

Thank God for our Courageous Veterans!



They fought for us.
Now we must fight to keep 1411 Locust open for them.

It is because they fought for us and were even willing to die, that we must now fight to be sure that in their hour of need the homeless veterans can continue to come to 1411 Locust in St. Louis for a place to sleep.

While they were courageously fighting for our freedom, if they had been captured by the enemy in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan or any of the other battles they engaged in, one of the forms of torture the enemy could have used would have been sleep deprivation. Now if these courageous veterans end up homeless in St. Louis County, St. Louis City, or surrounding municipalities in Illinois or Missouri they are driven out of the parks, off of the sidewalks, and anywhere they might try to lay down and sleep. As a result they experience night after night the torture of sleep deprivation.

The only place they can still come into in the middle of the night is the New Life Evangelistic Center.

Now an all-out attack has been made on the 1411 Locust facility to stop New Life from sheltering the homeless veterans, the women and children and others in need.



"NLEC is a gateway to
new life
for the homeless"

Why the attack on 1411 Locust?

Since September 24, 2013, petitions filed by Brad Waldrop, who owns the parking lot to the east of 1411 Locust along with condominium owners to the west has caused hearings to be held before the St. Louis Board of Public Service. New Life's attorneys wrote in their final brief to the board the following, "Mr. Waldrop collected the Petition's signatures and hired a lawyer to commence this action. Coincidentally, Mr. Waldrop's family owns multiple properties surrounding New Life. The Waldrop family's business model is no secret: purchase numerous properties near a homeless shelter, make hundreds of 911 calls complaining about the shelter, and then hire a lawyer to use those calls as evidence to close a shelter."

One individual who testified before the Board of Public Service was Joan Bystrom. NLEC's attorneys, Lauren Harris and Todd Lubben from Brown and James, summed up her testimony in their closing brief by stating, "Joan Bystrom, a medical and behavioral health social worker at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at the St. Louis Medical Center, routinely refers her clients to New Life and believes New Life is a 'vital resource to the community'. A couple of times a week, Ms. Bystrom works with a homeless veteran who is being discharged after 6:30 pm when the shelters' within the Continuum of Care are full or closed. At that point New Life is Ms. Bystrom's only resource for housing a homeless veteran."

*1411 Locust
Street*



*Working to be
there when
people are
hurting.*

You may learn more by visiting our website: www.nlecstl.org

Facebook.com/nlecstl or Youtube.com/newlifeevangcenter

Why winning the battle for 1411 Locust Is so important

This battle, which is a result of the attempts of those trying to take New Life Evangelistic Center's Hotel Permit that New Life has had since 1976 for the 1411 Locust building is a battle for the right for a place to sleep not only for the veterans but the homeless women, children, and elderly.

On Tuesday, July 22, 2014 in room 208 of the St. Louis City Hall, the St. Louis Board of Public Service will be holding a public forum discussing the revocation of New Life Evangelistic Center's permit to shelter the homeless. Please go to www.nlecstl.org and click on the banner regarding the post hearing summary to review the issues in order to be informed. Then plan to attend and arrive by 1:30 pm for the hearing to show support for New Life.

These issues include the findings of facts that have been presented in hearings before this board since September 24, 2012. When you review the post hearing summary you will see how the application of the city code 11.72 to revoke New Life's permit constitutes an unconstitutional deprivation of religious freedom not only for New Life but for any religious organization when a neighbor wants their property.

Since NLEC is the last major overnight walk in shelter for the homeless, if NLEC was to lose this permit women would be left on the streets nightly to be brutally assaulted, raped and even murdered. Children would be taken from their homeless parents and put in foster care while veterans would be subjected night after night to the torture of sleep deprivation. Our veterans fought for us, now we must fight to see that they have a place to sleep in their time of need.

Your involvement now is absolutely critical:

- Pray
- Call 314-881-3210 and volunteer and help with special events prior to July 22nd.
- Attend the Hearing on July 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 208 of City Hall.
- Join the NLEC team in raising \$180,000 by July 25, 2014.

\$180,000 needed for:

Legal Expenses - \$41,000
 Roofing Work - 20,000
 Tuckpointing - \$18,000
 Air Conditioning - \$19,000
 Elevator - \$14,000
 Marketing - \$30,000
 Tithe - \$18,000 (Needy & Missions)
 Building & Maintenance - \$20,000

| Donors | Giving |
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| 1 - | \$ 15,000 |
| 2 - | \$ 12,500 |
| 3 - | \$ 10,000 |
| 4 - | \$ 7,500 |
| 5 - | \$ 5,000 |
| 6 - | \$ 2,500 |
| 10 - | \$ 1,000 |
| | \$150,000 |
| | Remaining* \$ 30,000 |
| | TOTAL \$180,000 |

*from donations given that are \$999 or less.

We must arise now to preserve the mission of 1411 Locust to serve, shelter and train the poor and homeless.

*You can send your gift to New Life Evangelistic Center
 PO Box 473, St. Louis, MO 63166*

Or on-line and share through the PayPal link at

www.nlecstl.org

NLEC provides more than shelter at 1411 Locust

Christian hospitality and respect for life is provided through the services of food, clothing, shelter, education, and job training programs.

Growing numbers of homeless men and women are being set free from the cycle of homeless through New Life's outreach programs at 1411 Locust.

Marsa says, "I am thankful for everything that has been done for me while I have been in the training program at 1411 Locust.



Marsa

God is a good God and I am reading my Bible and His Word brings me peace..."



Scott

After serving in the military for 34 years, Scott became homeless when his home was destroyed in the May 31st tornadoes in 2013. Scott says, "If not for NLEC, I would have been another homeless veteran with nowhere to go."

I believe the Lord led me here by closing all of the doors and opening up all new doors. The opportunities provided for me at 1411 Locust have changed me to become the new person that I am today. Thank you God for giving me a different look at life!



Carol



Sam

After serving 18 years in the military Sam fought the battle of cancer—1st throat and sinus cancer in 2001, then in 2012 colon cancer. In 2008 Sam came to NLEC. Today he is cancer free and a vital part of the family (and security) at NLEC.



www.KNLC.tv
www.HeresHelpNet.org

The KNLC Studios are located in the 1411 Locust Building. Since 1982, KNLC'S mission has been to be a voice for the "voiceless", sharing the stories of the poor so their experiences, hopes and dreams will not be forgotten. In doing this, KNLC provides inspirational programming that inspires community engagement and challenges it's viewers to reach out among the homeless and hurting through the Love of Jesus Christ. Family Oriented Programming for children of all ages includes inspirational programming for everyone! 1411 Locust provides residency for the homeless receiving free broadcasting training at KNLC.

Throughout the night women and children who are not able to get into shelter anywhere else sleep on the floor of the KNLC Worship Studio at 1411 Locust.



We must fight for them.

