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**Spring 2024**

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### **From Benilde Hall to BBQ Pit Master: How Benilde Hall Alumni Ryan Houpt Found Career Success at Slap's BBQ**



Meet Benilde Hall alumni Ryan Houpt, whose promotion from dish crew to Pit Master at Slap's BBQ is a testament to the power of hard work and dedication. Discover how Slap's partnership with Benilde Hall is creating opportunities for growth and success in recovery.

[Read Ryan's Story](#)

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**First Call's 2024 Community Gratitude Professional of the Year:  
Jenna Strickland**

## PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Jenna is a Reentry Case Manager at Benilde Hall, where her job consists of connecting with future clients who are currently incarcerated before their release and providing support as they transition into and through their program.

"I am so grateful to be part of the recovery community, not just in my career, but everyday life!"



Benilde Hall

**JENNA STRICKLAND**

*Jenna Strickland*

Congratulations to Jenna Strickland, our Reentry Case Manager, for winning First Call's 2024 Community Gratitude Professional of the Year award! Jenna's unwavering effort and perseverance have truly paid off, showcasing her commitment to Kansas City's recovery community. Well done, Jenna!

### New Beginnings for Benilde Hall's Goats



This February, we made the difficult decision to rehome our goats, Toby and Billy Kent. However, we're happy to share that a friend of Benilde Hall has graciously adopted our goats, and they are now living on his farm in rural Kansas. While we miss them dearly, we're excited for this new chapter in their lives, where they're receiving the love and care they deserve in the countryside. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us!

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### Q&A with Chaplain Brian Greene



Meet Benilde Hall's Chaplain Brian Greene in this Q&A, as he shares the personal journey that led him to serve at Benilde Hall and his approach to helping individuals with different spiritual beliefs find support in their recovery.

[Read Chaplain Greene's Q&A](#)

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### Upcoming Events



**BENILDE HALL'S  
VETERAN WING  
EXPANSION**

***RIBBON CUTTING  
CEREMONY***

**Thursday, April 25th, 2024  
11:30 AM**

**Benilde Hall  
3220 E. 23rd Street  
Kansas City, MO 64127**



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**Benilde Hall's Veteran Wing Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Save the date! Join us on **Thursday, April 25th at 11:30 AM** at Benilde Hall, in collaboration with the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, for Benilde Hall's Veteran Wing Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It's been 2 years since our Groundbreaking Ceremony back in April 2022 and we're thrilled to introduce 8 brand-new single rooms, each equipped with its own private bathroom, for Veterans in Benilde Hall's Grant and Per Diem program. This project was made possible by a \$400,000 capital grant from the VA's Grant and Per Diem Program. We're grateful to our generous supporters, including the Sunderland Foundation and Veterans United Foundation, and our construction crew at Lytle Construction, Inc., for their incredible efforts in making this expansion possible! Parking is limited, so be sure to arrive early. Don't miss out on guided tours of Benilde Hall and delicious Crumbl Cookies!

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**Benilde Hall's 30 Year Celebration Luncheon with Willie Aikens**

BENILDE HALL'S  
30 YEAR  
CELEBRATION  
LUNCHEON

30  
YEARS

a handful of hope

12.6.2024

11:30 AM - 1 PM  
Doors open at 11 AM

Rumely Tractor Historic Event Space  
1222 W 12th St Ste B  
Kansas City, MO 64101



Featuring Keynote Speaker  
Willie Aikens  
Former Kansas City Royals First Baseman  
American League Champion

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Celebrate 30 remarkable years of service at Benilde Hall with us on **Friday, December 6th at 11:30 AM**, with a Jack Stack BBQ lunch at the Rumely Tractor Historic Event Space. Our keynote speaker will be former Kansas City Royals First Baseman and American League Champion, Willie Aikens.

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Give Back to Benilde Hall



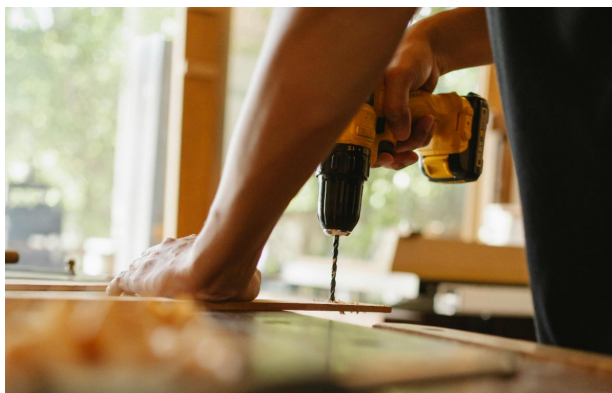
Help us continue our mission by contributing to Benilde Hall today. Your donation plays a vital role in assisting our residents in rebuilding their lives. You can show your support by donating through our Amazon wishlist or via PayPal. Thank you for making a difference.

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