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Our mission: To provide services for treating substance use, mental health, and homelessness so that individuals may return to the community as responsible, employed, and permanently housed contributing members of society.

November 2022

Executive Director's Letter:

Benilde Hall has been blessed in 2022. The team at Benilde Hall has been working tirelessly to help those we serve gain solid footing in recovery. One of the bright spots of my day is seeing how the team works as a cohesive unit. They are wonderful to watch. Benilde Hall has a community feel to every part of what we do. From team to clients, we pull together to build a family feel. Having this kind of environment helps create a peace of mind that promotes growth. When I walk through our building, I feel the comfort created and see successful smiles.

Benilde Hall is growing by adding 8 single rooms for our Veterans. Construction has been scheduled and is ready to start building. Each single room will have a private bathroom. This will allow our Veterans in our Grant and Per Diem Program to have a private personal area. Living in a community setting like Benilde Hall can be activating for those living with trauma. Private rooms allow a feeling of safety that is vital in recovery. Benilde Hall has raised over \$650,000 of the \$750,000 needed for this project. We are still looking for support to help us reach our goal.

Safe Haven has had a change in leadership. Kulea Evans, our Clinical Director for more than two years, has moved on to a different company. Kulea has been a great asset to myself and our program in general. She will be missed, but she will also be a huge help to the program she is joining. Jennifer Payea is the new Clinical Director of Safe Haven. Jennifer has already proven to be a great new part of our team. I look forward to many chances to learn and grow with her in her role.

Benilde Hall has been working with the city of Kansas City, ReDiscover and Heartland Center for Behavioral Change to create a program that will help address the issues with the homeless population in KC. We have put a lot of time into finding ways to help deal with our homeless/houseless population. Working with our city and other programs we can make more progress. Kansas City has a lot of resources if we just work together. #Strongertogether has been something I have believed in and promoted for many years. The

more we as a community, come together, the more we can create plans and programs that will make a huge impact. We have the heart and the ability, now let's come together and help our community.



Kenneth Vick
MA, CRADC, CRPR, LAC
Executive Director



Benilde Hall wants to wish all Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers a happy and safe Veterans Day! We thank you for your past and present service to our country and the sacrifices you have made to protect and defend our freedoms.

Benilde Hall hosts Veteran Business Owner's Luncheon

Benilde Hall's Veteran Business Owners' Luncheon was a success! Thank you, BV Contracting Solutions, Comprehensive Accounting Wealth Management, Greymeier Group, LLC, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation, for showing your support for Benilde Hall and the Veterans we serve.

We want to thank all of the Veterans who attended our Luncheon for their service to our country.



Kris' Story



During Benilde Hall's Veteran Business Owners' Luncheon, we premiered the first video in a series of more to come, which highlights the stories of Benilde Hall graduates and staff.

Our first video will introduce you to Kris and his story of resilience. In each of these videos, you will meet graduates and staff of Benilde Hall who use their experience, strength, and hope to change the lives of so many people every single day.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this film project and George Mullinix, his team, and Lago Studios for showcasing Benilde Hall in such a beautiful and impactful way.

If you or someone you know is struggling or needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org – You are not alone.



Meet Danny Owens: Benilde Services Supervisor

My name is Daniel Owens and I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to supervise Benilde Services which includes lawn care, snow removal, building maintenance, and much more. After discharging honorably from the Marine Corps in 1998, I started a swimming pool and spa service and repair business which included plumbing, electrical, heating, repairs, and construction. I have spent many years working as a team member and most importantly, taking pride in providing great customer service. What I love most about this opportunity is the fact that Benilde Hall hires from within and helps our clients get back to work in a very therapeutic way. One fun fact is that last year I completed my counseling practicum here at Benilde Hall for my addiction counseling program at Kansas City Kansas Community College and graduated last December. When I came back to Benilde Hall looking for an available position, I had no idea that this would be the door that was open but for some reason, it felt right. My hope is that I can continue providing a great service to the community that we serve and be a model to those who work on our team. I have accumulated 3 years and nine months of sobriety. I am married to my best friend Melissa



and we are raising three little angels that keep us busy and happy...
Thank You Benilde Hall for the opportunity.
Danny O.

Volunteer Spotlight: PrimeLending - Kansas City



Volunteers from PrimeLending - Kansas City visited Benilde Hall in October to organize our clothing closet and care for our goats. Thank you for your hard work and support!





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Vietnam Veterans of America

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Upcoming Events



The Bookmobile has a New Schedule!

Benilde Hall

**October 10, 24
November 14, 28
December 12**

9:30 - 11:00 AM

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**bookmobile@kclibrary.org |
816.701.3422**

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- Check out books and movies for all ages
- Request and pick up holds
- Return items from any KCPL branch
- Use free wifi
- Printing available
- Notary services available by appointment

Change a Life at Benilde Hall

GIVING TUESDAY



Giving Tuesday is on **Tuesday, November 29th**, the week after Thanksgiving. This year, you can change the lives of our clients at Benilde Hall with a simple gift. The gift of warm clothing, the gift of your time, or a financial gift can go a long way. Click below for ways you can support our mission.

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