



# BOLD HOPE EXPANDS

A Campaign for Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

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BOLD HOPE

## VISION

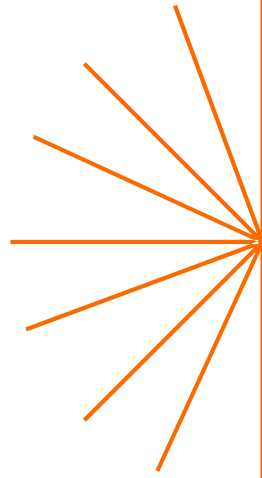
Defeat hunger and homelessness. Restore hope!

## MISSION

To serve the needs of Lincoln's working poor and homeless by relieving hunger, overcoming homelessness, addressing addiction, and providing outreach and advocacy.

## CORE VALUES

Integrity, Dignity, Empowerment, Compassion, Inclusion, Diversity



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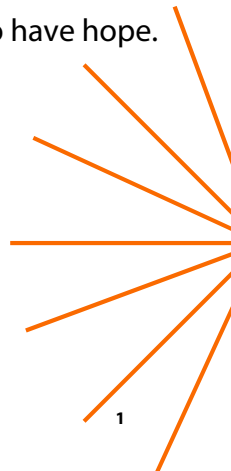


## WHO WE ARE

For 30 years and counting, Matt Talbot has been a critical part of Lincoln's safety net for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or living in poverty.

We are a dedicated and united front of staff and volunteers who have found their true calling by helping the homeless and near homeless find possibilities when things seem impossible.

In addition to being a safe place of refuge, Matt Talbot works to connect people to resources that take care of the whole person - providing beyond basic needs to embolden people to have hope.



# INCREASING IMPACT

Matt Talbot serves a diverse group of individuals and families who are struggling to maintain housing or who are experiencing homelessness.

For many, meals at Matt Talbot are their main source of daily nutrition and, in some cases, allows the household to save on food costs to pay for other basic needs such as rent.

While on-site for a meal, guests can access outreach and homeless prevention programs such as laundry, showers, substance use services, tenant education classes, and help with getting vital identification documents needed to apply for employment.

Matt Talbot also provides rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and transitional housing with professional staff providing ongoing case management to all housing clients.



**Matt Talbot has experienced significant growth and is serving more people through more programs.**

- Last year over 2,500 guests were served across all services, a 20% increase from the previous year.
- Nearly 40,000 outreach and homeless prevention services were provided last year.
- During the COVID pandemic housing programs were expanded by 48% to serve more unsheltered individuals and families. Last year Matt Talbot assisted 157 people through housing programs.
- Matt Talbot's staff has grown by 39% in the past 5 years (and by 127% in the last 10 years).

# STRENGTHENING OUR EFFORTS



As a result of expanding programs to meet community needs, Matt Talbot is experiencing growing pains. New staff members need office space. And the growth in housing programs has highlighted a need for space to store donated furniture, mattresses, and household items.

Bold Hope Expands will strengthen outreach efforts by building a north addition to the existing facility (two offices and a training space) and a 3 stall garage for storing the agency van and household items for clients.

Construction started in July 2022 and is the final phase of our relocation to N. 27th Street which began in 2010.

This project is more than just physical space. It allows us to:

- Meet privately with guests in a space near the dining room.
- Host nutrition classes for volunteers.
- Have more space to distribute donated healthy foods and garden produce.
- Facilitate tenant and alcohol education classes.
- Provide office space for a new human resources position and the Director of Hunger Relief & Volunteerism.
- Store household items for homeless clients who are moving to a new apartment, creating efficiencies by having items onsite and reducing costs of renting storage units.



# A CALL TO ACTION



The \$1.28 million Bold Hope Expands campaign will impact the entire community. More hungry people will be fed, more people without a home will find shelter, and more people will be empowered to become self-sufficient.

## DONATION OPTIONS

### Cash

Give online, send a check, or call us at 402-477-4116.

### Stocks

Make an difference for those in need and receive tax benefits.

### Bequests

A gift to Matt Talbot in your estate plans is a wonderful and impactful way to provide support.

### Qualified Charitable

#### Distributions from your IRA

Enjoy tax benefits and assist vulnerable individuals when you make a gift directly from a taxable IRA instead of taking required minimum distributions.

Matt Talbot's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have been recognized by 3 leading national organizations that help donors find charities they can trust.



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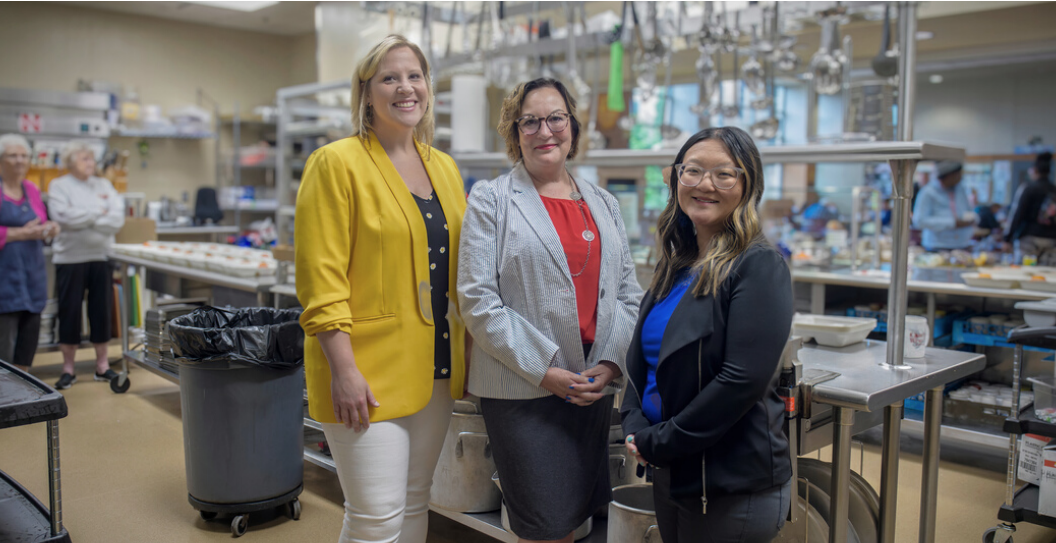
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Bold Hope Expands will change the lives of many and allow Matt Talbot to continue its work as a leading community resource for individuals and families in Lincoln struggling with poverty, homelessness, and addiction. Thank you for your consideration.



Lori Wellman (Director of Development), Susanne Blue (Executive Director), and Alynn Sampson (Board President)

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