



OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE'S

Annual Fundraiser

Thursday October 24, 2024

A night of celebration



Presentation Schedule

7:15 PM

Welcome

Allie Wallace

Special Recognitions

Allie Wallace and Lindsey Krinks

Conversation with a Friend

Lindsey Krinks and Valegia

Closing

Allie Wallace

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A Word from our Executive Director

What a year it has been since the last time we gathered for our annual celebration! Since the last time we were all together, we navigated another season of winter canvassing, hosted our second Day on the Hill for Housing and Homelessness, and witnessed exciting moments with our friends on their journey to housing. Like any year, it brought challenges and successes. As many of you know, due to ongoing fundraising challenges, we made the immensely difficult decision to reduce the size of our staff this summer. I actually had to let the team know some folks were going to lose their job or have a decrease in hours the same week that marked my one year anniversary as Executive Director. In many ways it has not been an easy year, but if there is one thing I have learned in this last year it is that multiple things can be true at the same time.

We can celebrate a milestone while we also recognize the end of someone else's time. We can experience the satisfaction and achievement of someone moving into housing alongside the loss and frustration of someone else's eviction. We can name the difficulties and point to the uncomplicated. Though I'm convinced that there isn't much uncomplicated in this line of work, what is uncomplicated and clear to me is that Open Table Nashville isn't going anywhere. Despite what has been a painful year for our team, the grief we have experienced has pulled this mighty group of 7 into an even greater force to be reckoned with. Even on exhausting days we have each other to lean on.

You don't have to be around OTN long to know that we don't like taking no for an answer and we are working hard to get back to where we want to be. And we can't do it without you. You are in this room tonight for a reason. Join us as we continue to fight for more affordable housing, a more compassionate response to people living outdoors who have nowhere else to go, and a city that prioritizes the needs of its most vulnerable neighbors over the profit of a few.

We are so glad you are here.

Allie Wallace



Winter Outreach Training

November 14 | 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Prepare for the upcoming cold months by attending this virtual training! You will learn how to engage with our friends on the streets during the winter, recognize and respond to cold-related illnesses and injuries, navigate the shelter system, and help with outreach canvassing efforts.

Register at opentablenashville.org/education



Walk With OTN

March 2025

Many people experiencing homelessness walk an average of 10-15 miles in a day. During Walk With OTN, we challenge our supporters to walk 15 miles within one month. The month-long challenge culminates in a celebratory one mile walk where we take time to enjoy being in community and celebrate OTN's work. Stay tuned for more info to get involved in Walk With OTN this coming March!