



It's All About SELF

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2023

A Message from the CEO

As we enter the holiday season I contemplate the thousands of men, women, and children who have no place to lay their heads. I am saddened that there are many who have no place to call home. November was National Homelessness Awareness Month, and we remain committed to diminishing the number of unhoused people in our country. Last year 582,642 people experienced housing insecurity.

Housing insecurity has no specific race, gender, age, or sexual orientation. The factors that impact this social justice issue affects families as well as single individuals. SELF Inc. strives to Strengthen and Empower Lives and Futures by creating innovative programs to provide housing opportunities, employment opportunities, and supportive services to change the trajectory of the lives of those we serve.

As a housing provider with 5 emergency shelters, 6 programs, and 35 scattered sites for shared housing we served over 7,000 people last year. We continue to strive to create an environment where participants are served with respect and care. The staff at SELF Inc. is comprised of people from many walks of life including those with lived experience and those in recovery. While our team is diverse, we share a common goal, to provide dignity to those who are experiencing hard times.

It is with a hopeful heart and extended hands we give holiday cheer, send thoughts of love, and wish peace to all we serve! The greatest gift is to be able to serve those in need. The greatest challenge is to fight against oppression. The greatest feat is to ensure humanity is treasured and valued.

In all these things, we wish you a very happy holiday season!

In Service,

Dr. Shirlana N. Dash
Chief Executive Officer



SELF *Serves*



Congratulations to Cherelle Parker, at podium, Philadelphia's first female mayor! This is a remarkable milestone and SELF Inc. Board Chairman Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode Sr., right, was on hand for Parker's victory party Nov. 7. Goode, the city's first Black mayor from 1984 to 1992, said the main issues facing the new mayor are public safety, poverty, and education, and Parker is the right person for the job. "Because of her background," he said. "She's lived it. She knows about it, and she knows how to go about dealing with it."

Source: <https://why.org/articles/philadelphia-cherelle-parker-citys-100th-mayor/>

Highlighting STATION HOUSE TEAM MEMBERS



Sherry Brown



Margaret Howe



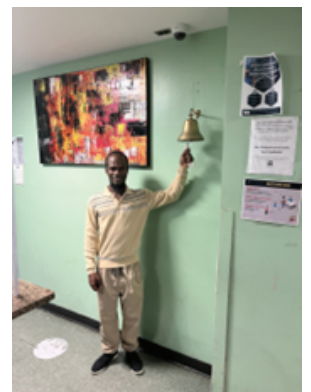
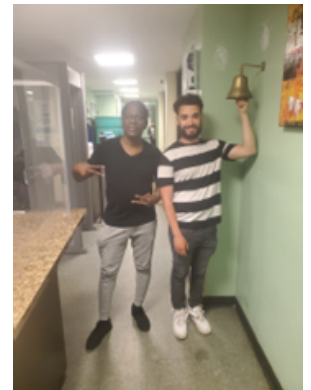
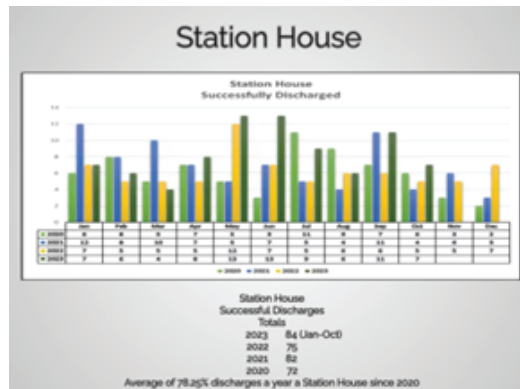
Debbie Johnson,
Josef Taylor,
& John Blackson



Debbie Johnson, Josef Taylor,
Anna Figureroa, Margaret Howe &
Andrae Louis

SELF *Esteem*

When participants find housing and move out of the shelter they have "successfully discharged". SELF's tradition is to have participants ring the bell when they successfully discharge. SELF Inc. is proud to announce annually, we average 78.25% per year of successful discharges!



SELF *Empowerment*

Our Program Partner, Lehigh Valley Barber School visits Station House once a month to give participants free haircuts. A small thing like getting free haircuts helps boost participant's self-confidence when looking for employment or saving for housing.



We had 20 volunteers from our program partner, PayCom, along with Stewart Savage of Optimal Prime Painting give on Friday, July 14, 2023 of their time to revitalize the corridor areas within Station House creating an environment that encourages hope, inspiration, and a sense of dignity for our participants.



SELF *Empowerment*

Station House, at 2601 N. Broad St., held its 3rd annual Block Party on Friday, June 30, 2023, to promote good health and fellowship as the summer season kicked off. There was good food, and we also had the Frazier Family Coalition attend to provide lifesaving health screenings and give care packages to the participants. "Our job here is to not only provide the unhoused with a safe place at their most vulnerable time, but also to enhance their lives in whatever way we can," says Station House Program Director Josef Taylor. Besides the participants from Station House, members of SELF Inc.'s family of shelters were invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

"This event is important because knowledge is power and getting these health screenings will empower our participants," Taylor says.



NEW HIRES

OCTOBER 2023

ADMINISTRATION

Rosalind Robinson

Administrative Coordinator

STATION HOUSE

Ida Thyme

Participant Advocate

Freeman Ford

FT Security Guard

OUTLEY HOUSE

Shaheed Holmes

Maintenance Tech

Briheam Lott

Cook

Tyrone Price

Driver

Jason Thompson

Client Services Case Manager

MHRC

Jahmir Johnson

Participant Advocate

Tauheedah Felder

Participant Advocate

Shakyil Beamer

Driver

Mark Cottle

Participant Advocate

SUSQUEHANNA HOUSE

Iyiana Warrick

Participant Advocate

Taniqua Lopez

Participant Advocate

Waltrina Blake

Participant Advocate

Tauheedah Felder

Participant Advocate

IFE WELLNESS CENTER

Meghan Kincade

Director of Housing

Jerry Dewitt

FT Cook

Sheila Akiens

Client Services Case Manager

WINTER INITIATIVE PHILADELPHIA NURSING HOME

Damon McConico

Participant Advocate

Antonio Gray

Security Guard

Danielle Daniels

Security Guard

Rhonda Richardson

Participant Advocate

Eddie Williams

Driver

Adrian Parker

Driver



EMPLOYEE Birthdays

OCTOBER

Tashanda Watkin	10/01
Claybourne Watkins	10/02
Dawn Johnson	10/03
Joanne Wodarski	10/04
Verdessa Robinson	10/06
Christopher Pickett	10/11
Antoinette Lorenzano	10/13
Jasmine Brown	10/14
Dominique Cleveland	10/15
Chas Bailey	10/16
Sylvia P Simms	10/17
Brian A Ducksworth	10/19
Robert Green	10/21
Abdul-Hameed Muhammad	10/22
Anthony Coaxum	10/22
Terrell Price	10/22
Malaki Stewart	10/23

NOVEMBER

Stanley Gus Tulay	11/04
Tahirah Smith	11/10
Yahn Kittrels	11/13
James Pickron	11/13
Bernard Johnson	11/15
Jennifer Vasquez	11/15
Jacqueline Razo	11/16
Eric Purdy	11/19
Ruffin Hill III	11/20
Kenya Edwards	11/20
Michael Brewington	11/22
Debbie Johnson	11/27
Sharetta James	11/30



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