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NEWSLETTER

Supporting and Giving Back to Our Veterans

At our 43rd Street Veterans Residential Treatment Program, we pride ourselves on helping veterans with substance use and mental health challenges see how much they are valued and appreciated. Because, for too many, the experiences that brought them to our doors are filled with the shame that too often hinders a successful path towards healing.



This month, in advance of Memorial Day, we welcomed volunteers from Wounded Warrior Project to beautify the residence for our veterans in an effort to show them that people care about them.

For many veterans, recovery begins with finding a place where their experiences are understood and their service is valued. Ramon Martinez, who served two combat deployments in Iraq, came to Samaritan after years of carrying the weight of war and personal loss.

Scott Johnson, a 21-year air force veteran, arrived after struggling with alcohol use following the loss of his son. Today, he says the support he received through Samaritan has helped him regain patience, hope, and a sense of purpose. Volunteer days, and any act of appreciation, remind veterans that their service is remembered and valued.

Everyone can honor veterans by giving back through time, compassion, advocacy, or donations that help programs like ours continue to rebuild lives.

Rachel's Journey from Military Service to Recovery to Supporting Young Mothers



When Rachel Marshall Brown joined the Army in 1983, she hoped to build a future through service. As an army-trained physician therapy specialist and combat medic, she gained skills that helped launch a successful civilian career in healthcare. But behind that success, Rachel was quietly struggling with substance use.

After years of trying different treatment programs, Rachel found something different at Samaritan Daytop Village's Veterans Program: understanding. Surrounded by peers who knew the realities of military service, trauma, and the difficult transition back to civilian life, she finally found the support she needed to heal. Today, Rachel is celebrating more than 11 years in recovery.

Now, she's giving back in a powerful way. Rachel works at Samaritan Daytop Village's Young Mothers Program in Manhattan, helping women fighting for recovery and stability for themselves and their children.

Rachel reminds us that strength comes in many forms, from women who served abroad to mothers fighting every day for their families, health, and futures. With the right support, all of their recovery journeys can be successful.

Learn more about Rachel and her story [here](#).

Bringing Joy During Challenging Times

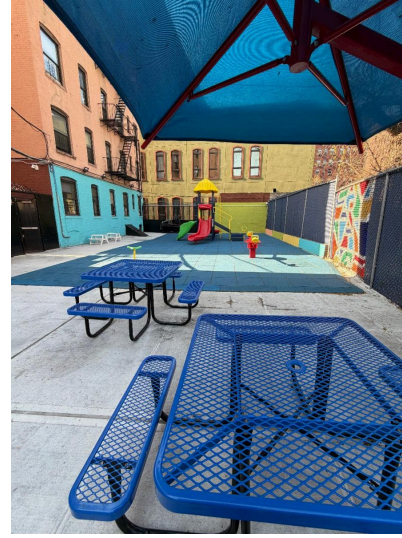
This month, we celebrated the opening of Binky's Backyard, a new playground and outdoor community space at Gloria's House Family Transitional Residence in the Bronx.

The playground will serve more than 325 families, including nearly 600 children. The space honors Gloria "Binky" Binkowitz, a beloved longtime Samaritan staff member whose decades of work supporting families inspired the project.

We know that for any family, a playground offers an opportunity to experience joy, but for families experiencing housing instability, access to safe outdoor space can make an even bigger difference.

Binky's Backyard gives children a place to play, relieve stress, and simply enjoy being kids. For parents, it creates opportunities to connect with their children, rebuild routines, and strengthen community ties during difficult times.

The project was made possible through a \$170,000 Lowe's Hometowns grant and the efforts of Lowe's Red Vest associates and community volunteers, who transformed an empty lot into a vibrant gathering space.



Learn more about Binky's Backyard [here](#).

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