

We ♥ Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer with Lacasa, simply visit our website and fill out the volunteer form!

lacasainc.net/volunteer/



Chris Kingsley
President & CEO

Strength Prevails

My time leading Lacasa is coming to a close at the end of this year as I transition to a different local leadership role. Serving for twelve years at this impactful organization that improves our community has been my great honor and privilege. Lacasa was strong long before I came and will be strong long after I leave. I am thankful to have been able to play a part in this mission fueled by the passion of people like you who believe all people and communities deserve opportunities for stability and prosperity.

Lacasa is as active as ever with housing, financial empowerment, and neighborhood revitalization activities and it needs our backing.

My wife and I are making a personally significant year-end gift to Lacasa and I am asking you to consider doing the same. Lacasa's work is critical to our community, and particularly to those with fewer resources and opportunities. As a member of the community, I know that a strong Lacasa means a strong community.

Thank you for your giving over the years. Thank you for your support and friendship. I wish you peace and joy as we enter this holiday season and move toward 2023.

Lacasa's board has appointed Heidi Stoltzfus McHugh as Interim President/CEO.



Brett Weddell
Lacasa Board Chair

Thank You for Continuing to Support Lacasa

As we enter the holiday season, I am taking pause to reflect on the larger shifts evident throughout our community over the past several months. While the pandemic continues to subside, our nation has met a new set of challenges. Inflation

is rising at historic rates, housing is an ever-increasing challenge, and the job market is changing rapidly. Many local community members are finding it difficult to make ends meet.

In order to support local families as they navigate these shifts, the Lacasa team has adapted and innovated to secure its most active housing pipeline in its history and train a record number of individuals through its Master It series. Lacasa continues to work diligently on strategies that

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Ways To Give

Donate Directly to Lacasa: lacasainc.net/donate

Consider setting up a recurring donation. Simply select the amount and the frequency along with your billing information on our secure website.

Shopping on Amazon at: smile.amazon.com

Select "Lacasa, Inc." to support, and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Lacasa.

Charitable Distribution from your IRA

Taxpayers with a required minimum distribution (RMD) each year and can use a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to donate directly from a traditional IRA to Lacasa without counting that amount as taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor or tax professional about your specific situation.

MyNeighbor Credit Card by Everence

Select "Lacasa, Inc." as your Neighbor and for every grocery, gas or other purchase you make, Everence will donate 1.50% of the transaction total to Lacasa.

Become a Member of the Lacasa Legacy Society

Planned gifts leave a lasting impact on real people and communities in Elkhart County. Please let us know if you have named Lacasa as a beneficiary to your estate or another form of planned giving, or if you'd like to talk about this possibility. Contact Heidi Stoltzfus McHugh by email at heidi.mchugh@lacasainc.net or by phone at 574.533.4450 ext. 26.

Lacasa is grateful for the many ways you contribute to support our mission. Your gifts help impact our community in a lasting way.

Thank You 2022 Annual Sponsors!

Empowerment Leader:



Builder:



will equip us for the challenging year ahead. We are keenly aware that the community is going to need enhanced support from Lacasa in this next season. As family budgets tighten, we will need to increase our capacity to assist community members as they search for affordable housing, seek financial stability, and work to improve their neighborhoods. With so many diverse and expanding needs ahead of us, I am deeply grateful for the remarkable commitment and generosity of our team and supporters. This year, as always, so many of you have selflessly stepped up to donate financially, volunteer your time, or offer an encouraging word. Your passion for Lacasa's mission to support strong foundations for everyone is unwavering. Because of your resilience in the face of economically uncertain

times, we remain confident that we can and will rise to meet the growing needs throughout our community.

Thank you for your faithful support throughout this time of transition, both as a community and as an organization. There's more to do. I ask that you join me in making a personally significant year-end gift that fuels the continued effort to create opportunity for personal empowerment, family stability, and neighborhood vitality. Together, we truly are making a difference.

The need for affordable housing in Elkhart County is increasing. Will you increase your donation to help Lacasa do more?



The Name Says it All... Elkhart River Challenge

In the early morning hours of Saturday, September 10, thirty-one participants launched kayaks on the Elkhart River at Rogers Park (Goshen) to participate in one of two divisions of the 2022 Elkhart River Challenge. Kayakers of all skill levels chose a timed, competitive race or a recreational "float." Recreational floaters navigated a 6.6-mile course from Rogers Park (Goshen) to Ox Bow Park (Goshen), while competitive participants raced for an impressive 17.2 miles from Rogers Park (Goshen) to Beardsley Park (Elkhart). Thanks to Mother Nature, competitive racers even had to portage around a massive log jam at about mile 7. Scan this QR code to watch a video!

We are so grateful for all who participated, including kayakers, volunteers, and our supporting partners: City of Elkhart Parks &

Recreation, Elkhart County Parks, Goshen Parks & Recreation, Fawn River Kayak of Sturgis, Michigan (donated all kayak rentals for FREE!), and Momentum Marketing Consultants. Thank you for another great Elkhart River Challenge!



Scan QR for: Elkhart River Challenge Recap





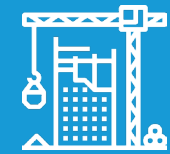



Success for Sandy

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt trapped...defeated? A situation where no matter what you did or how hard you tried, you felt as if you just couldn't make any progress? Meet Sandy...a woman who refused to give up.

With a little boost from Lacasa staff like Daniela Panetta and lots of her own determination, Sandy was able to move from a very bad living situation to her very own apartment.

When asked about Sandy, Daniela said, "To be a part of a team that was able to provide a community member the assistance, option, and opportunity for a safe and sustainable home was such a rewarding experience. The Lacasa team was able to take some of the burden off Sandy and her son so that they were able to improve their quality of life. I am so happy and honored that I was able to play a part in Sandy's success story!"

Celebrating Another Year of Impact

 22 New Homeowners	 344 Rental Units Managed	 43 Rental home constructed, acquired, and preserved
 \$297,942 invested in asset ownership with DreamSavers Program	 383 graduates from Master It Series financial classes	 \$4,594,859 total investment in Elkhart County

Lacasa Publicly Accepts the Preservation Award from the Elkhart Historic and Preservation Commission
 May 19, 2022
 146 State Street, Elkhart

