



# Homefull Happenings

January 2025

*a newsletter for the community*

## Gettysburg Grocery Soft Opening Thursday January 9th!!



We are really excited to announce that the new Gettysburg Grocery - also known as GG's - will launch a soft opening on Thursday and Friday, January 9th and 10th from 10am-5pm! On Monday, January 13th, we will begin our normal operating hours of 8am-8pm seven days a week.

This brand new, conventional grocery store located at 811 South Gettysburg Avenue in Dayton has been the dream of Homefull and the community for several years and is now a reality!

We will use this opportunity to fine tune operations, allow staff to see what a typical day will look like, and showcase what the store has to offer to a smaller number of customers.

"GGs" will have most of its products on the shelves and ready for sale, as well as a limited selection of tasty choices for lunch or dinner in our deli. Only cash or debit/credit will be accepted now, as we're still about a week away from our USDA inspection and the ability to accept SNAP/EBT.

Look for our **Grand Opening** celebration coming on February 6th where we will officially cut the ribbon, thank supporters, provide tours and tastings, and offer LOTS of specials in the store.

*Thank you for supporting the Gettysburg Grocery and helping make this dream come true!*

## THE 16 ACRE PROJECT *Phase 1 Finish Line is Near!*

It has been almost two years since Homefull broke ground on its visionary project addressing housing, food, jobs, healthcare and childcare. The first of these projects is nearly complete as we moved into our new headquarters in November, and the Gettysburg Grocery is officially opening on Thursday January 9th! Kettering Health's primary care doctor's office opens this week, and ZIK's Family Pharmacy will open very soon.

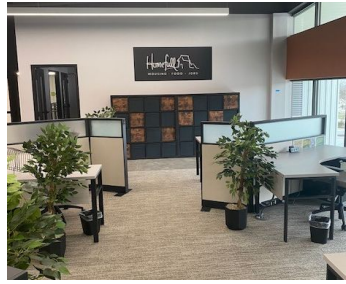
The Gettysburg Grocery is a conventional grocery store that offers everything from fresh meat and produce to dry goods and household products. You do not have to be a member to shop there - it's open to anyone! The pricing has been set to be highly competitive with larger stores like Kroger or

Walmart. Be sure to make it your regular spot to shop and also remember you can purchase gift cards to assist our clients or as presents for friends and family!

Later this year, Homefull plans to break ground on a new, childcare center just behind the first building. The center plans to serve nearly 100 children from infants to school-age. Stay tuned for more updates.



**Great Food Selections**



**Homefull Corporate Offices**



**A New Home for Homefull**

## Program Updates - Dayton

### Housing First and Opening Doors for the Homeless

Our long-time community partner Places Inc announced last fall they would be closing their doors at the end of 2024 after 35 years of serving the community. Homefull was asked to assume operations of two of their programs; Housing First and Opening Doors for the Homeless.



Housing First is a program designed to provide housing and supportive services to the hardest to serve homeless population in our community. Homefull will provide housing and services to 41 households scattered in 4 different locations in Montgomery County. Opening Doors for the Homeless will provide supportive services to over 200 homeless households with disabilities living throughout Montgomery County.

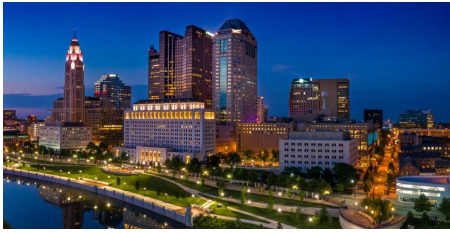
Some staff made the move to Homefull from Places while others moved on to other positions. In total around 10-15 new positions were added through this transition. As always, we are proud to have stepped up to assure Places Inc's closing had minimal impact on these vulnerable households. These programs have officially been transferred to Homefull by the US Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

### Resource Fair

National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week took on a new level of importance to Homefull in November. It was our first opportunity to host an event in our new space in Dayton where we can demonstrate our commitment to both improving access to food and continue our work towards ending homelessness.

The first Community Resource fair had over 50 local organizations whose work focuses on improving access to housing, food, healthcare and jobs. All set up booths and distributed information and takeaways for the 200 plus people who attended. It was so great to see the building utilized for such an important event.

# Program Updates - Columbus



## New PSH Coming!

Finally, we are ready to move in to our Dublin Granville PSH program. We have been working on setting up the rooms to convert them from a motel room to a new Permanent Supportive Housing Program. We are in the process of taking referrals from the Columbus Coordinated Entry System and

expect to get folks moved in over the coming weeks. Each room will have a kitchenette, private bathroom accommodations and a bed, with dresser.

This new 70 room program will provide immediate access for folks coming from the streets or warming shelters in Columbus. Also, onsite are supportive services, security and access to other amenities. Homefull is working with our partners at the Finch Group to apply for Low Income Tax Credits to fully renovate this complex in early February. We will know early fall if awarded. We will be looking for a General Contractor for the renovation work.

## Resource Fair

Homefull Columbus Division's Community Resource Fair was hosted at the Reeb Center during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Our co-host organization was Central Ohio Restored Citizens Collaborative. They have hosted a resource fair in the past so we were able to build on their experience and include partners from our work as well as theirs. Some of the agencies that participated as vendors were: Molina, Mt. Carmel Street Outreach, Community Development for All People, Stand Up, Columbus Police Department, and Southeast Vocational Services.

A total of 42 vendors participated and approximately 150 people attended. In addition to all the service resources that were on hand, an organization called Roots provides meals every day at the Reeb Center so people who attended were able to get a hot lunch, too!

## Special Events



### Adopt a Family

We want to thank our tremendous Adopt a Family Donors who for the past 30 years have provided us the chance to bring holiday cheer to our Homefull families. With their support we have been able to provide love, hope and



### DE&I Updates

As part of its overall Diversity, Equity and Inclusion focus and to celebrate Black History Month, Homefull is planning a DE&I Seminar in late February.

make dreams come true for our families; and it could not have been done without the efforts of hundreds of caring people. This year we adopted over 120 households with over 250 children. Families were also provided a holiday party at our community space, with both Santa and the Grinch in attendance. Music, food, gifts and activities made for a magical event for our Homefull families. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Please continue to follow Homefull and look for ways to stay involved throughout the year in events like these.

National experts and other local guests will be on hand to present where we are as a society and what the focus should be in the new year.

The event will include a panel discussion as well as interactive breakout workshops, in hopes of creating an environment of inclusivity and respect for all our neighbors.

This will be open to the general public but space will be limited. Look for more information coming soon via the Homefull website and Facebook. Be sure register quickly.

For more information, please email [info@homefull.org](mailto:info@homefull.org).

## You Can Make and Impact!

You're probably aware that Homefull depends a great deal on the support of very loyal donors to allow it to provide **housing, food and jobs** for our community's most vulnerable citizens.

***Now, more than ever, we need your help!***

We hope that you will join the hundreds of others in support of the work we do!



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