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The Vincent's Homes Newsletter – July 2026

Welcome

Dear Friends of Vincent's Homes,

These days we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the USA. Here in Philadelphia, where I live, the festivities are especially striking since this is where, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed.

In large part, we are a nation of immigrants. My grandmother arrived here from Ireland 102 years ago with her two young daughters. It took them 35 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean. As Gaelic speakers from a tiny town in Ireland, their arrival in Manhattan must have been bewildering.

Surely, many readers of this newsletter can tell similar stories. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries millions of immigrants arrived. Imagine how awesome it was for them to glimpse the Statue of Liberty standing in the harbor and, if they were able to understand English, how they felt as they read the final words of Emma Lazarus' poem, inscribed on its pedestal:

"Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"





Sadly, even today in our prosperous country, many remain homeless or live on the brink of homelessness. Our mission at Vincent's Homes is to assist them. Right now, I am happy to report that we have full occupancy, housing more than eighty residents. We are also exploring several options to expand significantly.

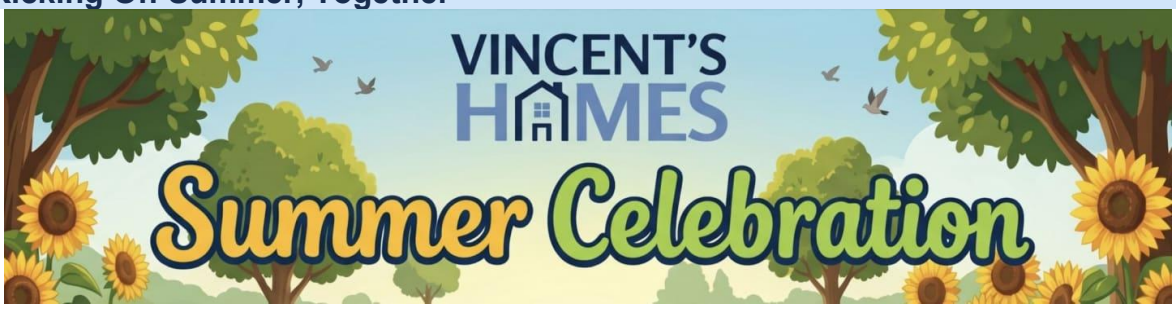
Recently, we organized an outdoor get-together for our residents at a farm here in Germantown. We had a fun time. Though dark clouds threatened us, in the end even the weather cooperated! The food was plentiful and tasty. Everyone got Vincent's Homes T-shirts (printed by one of our team members!). The company and conversation were stimulating. What struck me most were the words of gratitude that residents expressed.

Everything we do at Vincent's Homes flows from the generosity of our donors. So, let me express not just my own gratitude but that of our entire team and of our residents. Many donors give again and again, and they do so with joy. They move me to think of the words of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (9:7): "God loves a cheerful giver"!

With joy and gratitude, I wish you abundant blessings in this summer of our nation's 250th!

Robert P. Maloney, C.M.
Chairperson, Vincent's Homes

Kicking Off Summer, Together



Last month, Vincent's Homes hosted a "Summer Celebration" for our residents and their families at the Farm at Awbury Arboretum in Germantown. Staff and Board members joined residents for an afternoon filled with good food, farm animals, music, and even better company.





Guests explored the Farm's gardens and said hello to the Farm’s goats and chickens. Everyone went home with a Vincent’s Homes goodie bag, generously provided by Board member Allyson Randolph Marshall, filled with summer essentials for the whole family.







We are so grateful to our residents for taking the time to break bread with us. The event was a wonderful reminder of Vincent's Homes' important role as a provider of affordable housing and a builder of community.

13 Houses Campaign News

In May, the Famvin Homeless Alliance held its first-ever regional conference in Latin America, bringing together nearly 100 Vincentian leaders from 21 countries in Lima, Peru, around the theme "Building homes, dignifying lives: Vincentian charism and social teaching of the Church." Hosted at the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity, the two-day gathering paired prayer and formation with practical conversation about homelessness prevention, social housing, and advocacy across the region.



A recurring theme was just how broadly homelessness shows up in Latin America and the Caribbean. It takes the form not only of people sleeping on the street, but of families displaced by poverty or violence, and migrants forced from their homes in search of safety. Participants

also heard updates on existing 13 Houses Campaign projects already underway in Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, and Peru.

The Vincentian family working house-by-house and country-by-country around the world remains an inspiration for our work here in Philadelphia and is a reminder of our unified mission to provide shelter and combat homelessness.

Support Our Mission

Every dollar you contribute enables Vincent's Homes to continue to fulfill our mission of providing safe, affordable homes to those who need them most.

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Rest assured, 100% of your donation goes directly to support our work, as contributions are processed at no cost to us.

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