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# James LeBlanc, Pastor and Samaritan Inns Alumnus, Joins Samaritan Inns' Board of Directors

**WASHINGTON, DC-** On **December 8, 2015**, James LeBlanc has formally joined Samaritan Inns' Board of Directors. James accepted this opportunity in order to provide an alumnus' perspective of their programs and mission. "I think every organization that helps people should have someone on the board who has been helped by them," James said.

From 2009 to 2012, James was a resident of the Samaritan Inns program. "Samaritan Inns provided me with the structure and the Godly values I needed when I was first getting sober," James shared. Currently, James works for The Columbia Heights and Shaw Family Support Collaborative (CHSFSC), where he teaches ex-offenders job readiness. Through a partnership with Samaritan Inns, he provided jobs for 8 of our residents. This year, James founded Free to Worship Church in Laurel, MD. James volunteers with Samaritan Inns as a praise leader.

### **About Samaritan Inns**

Samaritan Inns' mission is to provide structured housing and recovery services in an environment of support and accountability that give homeless or at risk individuals who suffer from drug and alcohol addictions the opportunity to rebuild their lives. For 30 years, their programs and services have treated and saved more than 10,000 citizens in the District of Columbia. One year after completing the final phase of Samaritan Inns three-stage residential treatment program, graduates report that over 90% are drug/alcohol free, employed full time, and live in their own apartment or home.

For more information about Samaritan Inns, please visit [www.SamaritanInns.org](http://www.SamaritanInns.org).

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