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Ann Arbor Volunteer Group Helping Homeless Turn A HouseN2Home



“HouseN2Home was founded with the idea that anyone exiting homelessness deserves to have a safe, warm, and inviting home. So, we gathered together as volunteers to provide

furnishings to families and individuals transitioning out of local shelters.” Says Ruth Ann Logue, co-founder of the organization.

“The idea for HouseN2Home was born in 2017, when a local single mother that we knew, found herself homeless and in a shelter with her three kids.” They were able to help find her housing, but quickly realized she needed so much more than a roof over her head to have a comfortable home.” said Logue. A group of her friends including Ginger Raymond, Liz Gadway, and Peggy Farrell joined together to help. They gathered gently used furniture and household items from their own homes and purchased other items to help establish the young woman establish hers.

Inspired by that experience the friends developed a shared mission to help others as a new organization called HouseN2Home. “Our goal was to provide beautiful homes for people coming out of a shelter. So that it was filled with everything they could possibly need. We were going to be that group who helped give them a fresh start.” says Peggy Farrell, one of the co-founders and treasurer of HouseN2Home.

The group expanded to include about a dozen friends of friends and grew quickly from there.

They moved 32 clients in 2019, and the following year during the depths of the covid lockdown, they furnished 131 homes. By the end of 2021, that number almost doubled again.

They initially stored items in basements and garages, but the need of the community and the number of donations quickly overwhelmed that method. They were granted storage space in the former memory care unit of Ann Arbor’s St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. What initially started as a couple of rooms, soon expanded to the entire unit. Donations of furniture and household items like dishes, silverware, and other kitchen items, fill one of the many rooms. Others contain, bedding, pillow, toys, art or electronics, and space for repairing and refinishing furniture that may need a little love.

Chuck Boyk’s family got involved with the organization through his daughter Emily, a 3rd-year law student. “She was working as a Student Attorney at the University of Michigan’s Child Advocacy Law Clinic, helping a formerly homeless client to regain custody of her children from foster care.” Says Chuck. “HouseN2Home furnished her new home and our entire family helped with the move.” Afterward, Emily Boyk showed photos of the furnished apartment at a hearing, which helped convince the court to grant her client custody of her children again.

HouseN2Home accepts donations of clean, high-quality furniture, and household items. They also welcome financial support to sponsor moves. But

what they desperately need are more volunteers. “We are at a critical point where the demand for our services has just exploded.” Says Logue. “We’re getting requests to help someone several times a week. But our volunteer numbers haven’t necessarily kept up with that demand. If I could wave a magic wand, we would double the number of volunteers that are here.”

HN2H uses word of mouth, social media, and its website to request financial and furniture donations and recruit Individuals and groups to volunteer their time and resources. They also offer team-building experiences for organizations and corporations.

To volunteer, donate or sponsor a move, or for more information, contact HouseN2Home at www.housen2home.org



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Ohio To Put Body Cameras On Every Guard in Every Prison After Inmate Deaths

Ohio | Department of Rehabilitation & Correction



The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recently announced that it is implementing a plan to purchase and deploy more than 5,000 body cameras on all its guards and parole officers. It is one of the largest deployments of body cameras in the world and it is designed to hold officers accountable.

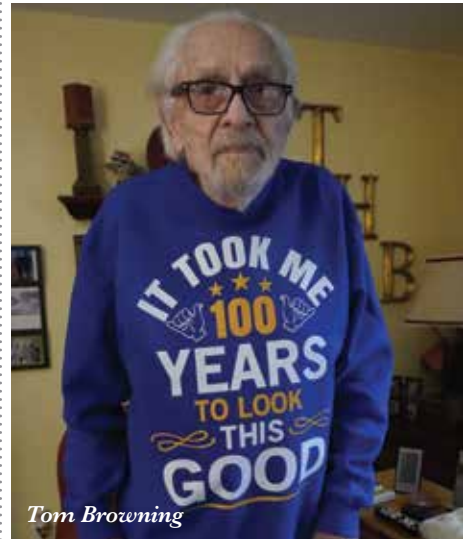
Ohio prisons have notoriously been plagued with an increasing number of incidents involving excessive force and sexual abuse by guards. It is not a coincidence that this project is being implemented after an inmate at an Ohio prison died when prison guards pulled him from his cell, got into a fight with him, and then refused to provide lifesaving medical care. Part of the assault was caught on camera verifying the conduct – which led to the guards and medical staff being terminated. It also follows an incident where Chillicothe prison guards beat and paralyzed a young inmate and then laughed and bragged in text messages about how good it felt to have broken his neck and played a role in paralyzing him. The State of Ohio agreed to pay the former inmate \$17.5 million for what the guards did.

There is no dispute that law enforcement and corrections officers put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe and the vast majority of them are professional and upstanding officers who protect civil rights. But there is also no dispute that there are some that dishonor the profession by betraying their power and the public's trust. Holding these bad actors accountable is the only way to change the system.

Our firm investigates and brings legal action against individuals and organizations who violate civil rights laws. If you have suffered serious injury or were sexually abused by law enforcement, contact us to see how we might be able to help.



Client Birthday Celebration



Happy 101st Birthday to Tom Browning, client, and neighbor of Boyk Law Attorney Mike Bruno. Tom is a WWII Veteran who was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for O-I and Owens Corning in their Information Technology Department, helping to shepherd them through the dawn of the computer age. Happy Birthday Tom!



CASES OF INTEREST: MARCH 2022

Semi-Truck Runs Red Light & Causes Collision in Intersection

Our client was traveling southbound on Locust Street in Oak Harbor, approaching the intersection of Water Street. At the same time, a semi-truck driver ran a red light, unlawfully proceeded into the intersection, and smashed into the front driver's side of our client's vehicle. Emergency services came to the scene and removed our client from his vehicle. Our client was then taken to the hospital and was admitted to the ICU. He was found to have a broken pelvis, broken sternum, broken ribs, and a ruptured spleen. He was hospitalized for several weeks followed by in-patient rehab and recently released home to the aid of home healthcare.

Clamp Left Inside Patient After Bariatric Surgery

Years after undergoing bariatric surgery our client began experiencing significant bleeding and constant pain. She suffered nerve pain down both legs and pain in her abdomen. After undergoing a subsequent surgery, it was discovered that a clamp was left from the bariatric surgery and was found to be lodged in her uterus and embedded in her nerves. She was advised that another surgery was needed to remove the clamp and a complete hysterectomy would have to be performed. Our office is pursuing a medical malpractice action against the bariatric surgeon.

Employee Suffers Ankle Fracture After Slip & Fall Incident at Work

While on the job, our client slipped and fell on ice. She immediately experienced intense pain in her right ankle and foot and was taken to the hospital. There she underwent imaging and was found to have fractured and dislocated her ankle. Our client followed up with an orthopedic doctor who found her ankle broken in three places. Our client was scheduled to have an internal fixation procedure. However, the doctor had concerns that several more surgeries would be needed to repair the ankle. Our office is pursuing a workers' compensation claim on behalf of our client.

