in the community!! I am proud to be a part of an organization that continues to impact many lives and this would not be possible without the dedication of our Board of Directors, our volunteers, and staff who truly believe in our mission. Thank you for your continuous support and well wishes as we continue to do what we do best.....changing lives!!

Warmly,  
Robyn

## Veterans’ Assistance Program: Serving those who Served

Through a partnership with the Veterans Administration, Sojourners’ Place provides housing, case management, structured group activities, life skills training, referral to VA and community based services, and transportation. Veterans can stay up to six months with the overall goal of creating a stable housing plan upon successful completion of the program. Sojourners’ Place is proud to serve to those who have served for all of us!



## MORE WAYS TO HELP

Donations, made payable to *Sojourners’ Place*, may be mailed to 2901 Northeast Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or visit our website [SojournersPlace.org](http://SojournersPlace.org) and click the **DONATE TODAY** tab.