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HomeFirst merges with Mission: St. Louis to provide housing to participants

St. Louis, MO. - HomeFirst STL, a volunteer-based nonprofit that helps people experiencing homelessness find safe, affordable housing, merged with Mission: St. Louis on Jan. 1st. This merger will allow Mission: St. Louis to provide housing to participants in the workforce development program and will allow HomeFirst to expand its services across St. Louis.

Mission: St. Louis launched its community hub, EACH1, in July in plan to create a "one-stop-shop" for St. Louis residents seeking resources. By adding housing services to its expanding umbrella of services, St. Louis families have greater opportunity to be connected with holistic resources to transform their lives. Each resident works with program Success Coaches to establish and maintain employment throughout their housing period.

"HomeFirst STL and Mission: St. Louis have been partners for some time and it just made sense for us to join together to best serve the people of St. Louis. People who are dealing with homelessness are in a vulnerable position, and with the help of Mission: St. Louis we can provide the support and assistance needed. This decision is one of great excitement for myself and my team," said Michelle Rotherman.

If you are in need of housing and employment services, visit the resource checklist at <https://www.missionstl.org/resourcechecklist>. Members of the programs have access to the full EACH1 umbrella of services, which include employment training, legal counsel, addiction services and financial empowerment.

To learn more about the merger, visit <https://missionstl.org/homefirst>.

About Mission: St. Louis: *Mission: St. Louis is a nonprofit that is restoring the city by empowering people to transform their lives. We have made a strategic set of education and workforce development programs available to the people we serve. We walk alongside people as they work their way through our programs, empowering entire families to break the cycle of poverty.*

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