

# Father Joe's Villages

# NEIGHBOR NEWS

Summer 2025



## FROM DETOX TO RISE

We are excited to open our new Detox Center, built to satisfy an unmet need identified by our homeless population. All 350 clients in our previous substance use programs said they would benefit from a detox facility and sober living shelter to support lasting recovery.

In a matter of weeks, our complementary treatment programs will open with 44 medically supervised detox beds and a 248-bed sober recovery shelter called RISE, Reaching Independence and Self-Empowerment.

These programs offer sober living, case management, peer support, and bridges to employment and housing. By combining inpatient detox services and sober living shelter, we are creating a true continuum of



care—from the first day of withdrawal management to long-term stability.

Thanks to our compassionate, committed, and generous donor community, these sister programs will offer hope and healing to hundreds of individuals who want to overcome substance use and homelessness.



## HONORING OUR CULINARY ARTS GRADUATES

Earlier this year, we celebrated the graduation of our Culinary Arts Program students! They attended a three-month intensive culinary training course taught by our beloved and talented Chef Helen Coyne.

From mastering kitchen fundamentals to preparing five-course meals, the program's graduates have grown in confidence and skills. We are proud of their hard work and success and continue

to support them on their journeys to rebuild their lives and embrace new horizons.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

We honored the 4<sup>th</sup> of July by serving our neighbors a holiday meal of hamburgers, summer desserts, and refreshing lemonade.

Volunteers, staff, and community members alike enjoyed the festive atmosphere and fellowship. As a Father Joe's Villages family, we created fun memories, celebrating our country's independence.

Your generosity makes special meals like these possible. Thank you for ensuring our neighbors have proper nourishment and the opportunity to enjoy celebratory gatherings throughout the year.







## LITTLE STEPS, BIG DREAMS

Meet Lilah—a joyful and spirited three-year-old who recently completed preschool in her pink light-up shoes.

At Father Joe's Villages, children like Lilah thrive in the safe and nurturing environment of our Therapeutic Childcare Center, designed to support academic and social development. Each child receives a personalized plan that leverages strengths and identifies areas of need, serving as a roadmap to achieving their full potential.

When asked about her future, Lilah shared that she wants to stay little forever—but also dreams of working with animals someday, perhaps as a dog walker or a veterinarian.

Through the care and expertise of our staff at Father Joe's Villages Therapeutic Childcare Center, Lilah now speaks confidently and connects easily with others. We are excited to see her continued growth and follow her successful journey.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Deacon Jim Vargas was spotted at Grand Central Station in New York City! Our President and CEO spreads community and positivity from coast to coast while representing Father Joe's Villages.



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# 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Father Joe's Villages <sup>75</sup> **RUN FOR HOPE** Thanksgiving Day



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