

# **BENILDE HALL** Newsletter

December 2024

### **Our Mission:**

To empower individuals to lead their lives confidently by fostering sustained recovery, stable housing, economic self-sufficiency, and improved mental and physical well-being.



## Thank you for being you.

This past month has been one of growth, hard work, and compassion. We want to start off by saying THANK YOU for being the lifeblood behind our work. As we've been gearing up for the cold season, preparing for our 30 Year Luncheon on December 6th, and looking ahead to 2025, we've been busy and hard at work. But, through it all, we continue to be grateful for your commitment. Your generosity, kindness, and support is the reason we are able to continue changing lives every day. Your belief in us, in our clients, and in the idea that <u>every life matters</u> is admirable, and we cherish your kind heart. Thank you, for helping us grow and for giving us yet another reason to be grateful during this holiday season.



#### WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK!

Have you noticed our brand-new logo and revised mission statement? We're so excited to bring our new, refreshed look to life. These changes were made to better reflect our purpose and vision for the future of Benilde Hall.

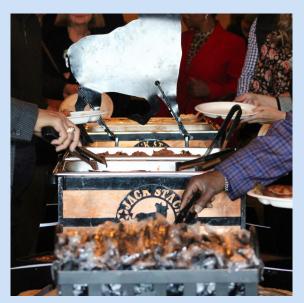
A special thank you to NorthlandCAPS students for contributing to the logo design process.

### **OUR RECENT EVENTS**



Thanks for joining us!





#### HAPPY 30 YEARS!

Benilde Hall 30 Year Celebration Luncheon

On December 6th, Benilde Hall celebrated 30 years of changing lives and building a brighter Kansas City. Thank you to those who attended, sponsored, and showed support for Benilde Hall last Friday. Our hearts are bursting with gratitude! Thank you for making this event so wonderful and inspiring.



#### TAILGATE TAKEOVER

Earlier in November, Benilde Hall staff, clients, and supporters took part in a memorable game day experience on the Benilde Hall campus! A huge thank you to those who attended and enjoyed some good football, good food, and good conversation. We're glad we were able to welcome you to our campus and cheer on the Chiefs.



#### BENILDE HALL SERVICES IS RIDING IN STYLE.

Just in time to meet the winter and cold weather needs of their clients, Benilde Hall Services acquired a new work truck! Our hardworking Benilde Hall Services team is dedicated to providing quality, affordable, and efficient services to their clients. With this new asset, they'll be able to better meet the needs of their clients and gain more work experience. Benilde Hall Services is our work therapy program that provides a compensated opportunity for clients to gain valuable work experience.

Many of our clients, especially those with a history of incarceration, face challenges returning to the work force. Many clients have long gaps in employment, a lack of experience, or lack of access to transportation, making securing a sustainable, secure job difficult.

Benilde Hall Services focuses on equipping clients with the tools they need to succeed and find a job they enjoy.

Some of the services we offer include,

- Snow removal and salt application
- House painting
- Interior woodwork (baseboards, handrails)
- Sheetrock repair
- Sink, vanity, toilet installment and repair
- Debris disposal and lawn care

If you're interested in browsing our full list of

services or inquiring about a job you'd like to hire us for, click the button below.

**Benilde Hall Services** 



### One year sober and a bright future ahead

Thomas sat among his fellow residents at Benilde Hall, a proud smile spreading across his face as he celebrated one year of sobriety in group. Just a year ago, he had walked through the doors of Benilde Hall, overwhelmed by his substance use disorder and the possibility of homelessness looming. But through the unwavering support of the staff, the guidance provided in counseling sessions, and the community of others walking similar paths, Thomas slowly rebuilt his life. With each passing day, he found strength in the recovery process, learning to embrace his challenges and successes alike. Today, as he reflected on his journey, Thomas knew that the community and resources at Benilde Hall was the key to his transformation—one year in recovery, and a lifetime of hope ahead.

We're so proud of our hardworking clients, like Thomas, and thankful that they feel empowered to share their stories of success and triumph with us.

# **IMPACT SPOTLIGHT**

Our way of saying thank you to those who have gone above and beyond to make a difference.

#### THANK YOU, RAINTREE LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD

Your acts of kindness mean more than ever this holiday season. Thank you, Raintree Lake Neighborhood, for helping raise money for Benilde Hall through an ornament fundraiser. By decorating and selling ornaments to hang on their Neighborhood tree, Raintree Lake Neighborhood raised \$80 for Benilde Hall. Thank you for your efforts to support our work!



THANK YOU, BENILDE IMPACT BUILDERS.



We owe a huge thank you to our incredible Benilde Impact Builders. Your generosity and dedication shines like a beacon of hope to our clients, letting them know there is always someone believing in them. Thank you for building an impact that is changing lives.

A very special thank you to our Benilde Impact Builder Visionaries, our top monthly givers who are making an incredible difference in the lives of our clients. You are the driving force behind our mission and we appreciate you endlessly.

#### Thank you

John Stolte

## ARE YOU MAKING AN IMPACT?

Have you had a chance to check out our Benilde Impact Builders club? Click the link below to learn more about how you can start building your impact today.

Join the club

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We hope you're looking forward to spending some time with family and friends this season, staying warm by a crackling fireplace, and enjoying some holiday treats. As you celebrate and ring in the new year, we encourage you to remember just how impactful an act of kindness can be this season. There are so many individuals without a warm home and without the holiday indulgences that many of us often take for granted.

To give the gift of celebration and love to our Benilde Hall clients, we're asking for holiday gifts and essentials this year. Our clients are always grateful to receive a gift and know that someone was thinking of them during this busy season.

For a full list of items that our clients would benefit from, click the button below to shop our Amazon Wishlist for goods that will ship directly to Benilde Hall.

#### Amazon Wishlist

We want to say thank you again for your unwavering support and kindness. Benilde Hall is grateful to have such genuine and remarkable individuals who believe in our work and the potential within each person.

Thank you for all that you do.





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