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# NEWSLETTER

## Unveiling Veteran's Village: A Dedicated Community Initiative



Concept Plan

Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) is taking proactive steps to address the housing disparities faced by veterans in the region. Despite the recognition and discounts offered to veterans on service days, affordable housing remains a significant challenge for many post-service. DCLT is committed to changing this narrative. In a bold and forward-thinking approach, DCLT plans to unveil new 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units using shipping container

construction this year. These units will provide veterans with a stable foundation for achieving economic security. Part of the plan includes partnering with service providers to offer supportive services tailored to the needs of veterans.

Additionally, amenities such as common areas, gardens, and shaded seating areas will be integrated into Veteran's Village, enhancing the overall living experience for residents.

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## Empowering Veterans: Organizations Making a Difference



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Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas (VOACC) commitment is to ensure that those who served our country can live their lives with the dignity and independence they deserve.

Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas (VOACC) is one of the organizations supporting Veteran's Village, and we at DCLT are so appreciative of their support. "The number of veterans facing homelessness continues to be a problem for our communities at large. The work that DCLT has done and continues to do for the City of Durham and our nation's heroes is remarkable, refreshing, and hopeful. As a leading veteran services provider, we're grateful for DCLT's partnership on this innovative housing project that will help to address the affordable housing gap for veterans and their families." said Ron Flack, Jr.



**Ron Flack, Jr.**  
**Vice President | Carolinas Territory**

VOACC community-based and transitional housing programs in Virginia and the Carolinas are designed to fill the gap in supportive services for veterans and their families. Visit [www.voachesapeake.org](http://www.voachesapeake.org) to learn more about this amazing organization and its efforts to honor our veterans.

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## Embracing Excellence: DCLT Welcomes Amy Pittman



**AMY  
PITTMAN**  
DIRECTOR OF  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

In the vibrant realm of non-profit organizations, the Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) shine as a symbol of community-driven advancement. Leading DCLT's communication endeavors is Amy Pittman, the newly appointed Director of Development and Communications, heralding a new era of strategic prowess and impactful outreach.

Ms. Pittman's journey to DCLT is paved with a wealth of experience and a reputation for excellence. With a career steeped in communication strategy and development, she brings a formidable skill set honed through years of navigating the intricacies of project management. Central to Ms. Pittman's role is her exceptional communication acumen. Her ability to convey complex ideas with clarity and precision is a cornerstone of her success.

As Director of Communications, Ms. Pittman's responsibilities extend beyond mere messaging; she spearheads branding, marketing, and communication strategies that align seamlessly with DCLT's mission, vision, and community goals in Durham. Leveraging her project management expertise, she collaborates across departments with finesse, effectively leading teams at various levels to achieve shared objectives. Welcome to the team, Amy!

## Building Ties: Jordan Home Builders

Jordan Home Builders LLC (JHB) is making waves with its reputation for top-tier construction services. As a minority, woman, and veteran-owned enterprise, JHB stands out in the construction

- landscape of Durham, NC. Specializing in
- both commercial and residential projects,
- JHB holds a coveted position as a licensed
- general contractor, offering a spectrum of services ranging from renovation to new construction. Dedication to customer satisfaction is at the core of JHB's ethos. With a tagline of "Building people and communities; one project at a time," JHB exemplifies its commitment to not only constructing buildings but also fostering growth and connectivity within the communities it serves.



**Dee Jordan, Founder & CEO of Jordan Home Builders LLC, stands proudly in front of a demo project in East Durham, showcasing her dedication to revitalizing communities in partnership with DCLT.**

### Jordan Home Builders Demolition Projects with DCLT

1. 1401 Drew St
2. 1102 Alma St
3. 1104 Alma St
4. 1106 Alma St

### Jordan Home Builders Certifications

1. HUB (Historically Underutilized Businesses)
2. MBE/DBE (Minority Business Enterprise/Disadvantaged Business Enterprises)
3. SBE (Small Business Enterprise)
4. RDU MWSB (Minority and Women-Owned Small Business Program)
5. SDVOSB (Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business)



## Engaging Dialogue on Fair Housing: Leah Rothstein and Stella Adams



**From left to right: Leah Rothstein, Amy Pittman (DCLT), and Stella Adams**

Durham, NC - On Tuesday, April 17, 2024, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc., in partnership with North Carolina Central University School of Law, presented a thought-provoking event focused on fair housing. The event featured Leah Rothstein, co-author of "Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law," which highlights the work of DCLT, and Stella Adams, a distinguished Civil Rights and Fair Housing Advocate.

The event, held at the North Carolina Central University School of Law, provided attendees with an opportunity to delve into the critical issues surrounding fair housing and the ongoing efforts to combat segregation deeply rooted within our communities. Leah Rothstein, drawing from her expertise as a co-author of "Just Action," offered valuable insights into actionable strategies outlined in the book to confront segregation perpetuated through legislative means.

Additionally, Stella Adams, renowned for her advocacy in Civil Rights and Fair Housing, captivated the audience with her passion and invaluable insights into the current landscape of fair housing. Adams emphasized the need for proactive measures to ensure equitable access to housing opportunities for all members of society. As we reflect on the enlightening dialogue from Leah Rothstein and Stella Adams, we're reminded of the need to create inclusive housing for all.



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## HUD Innovative Housing Showcase

In the bustling heart of the nation's capital, amidst the iconic monuments and memorials that pay homage to American heroes, DCLT, in partnership with a coalition of dedicated organizations, embarked on a mission to redefine veteran supportive housing. Their journey culminated in an invitation to showcase their innovative shipping container model home at the prestigious HUD Innovative Housing Showcase, scheduled to be held on the historic National Mall from June 7th to 9th, 2024. Constructed from repurposed shipping containers, the model home will be a testament to ingenuity and sustainability. Its sleek, modular design provides a striking visual and speaks to the ethos of environmental responsibility and resource efficiency. As the event approaches, anticipation mounts among the DCLT team and their collaborators. They are on the cusp of unveiling a visionary concept that will redefine veteran-supportive housing for years to come.

## May is National Affordable Housing Month

As May unfolds, communities across the nation join together to recognize National Affordable Housing Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the critical need for safe and affordable housing for all individuals and families. This month serves as a poignant reminder of the fundamental importance of housing as a basic human right and underscores the significance of ensuring that everyone has access to a place to call home. The Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT) stand at the forefront of the fight for affordable housing, playing a pivotal role in ensuring that low- and moderate-income residents have access to housing options that are both sustainable and affordable in the long term. Through innovative approaches such as community land trusts, DCLT empowers individuals and families to achieve homeownership while safeguarding affordability for generations to come. As National Affordable Housing Month unfolds, let us recognize the importance of housing as a fundamental human right for all.

***DCLT is Building, Managing, and Advocating for Permanently Affordable Housing in Durham.***

## Donor Life

In the heart of Durham, amidst its vibrant community initiatives, lies a contributor of hope and transformation: the Durham Community Land Trustees (DCLT). For many donors, their journey to becoming champions of DCLT's mission begins with a simple realization - the desire to make a lasting impact in their community.

The reasons donors choose to support DCLT are as diverse as the community it serves. Some are drawn to its commitment to social justice and equity, while others are inspired by its innovative approach to affordable housing. For many, it's the tangible impact they witness firsthand - families finding stability, neighborhoods revitalized, and communities thriving.

Whether it's through word of mouth, community events, or personal experiences, donors continue to flock to DCLT, drawn by its unwavering dedication to building a brighter future for Durham. As they join hands with DCLT, they become not just donors, but partners in a movement towards a more equitable and inclusive community for all.



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