



# Jeremiah's Times



Winter 2025

## New Year, New Leadership

### JI Appoints New CEO and Welcomes New Board Members



CEO Richard (Dick) Quinlan & Board President Patricia Davidson

At Jeremiah's Inn, we believe that strong leadership and innovative thinking are essential to addressing the ever-evolving challenges of substance use disorder (SUD) and food insecurity in our community. That is why we are thrilled to announce two significant developments in our leadership team: the appointment of Dick Quinlan as our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the addition of five new members to our Board of Directors.

Dick Quinlan has been an integral part of the Jeremiah's Inn family for nearly a decade, serving as Director of Operations. His forward-thinking, compassionate leadership has positioned Jeremiah's Inn for tremendous growth and success. His innovative approach to program development, and community engagement has laid a strong foundation for the organization's continued growth that will guide us into an exciting new chapter.

### Strengthening Our Board of Directors

To support this growth and address the challenges ahead, we have fortified our Board of Directors with the addition of five exceptional leaders who have worked at the forefront of their respective fields:

- Melanie Amir – MS OT LADCI, Abby's House
- Kenny Pina – Bank of America
- Joseph Corrazini – VP Government and Community Affairs, Clark University
- Nina Ngari – Aids Project Worcester
- John Chetro Szivos, PhD

These new board members bring invaluable expertise, fresh perspectives, and a deep commitment to our mission. Together, their knowledge in SUD treatment, hunger advocacy, and community engagement will help expand programs, strengthen partnerships, and create lasting change for those facing SUD and food insecurity.

Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

# Holidays at the Inn

## Holiday Wish Program

We are truly humbled by the overwhelming support from our generous donors, sponsors, shoppers, and volunteers. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the students and faculty of Lakeview School for their incredible donation from their annual gift collection. Coordinated each year by Jill Shea, this year marks an extraordinary *30 YEARS of spreading joy* to the children of our residents—a tradition we eagerly look forward to every year. Your kindness and commitment make a lasting difference in our community!



## More Holiday Traditions

The holidays at Jeremiah's Inn wouldn't be the same without two more cherished traditions that bring joy to our residents and their families. Every Thanksgiving, Masterman's Safety & Industrial Supply generously donates delicious pies from Giovanni's Bakery and Butterball Gift Certificates, ensuring that everyone can enjoy a sweet ending to a nourishing holiday meal.

At Christmas, the incredible team behind Haulin' for Hunger, Advantage Truck Group, steps up to provide turkeys and all the fixings, making sure our residents and their families can celebrate the season with a hearty, festive feast. These acts of kindness constantly remind us of the power of community and the impact of giving, and we are endlessly grateful for their continued support.



We are deeply grateful to our dear friend Nancy Cook (left), whose tireless efforts made this day extraordinary for all our residents. Year after year, Nancy's dedication is nothing short of inspiring. We were happy to have our long-time supporter Pam Copland (right) with us at the holiday party!!

To our long-time sponsors, including Jocelyn Murziki, Vanessa Parks, Nancy Hughes, Julie & Brian Anders, Rachel & Ben Quimby, and Annette Markel, and others, thank you for your continued commitment to our residents. Your ongoing support makes such a meaningful difference, and we are so thankful to have you as part of our community. To everyone who shopped our wish list or donated funds - your support helped make holiday wishes come true this year in a big way and we are so thankful!



# Inn the News

## Soapbox 1361: Jeremiah's Inn

Jeremiah's Inn CEO, Dick Quinlan and Communications Coordinator, Alyssa Dancause recently joined WCCATV Executive Director Mauro DePasquale for a compelling interview. They shared valuable insights into the challenges and successes of managing a residential treatment program, highlighting perspectives from both staff and patients. They also shed some light on the growing demand for food assistance in local pantries as well as at the county and state level.

They also stressed the vital role community support plays in sustaining these programs, urging donations of food, essential items, and gift cards to help meet the needs of those they serve. You can watch the interview on demand at their website:

<https://www.wccatv.com/video/page/2/>



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## Alumni Update

Jeff C.

A huge shoutout to Jeff C. for joining us at the Alumni Open House, where we had the honor of celebrating his incredible milestone—1 YEAR of recovery! 🎉 Jeff, your dedication, perseverance, and hard work inspire us all, and we couldn't be more proud of everything you've achieved. We wish you nothing but continued success, good health, and happiness on your journey forward!

Jeff shared these heartfelt words about his experience: "This trip into recovery has had its ups and downs, but everyone at Jeremiah's Inn has been super helpful from the day I walked in. The staff, counselors, and case managers are all amazing and very helpful. Best decision I ever made."

Jeff, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey! You're a shining example of resilience and hope!



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