



## Letter from the President & CEO

Greetings from Samaritan Inns! The New Year is off to a great start and this newsletter is packed with news and updates on all the happenings at Samaritan Inns! We are grateful to you, our friends, for your continued interest in our work and support of our mission to help those who are homeless and suffering from addictions.

Although still recovering from the pandemic, Samaritan Inns' is forging a path forward with renewed energy and focus to increase our capacity and serve even more people in need in our community. In calendar year 2022, we served 548 men, women and children, which is 103 more than 2021! The changes that began last year continue, including a new DC requirement to obtain national accreditation in 2023 through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities – CARF International.



Thanks to a grant in fall 2022, Samaritan Inns' implemented a Wellness Workshop Series for clients and staff that included chair yoga, arts and crafts therapy, aromatherapy, and music therapy. Other special events included a fun new fundraiser for Samaritan Inns, Casino Royale, which was the brainchild of one of our newer board members, Temi Dada, Managing Principal of TD Properties, LLC; and the annual Clark/Davis Breakfast in December hosted by Mike Wolski, Executive Vice President, Clark Construction and Jim Davis, CEO, DAVIS Construction.

Samaritan Inns also welcomed one new board member, and several new staff members to the team. Most recently, Elliott Ferguson, President and CEO of Destination DC, joined our Board of Directors. New staff includes Jonathan Alston, Clinical Director for Men's Treatment Program at Fairmont Inn; Ermias Teshome, Addiction Counselor for Men's Treatment Program at Fairmont Inn; Lola Jett, Addiction Counselor for Women with Children Program at Clark Inn; Jammie Johns, Addiction Counselor for Women with Children Program at Clark Inn; and Delia Brady, Booth Monitor at Lazarus House (*See bios on next page*).



## New Faces at Samaritan Inns

Our newest Board Member is **Elliott Ferguson**, President and CEO of Destination DC (DDC).

A 33-year veteran of the travel and hospitality industry, Elliott leads DDC's efforts to generate economic opportunity for the District through meetings and tourism, overseeing the organization's convention and tourism sales, marketing, finance, and business development operations.



### **Jonathan Alston**

#### *Clinical Director, Men's Treatment Program*

A DC native, Jonathan started working in the substance use counseling field in 1991. With experience in outpatient, residential, HIV/AIDS, and prison programs, Jonathan brings a wealth of knowledge to Samaritan Inns and is excited to support the ongoing efforts of the program.

### **Lola Jett**

#### *Addiction Counselor at Clark Inn*

Lola began her college years in Nursing before switching to Sociology, working in a local shelter and focusing on recovery and treatment services. She is passionate about helping those suffering from mental health disorders and helping clients address trauma and the other root causes of their addictions.



### **Ermias Tashome**

#### *Addiction Counselor at Fairmont Inn*

Originally from Ethiopia, Ermias has a Master's Degree in both Social Work and in Developmental Psychology. He has worked for various organizations including Catholic Charities and Mary's Center. He also makes a joyful noise in his church choir.

### **Jammie Johns**

#### *Addiction Counselor at Clark Inn*

When Jammie found recovery for herself, she also found passion and drive to share that gift with others. For years, she has been a dedicated advocate for those in recovery, but she had a particular interest in helping other women. Jammie said she found her true calling at Samaritan Inns and is excited to be a part of the team in providing support and recovery services to the moms Clark.





## Save the Date for Samaritan Inns' Inaugural Signature Event



Even though we were founded in 1985, not enough people in the DC Metro area are aware of us and the good work we do. So, we are planning a special fundraising event to commemorate Alcohol Awareness Month to expand our reach and increase our visibility in the community. On Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at Capital Turnaround in DC, we will host the inaugural **Samaritan Inns' Zero Proof Soirée and Battle of the Mocktails!** Mocktails are all the rage now, and this original event – "DC GOES TIKI" – will be an engaging and interactive affair without alcohol that will prove to be even more exciting, thrilling, and enjoyable than all cocktail receptions in DC! The Soirée will showcase mixologists from well-known regional local restaurants and bars, who will compete to create a signature mocktail for the BEST MOCKTAIL IN DC! This exciting and fun affair includes celebrity emcee Leon Harris, News4 Anchor, and special guest, Chuck Todd, Moderator of NBC News' *Meet the Press*.

For more information on ways to support and participate in the inaugural **Samaritan Inns' Zero Proof Soirée & Battle of the Mocktails**, please email [ZeroProof@samaritaninns.org](mailto:ZeroProof@samaritaninns.org). To sponsor our event, please contact Lauren C. Vaughan, President & CEO, at [lauren@samaritaninns.org](mailto:lauren@samaritaninns.org), or call 202-667-8831. To purchase individual tickets, please go to <https://bit.ly/Alcohol-free> or visit our website at [www.samaritaninns.org](http://www.samaritaninns.org).

## Save the Date for the 14th Annual Tournament of Hope



This favorite event for golf-loving supporters, was rescheduled due to Hurricane Ian in October 2022. Thankfully, we have a new date reserved for **Monday, May 8, 2023 at Westfield's Golf Club!** Come and play 18 holes for a good cause! Register at [www.samaritaninns.org/golf](http://www.samaritaninns.org/golf).

# On the Horizon...

What began nearly 40 years ago as one transitional home in the heart of DC, has developed into a full treatment and recovery continuum with eight transitional homes and a proven formula in combating homelessness and addictions. As we continue to build capacity to serve more men and women in need, our plans going forward, include the establishment of an outpatient treatment center.

On behalf of the men, women and families we serve, our staff, our volunteers, our Board of Directors, and everyone involved with Samaritan Inns, I thank you for your continued support and I wish you a blessed and prosperous 2023 filled with love, peace, and abundance.

With gratitude,



Lauren C. Vaughan  
President and CEO

***Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.***

***– Hebrews 13:2***

## Volunteer Spotlight

*A big thank you to 4th Presbyterian Church members who provided dinner to the clients at Huff House, as well as leaders for our Sunday Worship Service!*



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