

YOUR  
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NEWSLETTER

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Park  
Center  
Recovery From Mental Illness



*Celebrating 35 Years of Hope, Recovery,  
and Community*

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# 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Park Center has been serving Nashville for 35 years, providing a place for hope and recovery for people experiencing mental illness, homelessness and substance use disorders. In 1984, we opened our doors to eight members and seven staff members. Over the years, we have expanded our services to meet the needs of our members. Today, we support over 900 people each year through an intensive outpatient program, housing, day programs, homeless outreach, and supported employment.

Executive directors Jack Hollis (former) and Barbara Quinn (current) have led our organization with a stabilizing presence amidst an ever-changing Nashville. As we celebrate our 35th Anniversary, we are also entering a time of transition for our agency. In order to better serve Park Center members, we have purchased a new facility at 186 North 1st Street. Our goal is to create a new facility for our members, staff and the community that will carry Park Center into the next 35 years. The new building will alleviate overcrowding at our current locations; streamline our service delivery; and improve communication among staff and programs. In August 2019, we began moving some of our teams into the new building. Our plan is to have all programs located in the new space by the summer of 2021!

Park Center opened its doors.

Pictured: the late Frances Garrison & the late Louise Katzman, Park Center founders.



1984

1988



Park Center began providing affordable housing through the Residential Services program.

Louise Katzman & Jack Hollis at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the addition at Park Center South.



1994

2000



From left to right, the late Deborah Bright Johnson, former Board Chair, Carl Brown, former Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Rehabilitation, & Board Member Barbara Daane at the opening of Park Center East.

Emerging Adults Services began, which expanded Park Center's mental health & housing services to young adults.



2008

2014



The former Safe Haven homeless shelter for women was named the Campbell House after former Housing Director, Penny Campbell. Pictured: CEO Barbara Quinn & the late Penny Campbell

Summer 2021



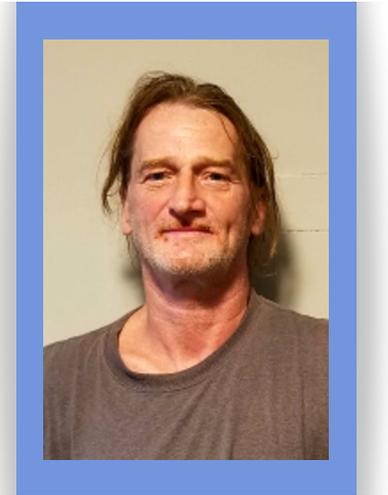
Park Center's new location is at 186 North 1st Street!

# A Long Journey Home

Stanley has experienced homelessness for the past three years. Before living on the streets, he was incarcerated for several years and has vowed to never go back to prison.

Before coming to Park Center, Stanley worked odd jobs, but due to health reasons he was unable to keep a job. Without stable income, Stanley found it extremely difficult to maintain his housing. He did not know where to turn and living on the streets had gone on for too long.

That's when he met our Homeless Outreach staff, who helped him obtain his birth certificate, social security card, and housing assistance. With our help Stanley continued his housing search and soon found an apartment. Without the stress of finding a home, he is now able to focus on his health. He is also filled with hope for a better future.



Stanley on his first day of living in his new apartment!

With stable housing and a strong support system, Stanley's quality of life has drastically improved. He knows he has Park Center's support for any of his housing and mental health needs. He has started making his physical and mental health a priority. We are so proud of you, Stanley!

People in our community are experiencing homelessness and need mental health care.  
YOU can be a part of the solution.

## Donate to Park Center

*Changing a life starts with a donation. You can help a person move from living on the streets to living in a home. In honor of Park Center's 35th Anniversary, we ask you to donate \$35 (or \$350 if you're feeling extra generous!). Your donation will directly support people experiencing mental illness, substance use disorders, and homelessness. Donate at [www.parkcenternashville.org](http://www.parkcenternashville.org).*

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# Coming Together for Band Together



Associate Board Members at the Band Together fundraiser. Pictured from left to right: Nick Napier, Ashley Metivier, Kim Demirjian, Jamee McCannon, Jasmyn Alvarez (Park Center staff), John Jackson, & Erica Feinberg.

## About the Associate Board

The Park Center Associate Board is a group of young professionals (under 45 years old) that are passionate about improving the lives of individuals experiencing mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or homelessness through volunteering their professional and personal expertise.

### Join the Associate Board

We are actively looking for new members. Email Jasmyn at [jasmyn.alvarez@parkcenternashville.org](mailto:jasmyn.alvarez@parkcenternashville.org) to get started!

This summer, Park Center's Associate Board hosted its first fundraiser and it was a huge success. Band Together, a singer-songwriters' night, featured local artists Canaan Cox, Martin McDaniel, Zach Funkhouser, and Rochelle DeMint. Hosted at The Old Line Bar & Grill, the event was full of good music, great friends, and mental health awareness.

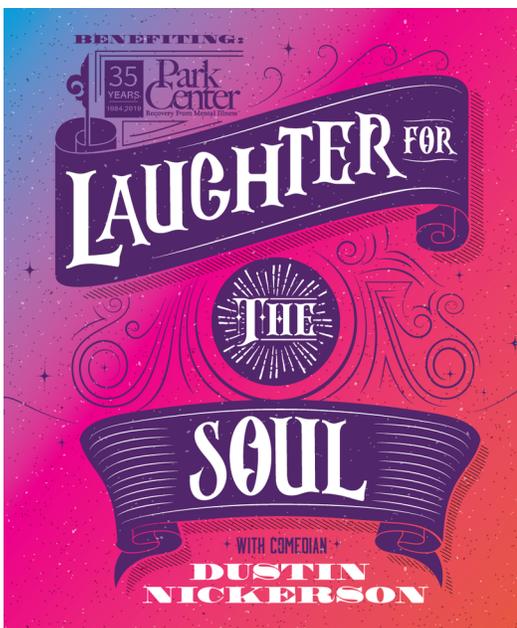
Rochelle DeMint, the lead singer of the band Cypress & Co. and a Park Center staff member shared, "I have seen first-hand how Park Center has brought purpose and healing to people who may have otherwise never imagined recovery was possible for them...I've seen music inspire people of all ages and abilities, and I'm honored to use my own musical gift to support this program through Band Together."

Thank you to our Associate Board and NASBA, our presenting sponsor, who made the event possible.

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## Save the Date | 11.07.19



Laughter for the Soul  
Thursday, 11.07.19 | 7pm  
Zanies Comedy Club

Tickets: \$75 general admission | \$150 VIP

VIP ticket includes VIP seating, a gift bag, and early admission.

Laughter for the Soul is a fundraiser benefiting Park Center's programs for people experiencing mental illness, homelessness and addiction. The event will feature comedian Dustin Nickerson, food by Hattie B's Hot Chicken, a silent auction and more! Doors will open at 5:45pm for VIP ticket holders and 6:15pm for general admission.

Purchase tickets at [www.parkcenternashville.org](http://www.parkcenternashville.org).