

Caritas of Austin Celebrates 60th Anniversary in Serving the Community.

Austin, TX, January 9, 2024 - Caritas of Austin, a leader in ending homelessness in Austin, celebrates its 60th anniversary as a visionary helping people experiencing homelessness to rebuild their well-being.

The organization has been serving the Austin community since its inception in 1964 and has helped thousands of individuals and families find stable housing and access to vital resources.

As one of the leading organizations engaging homelessness, Caritas of Austin has made significant strides over the past six decades. Through innovative programs and partnerships, the organization has provided affordable housing, healthy food, job training, educational classes, and other services to the Austin community. 97% of Caritas' Permanent Supportive Housing clients do not return to homelessness. This rate of housing stability is among the highest in the U.S.

"We are incredibly proud to have reached this milestone," said Jo Kathryn Quinn, President and CEO of Caritas of Austin. "We have come a long way since our founding 60 years ago, but much work remains to be done. We remain committed to our mission of ending homelessness and providing support to those who need it."

Today, Caritas of Austin has over 100 employees and is committed to continuing its mission of helping Austin's unhoused neighbors rebuild their well-being.

With overwhelming support from the Austin community and the organization's focus on innovation, Caritas of Austin is growing with three new supportive housing developments to better serve the unhoused community and increase their impact:

- Espero Rutland - *serving individuals*
- Libertad - *serving families*
- Cairn Point - *serving older adults (age 55+)*

To celebrate this milestone, Caritas of Austin is planning several events throughout the year for community members to attend. The first event will be the grand opening of their first supportive housing development, Espero Rutland, which will take place on February 7, 2024.

Caritas of Austin invites the community to celebrate its 60th anniversary. For more information about upcoming events and how to get involved, visit their website at www.caritasofaustin.org. You can also follow them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, LinkedIn for regular updates and news.

About Caritas of Austin

Caritas of Austin believes that when every person has a stable place to call home, they can realize their full potential and contribute to our community. We build well-being by making sure

that people have safe places to live, access to healthy groceries, jobs that provide a reliable living wage, and the opportunity to learn life skills. Together, our professional staff partners with clients to construct a strong foundation and a community of ongoing support so that they can withstand the life storms that affect all of us, such as an unexpected job loss or a family illness. Our innovative, personalized, and proven approach to building well-being creates a more vibrant Austin for all.