

Godfrey S. Kobets



*Our mission: To provide services for treating substance use, mental health, and homelessness so that individuals may return to the community as responsible, employed, and permanently housed contributing members of society.*

**December 2023**



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2023  
11:30 AM

Benilde Hall  
3220 E. 23rd Street  
Kansas City, MO 64127



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KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**Benilde Hall and Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Unveil New Veteran Wing: A Triumph in Supporting Our Heroes!**

Benilde Hall, in partnership with the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of our Veteran wing expansion with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. This incredible milestone, achieved in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA),

stands as a testament to our commitment to supporting our Veterans.

This expansion follows a groundbreaking ceremony held on April 25th, 2022, where the foundation for our Veteran Homelessness Capital Campaign was set. The dedicated team from Lytle Construction, Inc. worked tirelessly to turn our vision into reality, making this expansion possible.

What does this mean for us? It means the addition of 8 single rooms with private bathrooms, specifically designed for Veterans in the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program at Benilde Hall. This expansion empowers us to extend crucial support to even more individuals in need within our Veteran community in Kansas City.

None of this would have been achievable without the generous support of the VA's Grant and Per Diem Program, which provided a capital grant of \$400,000 in 2022. We're also immensely grateful for the backing from incredible donors like the Sunderland Foundation, Veterans United Foundation, and many more.

**Impact Update:** In 2022, Benilde Hall proudly served 85 Veterans through the Emergency Housing and GPD programs. An outstanding 87% of those discharged successfully completed their assigned programs, achieving abstinence from substances, securing housing, and stable income. Notably, 100% of the Veterans who completed our programs found housing after leaving Benilde Hall.

**Join Us:** We extend a warm invitation to all members of the press and our community to join us on this significant day. Let's stand together in solidarity with our Veterans and celebrate this remarkable achievement!

**Save the Date:** Tuesday, December 19th at 11:30 AM for the ribbon-cutting ceremony and official opening of our Veteran wing expansion. Let's come together to honor our Veterans and recognize their incredible service to our country!

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### **Mark Your Calendar for Benilde Hall's 30 Year Celebration Luncheon with John Holt & Willie Aikens!**

As we gear up for the year ahead, mark your calendars for Benilde Hall's 30 Year Celebration Luncheon, taking place on Friday, April 26th, 2024, at the Rumely Tractor Historic Event Space. We're thrilled to announce our esteemed hosts for the event: Fox4 News anchor John Holt will serve as our emcee, joined by former Kansas City Royals first baseman and American League Champion Willie Aikens as our keynote speaker. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and commemorate 30 years of remarkable service at Benilde Hall!

Individual tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now open for this momentous occasion. Additionally, you can play a part in making this event memorable by sponsoring a Benilde Hall resident, granting them the chance to share in this celebration. Be sure to arrive early as doors will open at 11 AM, with the festivities kicking off promptly at 11:30 AM. Don't miss this chance to join us in honoring three decades of dedication and support at Benilde Hall!



[Reserve Your Spot Now](#)



**Godfrey's Legacy: Honoring a Healing Spirit**

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of one of our beloved therapy goats, Godfrey, on November 15th, 2023. His presence was a source of comfort and joy for so many, and his legacy of healing will forever remain in our hearts and memories.

Godfrey was named after our esteemed founder and first executive director of Benilde Hall, Godfrey Kobets.



## Empower Lives During the Holidays

This holiday season, consider making a meaningful impact at Benilde Hall. Your contribution directly empowers unhoused men and Veterans in Kansas City, offering them vital resources to chart a new course. Your support this holiday season means the world to us as we strive to make a difference in their lives. Thank you for considering us in your holiday giving.

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## Seasonal Snow Solutions: Support Benilde Services & Transform Lives

Seeking winter snow removal services for your home or business? Benilde Services is committed to delivering exceptional service while making a positive impact on our community. Through our work-therapy program at Benilde Hall,

clients gain valuable work experience and income during their stay. Contact us at 816-842-5836 x 100 for your complimentary quote today.

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