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INDIANAPOLIS, IN — For individuals experiencing homelessness, the road to permanent housing often begins with employment. At Horizon House, that journey starts with the RISE Employment Program—(Reaching for Independence and Self Sufficiency through Employment).

RISE is transforming adult lives across Marion County by connecting neighbors experiencing homelessness with employment opportunities, job readiness tools, and supportive services that remove barriers to workforce entry. Designed for adult individuals/families, who possess Horizon House enrollment and live outside or in emergency shelters, the program provides a path forward by focusing on one of the most vital stepping stones to housing: stable income.

“We’ve got the tools—come let us help you,” said Dawn Moore, Employment Coordinator in RISE at Horizon House.

Participants in the RISE Employment Program receive tailored support, including resume building assistance, interview coaching, and guidance throughout the job search and application process. Horizon House also removes transportation

barriers by providing IndyGo bus passes to help clients attend interviews, orientations, and job sites.

The program is powered by key partnerships with community-focused organizations such as Fastenal, Merchants Bank of Indianapolis, HVAF, Goodwill, Interstate Business Solutions, and AlSCO Uniforms. Together, they offer direct hiring opportunities, job fairs, and on-the-job training for RISE participants.

The results speak volumes: in 2024 alone, the program successfully secured 159 jobs. As of May 2025, 75 jobs have been secured through RISE, with projections indicating that the program is on pace to surpass last year's accomplishments.

"RISE is so much more than just checking emails, it's a pathway to employment," said Lauren, Clinical Supervisor in Case Management at Horizon House.

Akeem, one of many success stories, came to Horizon House seeking a fresh start. Through RISE, he gained not only employment but a renewed sense of purpose. RISE meets people where they are and provides them a path forward.

The RISE Employment Program is proof that with the right support, employment can be more than just a paycheck—it can be the first step toward long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

To learn more about the RISE Employment Program or to support Horizon House's mission, visit www.horizonhouse.cc or call (317) 423-8909.

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ABOUT HORIZON HOUSE

Horizon House is a central Indiana non-profit committed to helping individuals experiencing homelessness. This support includes pathways to permanent supportive housing, as well as a variety of services to help individuals in both their immediate and long-term needs. Horizon House offers a safe place for the unhoused community in Indianapolis, serving them with hospitality, dignity and respect as they take steps towards a more stable life. Horizon House is focused on building the foundations to end homelessness. Visit www.horizonhouse.cc to learn more.

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