

# SAVE INK.

THE NEWSLETTER OF SAVE, INC.



FROM PATRICK'S DESK:



## Happy New Year

With all the excitement from the holidays behind us, we are feeling grateful for the generosity of our community. Our end of year giving was nearly three times what it was last year, we had 313 new donors join our community and we had nearly 60 donors join the monthly giving Save Society.

All of this growth generates excitement for the year to come that we can accomplish our ambitious goals for 2025!

We are launching our Youth Permanent Supportive Housing Program, funded by a grant that becomes renewable after 2 years of successful demonstration. With this \$700,000 grant, designed by Kansas City youth who have experienced homelessness, we will have even more ways to help youth transition from being unhoused and into permanent solutions. We have also begun administering a \$1.2M grant directly from the continuum of care.

Both projects, in addition to our grants that keep people living with HIV housed, require significant matching funds. That's where we count on you! Just like we expect those we serve to have skin in the game, our federal funders expect our local community to have skin in the game. As you think about your generosity in the year ahead, please consider helping us keep these funds unlocked.

You may be wondering how we operate when everything is shut down by snow and ice! Thanks to today's technology, we can let most staff safely work from home. Whenever a storm is looming, our dedicated staff go home prepared to make sure those we serve are cared for. Some of our team do have to come on site to ensure the warmth and safety of the people we house right here at SAVE, Inc. In addition to your support that helps us clear snow and treat ice, thank you for sending prayers, well wishes, and good vibes our way when our staff and residents are impacted by the storms!

Saving lives together,

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## GOOD NEWS FOR PRIDE HAVEN



Thanks to a generous gift from friends of the agency and a couple anonymous gifts, we are financially situated to re-open Pride Haven! At halfway through our fiscal year, we are pleased to only need an additional \$300K to remain open for a full 12 months. We are currently working out programmatic details and want you to keep an eye out for a re-opening announcement.

One way we are hoping to defray the cost of operation and ensure sustainability is with well-trained and vetted volunteers. Whether you can help us chip away at the remaining \$300k financial need or not, your willingness to commit a couple evenings or nights a month will make a huge difference in the lives of our staff, those we serve, and the viability of the program. Stay tuned for training and volunteer opportunities this spring!

We couldn't have made it through this transition without our Program Manager Scout DeSimio. Scout, as anticipated, is moving along from SAVE, Inc. to advance the therapy practice for which they've been training.

While it is hard to imagine Pride Haven without them, they have left us with an incredible legacy to build on, a promise to continue being our ambassador in the community, and advisor as needed. The SAVE, Inc. staff will celebrate Scout's legacy over lunch next week and I hope you'll also reach out to send them well-deserved gratitude.



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## Thank You Avondale United Methodist Church

Our Christmas Fit For a Queen concert was a huge success! We had a great time celebrating the holidays and even raised some funds for SAVE, Inc. We are grateful for our friends at Avondale United Methodist for putting this together. We are hopeful this is an event that we can experience again!





# GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



Is painting therapeutic for you? Want to make an impact? We have various projects for furniture assembly, painting, and cleaning and could use your help! We still have room for up to 30 volunteers!

1/20/2025 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP


See other ways you, your company, or group can get involved to change lives! And keep your eyes peeled for Pride Haven volunteer opportunities coming soon!!

LEARN MORE

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## TOURS AT SAVE- COME LEARN AND SEE

Have you ever seen our work in person? Come tour with us and you can!

JAN  
24   
4:00PM

FEB  
28   
9:30AM



TOUR RSVP

It is because of your support, that we can save lives with housing. You can also join our Save Society by signing up to give monthly! \$100 a month keeps a youth housed for a night at Pride Haven. A donation of \$20 a month helps us supply food and hygiene items to those we serve when their budget comes up short.  
Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

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