



St. Patrick Center
Building Permanent, Positive, Change.

OUR mission

St. Patrick Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals achieve permanent, positive changes in their lives through affordable housing, sound mental health, employment and financial stability.

Help St. Patrick Center build awareness among our federal leaders!

Write a letter on our behalf to introduce St. Patrick Center to key federal officials.

At St. Patrick Center, we help our clients and their families build permanent, positive change. We are the largest provider of homeless services in Missouri with 28 housing, employment and mental health programs assisting more than 9,000 persons annually who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We are also a national model for best practices, located in the Partnership Center with 11 partners, the BEGIN New Venture Center small business incubator, the BEGIN Training & Education Center and the Catholic Charities Conference Center.

To do all this, we need funding from government agencies and support from their leaders. By taking a few minutes to compose a letter to one of these leaders, you will be supporting our agency operations. Please keep this sheet and pass it on to your friends and family. Ask them to advocate on our behalf as well to assist the poor and end chronic homelessness!

Things to write about:

- ♣ Tell the official about St. Patrick Center and all of the good things happening at our national model agency.
- ♣ Tell a personal story about what brought you to St. Patrick Center.
- ♣ Invite him or her to St. Louis and to take a tour of St. Patrick Center. Suggest that the Catholic Charities Conference Center is an ideal venue to make an announcement about grants, awards, etc.
- ♣ Include information about St. Patrick Center programs that might interest that official, as suggested below.

Whom to write and programs to mention:

President Barack Obama

The White House ♣ 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. ♣ Washington, DC 20500

- ♣ Thank him for making poverty and urban issues part of his agenda.
- ♣ Point out that St. Patrick has many programs that are national models and highly regarded: our BEGIN New Venture Center small business incubator; Client Tracking System (CTS) computer program; the GO! Network for professionals between jobs; Project REACH employment program for ex-offenders; and Rosati Apartments permanent, supportive housing for the chronically homeless, among others.
- ♣ Highlight the impact St. Patrick Center is making. In Fiscal Year 2009, we placed and maintained 431 clients and their dependent children into permanent housing. We placed 689 clients into full-time and part-time jobs. We provided services to 2,279 clients dealing with mental illness and/or substance abuse!
- ♣ Ask him to visit St. Patrick Center.

Secretary Shaun Donovan

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ♣ 451 7th Street S.W. ♣ Washington, DC 20410

- ♣ Thank the department for its previous support of St. Patrick Center.
- ♣ Point out that St. Patrick Center is a national model for Permanent, Supportive Housing (PSH) and Housing First. In Fiscal Year 2009, we placed and maintained 431 clients and their dependent children into permanent housing! We placed 32 honorably discharged veterans in apartments through Project HERO, ending more than 90 years of homelessness! We also placed 26 chronically homeless men and women into Rosati Apartments, our new permanent, supportive housing complex. Of the 26 Rosati residents, 14 also received supportive case management services!
- ♣ Ask him to fund more permanent, supportive housing projects.

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Secretary Gary F. Locke

U.S. Department of Commerce ♣ 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W. ♣ Washington, D.C. 20230

- ♣ Thank the department for the Excellence in Economic Development award in 2006 and subsequent \$3.5 million grant in 2007, which we used to build the BEGIN New Venture Center, the BEGIN Training & Education, and Catholic Charities Conference Center.
- ♣ Point out that in Fiscal Year 2009, 12 new companies signed on with the BEGIN New Venture Center small business incubator! Additionally, 75 clients graduated from employment programs in the BEGIN Training & Education Center!
- ♣ Ask him to continue supporting the BEGIN Center's economic development and job training programs.

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

Department of Health and Human Services ♣ 200 Independence Ave. ♣ Washington D.C. 20201

- ♣ Highlight the comprehensive health services offered in our Partnership Center building. In Fiscal Year 2009, our collaborative effort with Grace Hill Health Services, Logan Chiropractic Clinic and the St. Louis Dental Society provided comprehensive health services to nearly 1,200 clients!
- ♣ Stress the importance of mental health programs for those who are homeless and poor, including our Assertive Community Treatment, Casserole and Mobile Outreach programs. In FY2009, we provided mental health and substance abuse services to 2,279 clients!
- ♣ Ask her to support St. Patrick Center's eight mental health programs.

Secretary Hilda L. Solis

U.S. Department of Labor ♣ Frances Perkins Building ♣ 200 Constitution Ave., N.W. ♣ Washington, DC 20210

- ♣ Thank the department for funding St. Patrick Center's Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP). In Fiscal Year 2009, HVRP placed 132 veterans into full-time jobs and 84 into housing. 28 received advanced employment training!
- ♣ Thank the department for funding Project REACH, through which we placed 148 ex-offenders into full-time jobs after their release from prison in Fiscal Year 2009!
- ♣ Tell her that in Fiscal Year 2009, we placed 689 clients into full-time and part-time jobs. Mention McMurphy's Grill, the first restaurant training program in the nation for homeless, mentally ill clients. In FY2009, 57 clients participated in the program, and 30 found employment!
- ♣ Ask her to continue funding HVRP and Project REACH.

Secretary Erik K. Shinseki

Department of Veterans Affairs ♣ S.W. 810 Vermont Ave., N.W. ♣ Washington, D.C. 20420

- ♣ Thank him for his department's support of our two programs for homeless veterans: the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) and Project HERO (Housing, Employment, Recovery and Opportunity).
- ♣ Project HERO provides transitional housing and support services to honorably discharged veterans with a history of substance abuse and/or mental illness. In Fiscal Year 2009, We placed 32 honorably discharged veterans in housing, ending more than 90 years of homelessness!
- ♣ HVRP offers retention bonuses to veterans who find and keep jobs. In FY2009, we placed 132 veterans into full-time jobs and 84 into housing! 28 received advanced employment training!
- ♣ Ask him to continue supporting our programs for homeless veterans.

First Lady Michelle Obama

The White House ♣ 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. ♣ Washington, DC 20500

- ♣ Thank her for her efforts to end homelessness and promote volunteerism. Point out that St. Patrick Center utilizes approximately 4,000 volunteers each year!
- ♣ Thank her for her commitment to veterans and their families. Tell her that in FY2009, the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program placed 132 veterans in full-time jobs and 84 in housing! Project HERO placed 32 honorably discharged veterans in housing, ending more than 90 years of homelessness!
- ♣ Appeal to her love of gardening by mentioning City Seeds, one of the nation's top therapeutic urban farms, which employs some of our Mental Health Department clients.
- ♣ Ask her to visit St. Patrick Center to support our programs.