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**Left: GL Homes Senior Director of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom, The Lord's Place CEO Diana Stanley and GL Homes President Misha Ezratti sit on the staircase of The Lord's Place new 25,000 square-foot facility, which will be completed in 2023.**  
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**Above: The Lord's Place Peer Specialist Howard Rogers with Palm Beach Mayor and Director of the Fortin Foundation of Florida, Danielle Hickox Moore.**

## 15th Annual Ending Homelessness Breakfast

After going virtual for the past two years due to the pandemic, this popular fundraiser to benefit The Lord's Place – and which is certain to sell out – is back to being an in-person affair.

By **Steve Dorfman** • Notables Staff Writer

**W**hen The Lord's Place was founded more than 40 years ago, its mission was simple: Help those who had fallen on hard times – and homelessness – get back on their feet.

The mission, which continues to this day, means reaching out to men like "Howard" – who, at age 20, was in a state of despair. He was abusing drugs and alcohol, had served jail time and found himself homeless.

"Being homeless, it breaks you," he says.

He'd heard through word of mouth that The Lord's Place would accept him without judgment, so he managed to get himself there – where he met Diana Stanley at The Lord's Place Engagement Center.

Stanley helped guide Howard toward a better path – and

inspired him to pay it forward.

Howard has not only rebuilt his life, but he also now helps others through their journeys and today works for The Lord's Place as a peer specialist.

Howard works side-by-side with clients, providing them with a living example of what is possible. He gives them hope and encouragement and empowers them to be their best possible selves.

"The most important thing The Lord's Place gave me was hope – that there would be better days," says Howard. "Since then, there have been amazing days!"

"Howard teaches us an important lesson – that everyone in our community, including those living in the streets, have potential and that we need to help them find their purpose," says Stanley.

Stories like Howard's are why GL Homes has been such a dedicated, longtime benefactor of The Lord's Place.

For the ninth consecutive year, the company is the primary sponsor for The Lord's Place's 15th Annual Ending Homelessness Breakfast – which, for the first time since 2019, is once again being held in person on Nov. 17 at the Kravis Center. The pandemic forced the 2020 and 2021 events to be virtual.

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# BREAKFAST

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“No one should have to worry about whether they will have food on their plates or a roof over their heads,” said GL Homes President Misha Ezratti. “The reality is that hunger and homelessness are widespread problems that affect far too many people. Through housing, job training, employment and comprehensive social services, The Lord’s Place gives its clients hope — and a brighter future.”

GL Homes’ contributions to the Lord’s Place have been substantial for a number of years and most recently include \$25,000 toward the breakfast and \$50,000 to the nonprofit’s Home for Good capital campaign.

The Ending Homelessness Breakfast is being chaired by Scott Powers, vice president and financial sales manager of First Citizens Bank.

Danielle Hickox Moore, director of The Fortin Foundation of Florida, will be presented with the Ending Homelessness Award, for her tireless efforts to eradicate homelessness in South Florida.

Breakfast attendees will also hear several inspiring speeches that will include real-life stories that exemplify The Lord’s Place mission in action. To hear the multitude of ways in which clients of The Lord’s Place have overcome dire circumstances to improve their lots in life



**The Lord’s Place Chief Advancement Officer Anne Noble and The Lord’s Place Lead Outreach Peer Specialist, Danzell Madison.** [TRACEY BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY]



**The Lord’s Place Ending Homelessness Breakfast Chair Scott Powers.**

is always poignant and moving.

Getting to hear the stories in person after a two-year hiatus is certain to heighten their impact.

Tickets are \$75 per person and sponsorships start at \$2,500. For more information regarding ticket purchases and sponsorship

opportunities, visit [thelordsplace.org](http://thelordsplace.org).

All attendees are also encouraged to bring a can of food to help The Lord’s Place keep its food pantries full.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** 15th Annual Ending Homelessness Breakfast.

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 17, 7:30 a.m.

**Where:** Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

**Tickets:** \$75; sponsorships start at \$2,500

**Website:** [thelordsplace.org](http://thelordsplace.org)

**Sponsors as of press time:** GL Homes, Susan V. Berlin, DDS, Gehring Group, Diana Barrett and Bob Vila, Black Diamond Networks, Julie F. and Peter D. Cummings, Michael Kluger and Heidi Greene, MM and Wes Lang, OSCWebco, Oxbow Carbon LLC, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, Cornelia and Richard Thornburgh, Donna and Chuck Ward