

# 2026 UPWORDS

The mission of Sheffield Place is 'to empower homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and become self-sufficient.'

## SHEFFIELD PLACE EVENTS

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sheffield Place Golf Tournament – Fri, June 5, Shoal Creek Golf Course – register now with the QR code or online at SheffieldPlace.org!



Off the Wall Gala – Sat, Oct 3, The LEX at Municipal Auditorium – watch for details!



## SKYBRIDGE EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM LAUNCHES

Sheffield Place recently launched a new workforce development program in partnership with the WellSky Foundation. The program – known as the SKYBRIDGE program – provides the mothers at Sheffield Place with technology skills and employment search and retention support.

Sheffield Place is one of two agencies the WellSky Foundation is partnering with to pilot this innovative program. The WellSky Foundation will use insights gained from the pilot to expand the SkyBridge Digital Literacy Program to additional locations.

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*"The WellSky Foundation is delighted to implement the SkyBridge Digital Literacy Program and the powerful impact it will have in helping women gain the skills and connections needed to secure meaningful employment."*

*– Brett Fuller, WellSky Foundation Executive Director*

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Through the program, participants build practical computer skills, including proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. A newly created Workforce Development Manager position leads the training, connects the women to additional education and career pathways, and develops partnerships with local employers.

The WellSky Foundation's investment includes new laptops for classroom use, two years of funding to support the Workforce Development Manager role, and ongoing technical expertise – ensuring participants have both the tools and guidance needed to succeed.



## KATIE'S STORY – "I PLAN TO SUCCEED"

This is my third stay at Sheffield Place. The first time I just wasn't ready to say goodbye to my life of chaos and homelessness – staying here and there and making compromises for a roof over my head. The second stay was different. I learned recovery and life skills. I just wasn't able to apply them in the world. This time I'm fully committed to sobriety and self-sufficiency.

My childhood left me with deep trauma and without the knowledge of how to function in life. I grew up in foster care – shuttled from one foster family to another. I never learned the basics such as how to set a doctor's appointment or make a grocery list. When I aged out of foster care, I became involved with the wrong people. I got involved with a violent partner. I was in prison on three separate occasions and spent 4 years of my life incarcerated.

I am determined to make a different life this time. I am learning love and forgiveness and how to create a life worth living for me and my son. I am working to recover from the trauma I've experienced. I recently started working. If there is one thing I've learned, it is that life and parenting are hard. I plan to succeed at both!



## SHEFFIELD PLACE OBSERVES 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Sheffield Place opened its doors in 1991 as a community response to mother-led family homelessness. The agency has evolved from a 2-year program serving 20 families in residence each year to serving 170 families annually with a broad range of services, including therapy, adult and child case management, addiction recovery, life skills training, parenting training, employment readiness, and continuing supportive services for families that have transition back into the community, among others. More than 1600 families have benefited from the agency's services since the agency's founding.



## SHEFFIELD PLACE BUILDING REACHES 100 YEARS

Built by the YMCA to serve the men who worked in the steel plant in the Northeast Bottoms, the Sheffield Place main building now shelters mothers and children in need of housing and supportive services.

The solid structure is constructed of poured concrete and brick. It was built with an eye toward long-term service. The YMCA sold the building in the late 1980s to the nascent Sheffield Place organization for \$1.00.

The building played a central role in the lives of many residents of the Historic Northeast. Neighborhood children swam in the Y's pool and attended daycare in the building prior to its sale to Sheffield Place.

