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Here are some highlights from our communities that we'd like to share with you!

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW VICTORY HOUSING LEADERS.

We welcome our new Board of Directors President, new Board Members, and Leadership Team.



Mike Gill Victory Housing, Inc. Board of Directors, President

Mike Gill is Akridge's Senior Vice President and Director of Acquisitions. He oversees acquisitions of real estate projects throughout the metropolitan DC area and engages in project financing, entitlements, design, construction, and leasing.

Since joining Akridge in 2003, Mike has contributed to a broad range of Akridge investments that include Gallery Place, Falls Church Gateway, Loudoun Parkway Center, Urbana Corporate Center, the DC Evidence Control Facility, [7550 Wisconsin Avenue](#), [1200 Seventeenth Street](#), 2800

Eisenhower Avenue, 1701 Rhode Island, and 110 I Sixteenth Street. Before joining Akridge, Mike was an Associate in Merrill Lynch's Real Estate Investment Banking program and was an engineer with Schnabel Engineering Associates.

He is a licensed professional engineer and a member of many professional organizations, such as the Real Estate Group, the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. Mike has a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University and a Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois.



***Maria Day-Marshall,
Victory Housing, Inc. Board of Directors***

Ms. Maria Day-Marshall, Esq., joined the Real Estate Development Program at the University of Maryland in July 2017, and currently serves as its Director and as Clinical Associate Professor. In February 2018, she added the directorship of the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development to her responsibilities. As the Director of the Program, Maria provides

programmatic and disciplinary leadership in the areas of curriculum development; faculty recruitment, guidance and evaluation; student recruitment and advising; and, course scheduling. Previously, Ms. Day-Marshall served as a Lecturer for the Real Estate Development Program from 2008 until she joined it full-time as Director.

***Catherine Hilbush
Victory Housing, Inc. Board of Directors***

With over 30+ years of finance experience, including over 25+ years in various senior housing capacities, Cathy brings multi-faceted expertise. Ms. Hilbush has been a lender, a borrower, and most recently an investment associate in a private equity firm, all of which focused on seniors housing. She has also served on the board of directors of Rittenhouse Senior Living, an operator with seven facilities in three states.

Currently, she is the sole member of a consulting and advisory practice in the industry. Engagements have included: investment and financial advisory services to both operators and owners; acting as an owner's representative for construction projects to coordinate, supervise, and monitor the efforts of the general contractor, architect, and developer and establish a reporting process to the owner; vetting and securing of an operating partner for a project owner and negotiation of management contracts.



Todd Dorrien, Vice President of Sustainability and Strategy

In this role, Todd is responsible for leading Victory Housing's climate resilience efforts for the existing portfolio as well as strategies around major new growth initiatives. He brings more than 20 years of experience in finance, strategy, and asset management in senior housing and hospitality. Todd holds an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and a B.A. from Dartmouth College.



Alimatu Kargbo, Promoted to Vice President of Assisted Living Clinical Services

Alimatu brings more than 20 years of healthcare experience in both clinical and administrative functions to Victory Housing, 15 of which she has worked closely with older adults in long-term care settings and Assisted Living. She holds a master's degree in nursing and business leadership from Washington Adventist University and a bachelor of nursing from Marymount University.



Edwina Jacobs, Executive Director, Bartholomew House

Edwina's career began as a caregiver at a senior living community, where she quickly advanced to become a business office manager. She then served as an executive director, where she was responsible for all aspects of community operations, including financial management, staffing, regulatory compliance, and resident well-being. Edwina has dedicated herself to creating positive

and enriching environments for seniors. Edwina has a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration.



Tyzanaya (Ty) L. Jordan,
Executive Director,
Marian Assisted Living

Tyzanaya (Ty) Jordan joined Victory Housing in 2023. Ty brings over a decade of experience working with older adults in Long Term Care, Memory Care, and Assisted Living. She started her career as a Memory Care Director with a passion for seniors. Recently, Ty served as a Regional Director overseeing multiple assisted living communities

throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2012, she first joined Victory Housing as the Assistant Director of Raphael House. In this position, she focused on resident care, life enrichment programs and managed all direct care associates.



Sashalee Shakes, Executive
Director, Malta House

Sashalee has been with Victory Housing since 2017, serving in many capacities including Resident Services Director, Business Office Manager, and now Executive Director. She is committed to serving seniors and is passionate about providing quality care. She has her certification as an Assisted Living Manager (ALM) and Certified Dementia Practitioner (CDP) in the state of Maryland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF OUR EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD!

Each year, Victory Housing is proud to honor employees who have achieved certain service milestones at our Service Awards Celebration. This VIP, red carpet event celebrates and recognizes our long-standing team members

with awards that include certificates, trophies and bonuses. Accolades, memories, and messages of appreciation are shared with each employee. Please join us in honoring this year's outstanding team members.

Team Member Service Awards

Bartholomew House

10 years of service

Margaret Sesay

5 years of service

Rylia Gomez

Byron House

10 years of service

Delysia Njuneh

5 years of service

Celine Louis Bataille

3 years of service

Trinidad Diaz Crawford

Gode Daka

Marian Assisted Living

5 years of service

Floretta Kamara

Joyce Amuzu

3 years of service

Redem Ecleo

Eden Taddesse

Malta House

10 years of service

Richard Brindley

5 years of service

James Mason

3 years of service

Hopkins, Dorethea

Galloway, Jeremicka

Raphael House

35 years of service

Edith Avila

3 years of service

Onder Ayan

Terhas Kahsay

Grace House

15 years of service

Wilfrid Mertus

5 years of service

Zeritu Asfaw

ENRICHING LIFE EACH DAY IN ASSISTED LIVING

How do Assisted Living residents celebrate life? Take a look at just some of the fun and engaging activities and excursions they have recently participated in.

Raphael House, Rockville, MD



Our Victory Housing Assisted Living communities celebrated their new passenger bus with a wheelchair lift with a “**maiden voyage**” party filled with dancing and fun.



Father Salah of St. Raphael Church blessed the bus and joined the celebration, too!

Marian Assisted Living, Brookeville, MD





Residents at **Marian Assisted Living** enjoyed a scenic drive and a delightful visit to a **local café** in October.

Malta House, Hyattsville, MD



Pictured is Mr. Nickens with his wife, daughter, and brother.

Malta House hosted a festive **Holiday Open House** in December with

holiday music, dancing, and celebration with family and friends.

ACTIVE, INDEPENDENT LIVING BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Take a look at how our Independent Living residents maximized their experiences in 2023 with various educational and social programs hosted at our apartment communities.

Victory Haven, Damascus, MD



An elegant Thanksgiving Day feast was enjoyed by many residents.



An Autumn Health Clinic was conducted to promote and administer flu and Covid vaccines, along with the sharing the importance of medication management.

Victory Crossing, Silver Spring, MD



Thanksgiving Day dinner with friends and family was celebrated.

LaPlata Manor, LaPlata, MD



A Halloween party full of colorful costumes, treats and even some tricks was a fright for many residents.



Christmas decorating with
Holiday cheer and refreshments.



Residents and staff volunteered
for the annual **Toys for Tots** toy
collection for needy children.

Victory Court, Rockville, MD



Residents from **Victory Court** enjoying hosting and delicious **spaghetti dinner**. Residents and team members gathered to share stories, laugh and enjoy great company. Now That's Amore!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Victory Housing is a non-profit housing development that provides affordable housing and related social services to low or moderate-income, frail or independent senior citizens, families with children, and those with special needs.

It's thanks to your donations through the Victory Housing Heartship Program that we are able to follow through on our commitment to provide a compassionate and fair environment for all.

We appreciate our most recent donors!

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