

All Among Us Community,

Summer greetings to you, our valued partner with All Among Us (AAU). I'm writing to announce effective September 1, 2024, AAU will focus intensely in two high need areas fully aligned with its mission in the greater St. Louis community. Doing so will allow AAU to engage hundreds of high-risk people not previously served. We will continue to provide love, care and dignity – our goal from the very beginning. For this, we are very excited!

A Life Mentoring Program focused on a critically at-risk population of women who've experienced multiple life-traumas coupled with homelessness and have received initial intervention services. In AAU's eight years of work, it's found these specific women are at high risk for returning to their prior life trauma/homeless circumstances. Social service agencies delivering initial stabilization often do not have the capabilities to deliver critical ongoing support services.

AAU has developed a comprehensive set of services meeting these unique needs. Services include classes/counseling in life skills development, nutrition and personal health, financial literacy, healthy relationships, and continued trauma healing. AAU will meet participants at their homes, in the community, and through tele/video conferencing.

AAU's Crisis Relief Program for individuals currently experiencing homelessness will be expanded. One truth remains in 18 years personally serving the unhoused and eight years of AAU's work. In the greater St. Louis community, there remains high need for direct crisis aid intervention in times of severe/inclement weather.

AAU has developed unique expertise into what those resources are and how to deliver them. We're taking the bold next step to commit this expertise in crisis relief aid to our fellow humans experiencing homelessness. Services will be delivered when and where our fellow humans may be found during these high-risk weather events.

To pour into these programs effectively, AAU is phasing out its residential Women's Care Center services through August 31, 2024. All of AAU's women receiving residential services have or are successfully transitioning to safe and affordable housing. In the seven+ years of AAU's residential program it's served over 100 women. So many of these courageous ladies have achieved years of successful new recovery from life trauma, addictions, and multiple chronically relapsed mental health conditions. Over 35 women have reclaimed health relationships with family members.

You have been the most vital factor in where we've been and where we're headed. Look to hear from us in November about ways, with your support, we'll continue our journey together. Our annual event is deferred in 2024, allowing more time to successfully launch our Life Mentoring and expanded Crisis Relief programs. Please let me know if you have any questions as we walk together down the next path for All Among Us.

Sincerely,

Cathryn C Shaw
Founder and Executive Director



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