

This past year, on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we officially moved into our new Ignacio House in Manhattan. With the committed strength of students from Xavier High School, we schlepped the totality of our living space from the Bronx into East Harlem to begin assembling our new living space for resident scholars in the historic "El Barrio" neighborhood of New York City. Interior renovations began without haste as Sr. Katie Sitja y Balbastro, IHM and her talented crew painted, floored, piped, and installed all the necessary fixings to make this new house our home for returning brothers who continue their education at NYU, Columbia, CUNY, and other college partners.

In June of this year, through the vision of His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Abraham House was merged into the mission of Thrive for Life Prison Project. The gift of this visionary plan was beyond the bricks and mortar of buildings in Mott Haven neighborhood. The Abraham House community has a 30 year tradition of accompanying our brothers and sisters behind and beyond the prison walls thanks to the prophetic witness and tireless commitment of Fr. Peter, Sr. Rita, Sr. Amy, and Sr. Simone, all former chaplains on Rikers Island. The treasured gift of having two houses of studies in the Archdiocese of New York allows for us to offer more comprehensive and holistic services for those reentering from incarceration through our continuity of care focused on access to quality education.

The physical space of Abraham House is much more than a residence for returning scholars. We are proud to share that we are the only food pantry in New York City that is run and operated by justice impacted individuals. Serving over 175 families each Saturday with nutritious food, our team of servants are responding to the needs of the local community with great commitment and motivation.

Educational opportunities are not reserved solely for our residents at Ignacio House and Abraham House. Just this week we have started our on-site educational classes for all justice impacted individuals in the community with a commitment of servicing hundreds of individuals returning from incarceration who are in need of basic vocational and technical training to move forward in life.

God is with us indeed! As we continue to offer our retreats and days of reflection behind the prison walls, we are committed now more than ever to opening more houses across the country while partnering with educational institutions whose vision it is to offer the necessary academic resources for our residents to move forward in life with gainful employment and secure housing for their families and communities.

God is with us and we are grateful! The presence of your time, talent, and treasure make this mission a reality for countless lives behind and beyond the prison walls. This mission is yours and we look forward to your accompaniment and support as we journey into this new year with audacious ambitions as we transform lives together!

In Christ!



Fruits of Growth

Forging Partnerships

Thrive For Life is built on partnerships both behind and beyond the prison walls. This past year, we forged new relationships with universities, community service providers and parishes to deepen our impact as we expand both here in New York and across the country.

- Community
- ▲ University
- Correctional Facilities
- House of Studies



Collaboration with Cardinal Dolan

As of June 1, 2023, His Eminence facilitated the merger of Thrive For Life with Abraham House, a reentry nonprofit founded by a group of former Catholic chaplains at Rikers Island.



John TobiasManhattan College *Psychology*

Resident scholars, like John, are transforming their own lives by continuing the good work of education at one of our partner universities. John is leveraging his skills to pursue a career working with justice-impacted individuals navigating their journey to permanent and successful reentry.

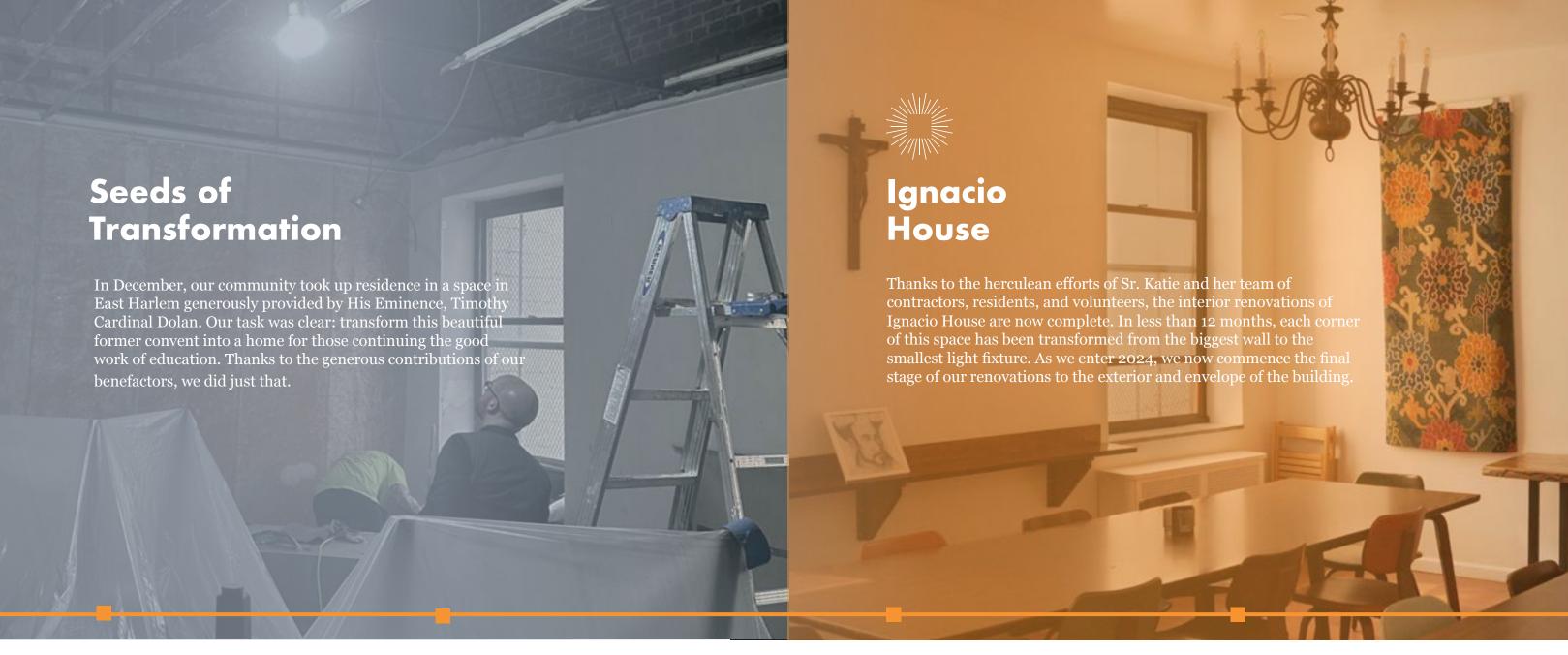
Last year, Cardinal Dolan generously provided Thrive For Life with a space in East Harlem to expand our house of studies for those continuing the good work of education. Since then, we have renovated the space to make it a home for our community, fully furnished with individual rooms, common dining and study areas, and a brand new chapel.

Who is L.A.R.S?

//Hello, I'm Lars, the \underline{L} ocation \underline{A} ssisted \underline{R} esident \underline{S} cholar Network

//Thrive For Life deployed me to keep track of all the data we gather about our partners and scholars! By standardizing our procedures and gathering impactful information we can continue to transform lives across the nation.

//I generated this map for you, to see our expanding partnerships!



Winter

Xavier High School volunteers helping us move into East Harlem, ready to make a home.

Spring

Sr. Katie and her team readied the space for extensive renovations both to the interior and exterior of the building.

Summer

Contractors and Resident Scholars, like Chris, worked to paint, plaster and re-imagine the space.

Fall

Partners, volunteers, and even more Scholars gather in this sanctuary for community building, rooted in purpose.





A Living Prophet Sr. Simone Ponnet

Abraham House and its legacy are the fruits of modern day saints, Sr. Simone, Sr. Rita, Sr. Amy, and Fr. Peter, former chaplains at Rikers Island who in 1993 bravely sought to accompany our returning brothers and their families by offering comprehensive housing and accompaniment.

Fr. Zach met earlier this year with Sr. Simone, one of the surviving founders, to chart this new course as Abraham House comes under Thrive For Life's mission.

Service Together

Our new team now will focus this year on extending our reach to even more justice-impacted people, offering vocational education opportunities in OSHA, flagging, technology, and others, while also serving the community through our resident-scholar led food pantry that serves hundreds of families every week.

New Faces, One Team

Abraham House is not just an organization; it is a team of inspiring professionals deeply committed to transforming lives. As we enter the next 30 years, we are grateful to have the help and wisdom of people who have committed themselves to serving our brothers and sisters behind and beyond the prison walls.





Corporate Partnerships

Thrive For Life worked with Morgan Stanley as part of the non-profit Strategy Challenge to discern a sustainable growth plan. After earning second place in the competition, the team organized nearly one hundred volunteers to transform Abraham House.

Accompanying Families

Now with Abraham House, we are extending our reach through our food pantry program—staffed and operated exclusively by justice-impacted individuals—which provides fresh food to hundreds of families each month. Additionally, our new on-site technology, ESL, and parenting education classes serve the greater justice-impacted community and their loved ones.

500+

Residents served at Abraham & Ignacio Houses since 1993 9,100

Families served by resident-led food pantry annually

>95%

program alumni have acquired gainful full-time employment

6000+

Individuals served through retreats behind & beyond prison walls

35+

Ignacio House residents have continued higher education since 2019

200+

families served by Thrive For Life retreats

-Father Zach connects with retreatants at Our Lady of Sorrows in Corona, NY during a day-long retreat with family and loved ones impacted by incarceration.

Thrive For Is

Continuity of Care

Purpose · Education · Employment · Housing

Step 1

Identification & Referral of potential participants

• Accompaniment of justice involved persons in or out of prison/jail by TFL and/or partners

Step 2

Screening, Interview, *Admittance*

• Commitment setting & admittance of candidates who want to transform their lives



Housing for study & personal development



Ignacio House

New York, NY

Transitional Residency

- Community of scholars
- Education & career mentoring
- Continued spiritual support
- Community service participation

Step 3

Empowerment & member care plan development



Abraham House

Bronx, NY

Initial Residency

- Therapy & wellness support
- Food pantry community service
- Education & trade school prep
- Spiritual support & guidance



- Gainful employment
- Permanent housing
- Alumni Membership

transforming lives behind & beyond prison walls

Thrive For Life

Financial Highlights (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023): **Total Operating Total Operating Expenses** Revenue \$ 1,585,884.00 \$ 2,299,530.28 \$ 1,215,848.00 (77%) \$ 1,682,750.00 (73%) **Programs** Corporate Contributions **Fundraising** \$ 267,935.00 (17%) \$ 225,791.26 (10%) Individual Management \$ 102,101.00 (6%) Contributions \$ 198,270.18 (9%) Other \$ \$192,718.84 (8%) \$138 Cost **Avoidance** City House Daily taxpayer cost Shelter of Studies per person Piecemeal Continuity programming of Care Social

Impact

Over Six Years

Cost avoidance

Income generation

\$20+ Million into US Economy

for Abraham & Ignacio Houses every 6 years

Abraham & Ignacio Houses [45 Scholars]

\$9,066,600 + \$11,317,500

One Resident Scholar

\$198,720 + \$246,000

From long standing partner institutions to members of the Ignatian family, corporations, and foundations, Thrive For Life is proud and grateful to benefactors who support currently and formerly incarcerated from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Generous **Donors**

\$500,000+

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Resident Professionals

Mychal Pagan

Associate Director of Communications

With his eye for creative storytelling, the hiring of Resident Scholar Mychal Pagan marks an effort by Thrive For Life to reach more audiences with authentic content. As he prepares for graduation from NYU this fall, Mychal will leverage his skills to give our Resident Scholars' stories a platform across a wide range of media.





Italo Sanchez

Community Outreach Coordinator

One of the first Thrive For Life Resident Scholars will be overseeing our community outreach efforts, particularly with our food pantry, volunteer programming, and special projects at Abraham House. Italo is continuing his studies at CUNY where he aspires to enter the human services space working with justice-impacted individuals navigating their journey of reentry.

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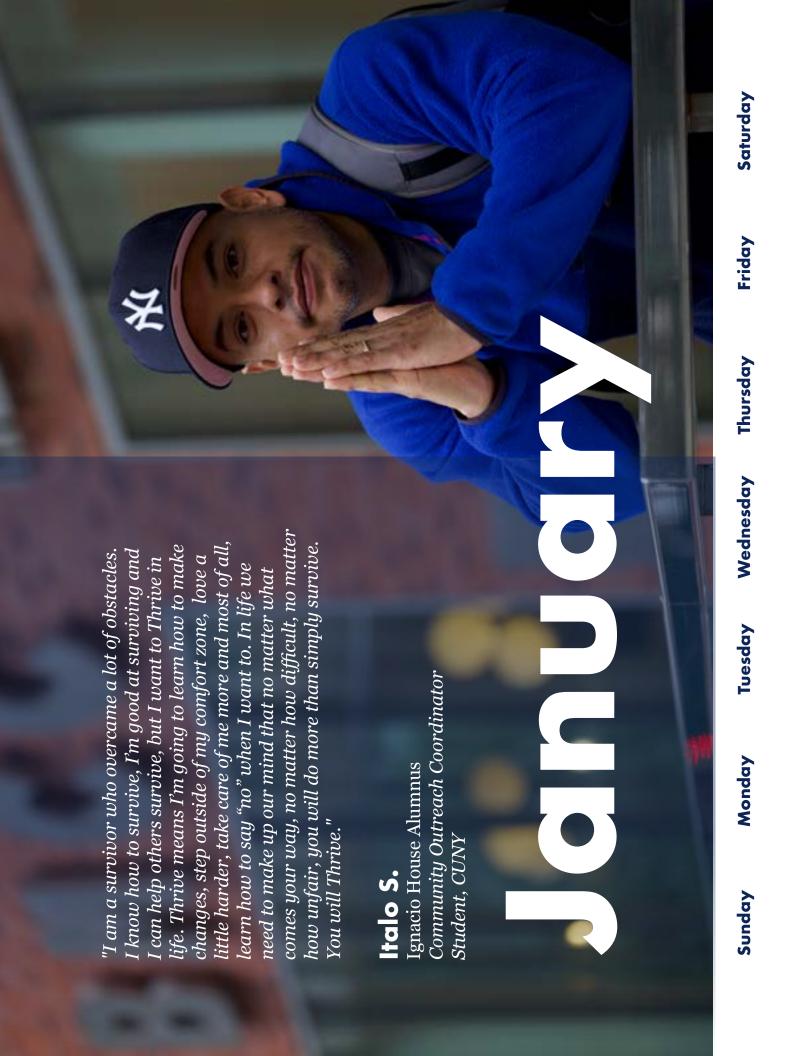
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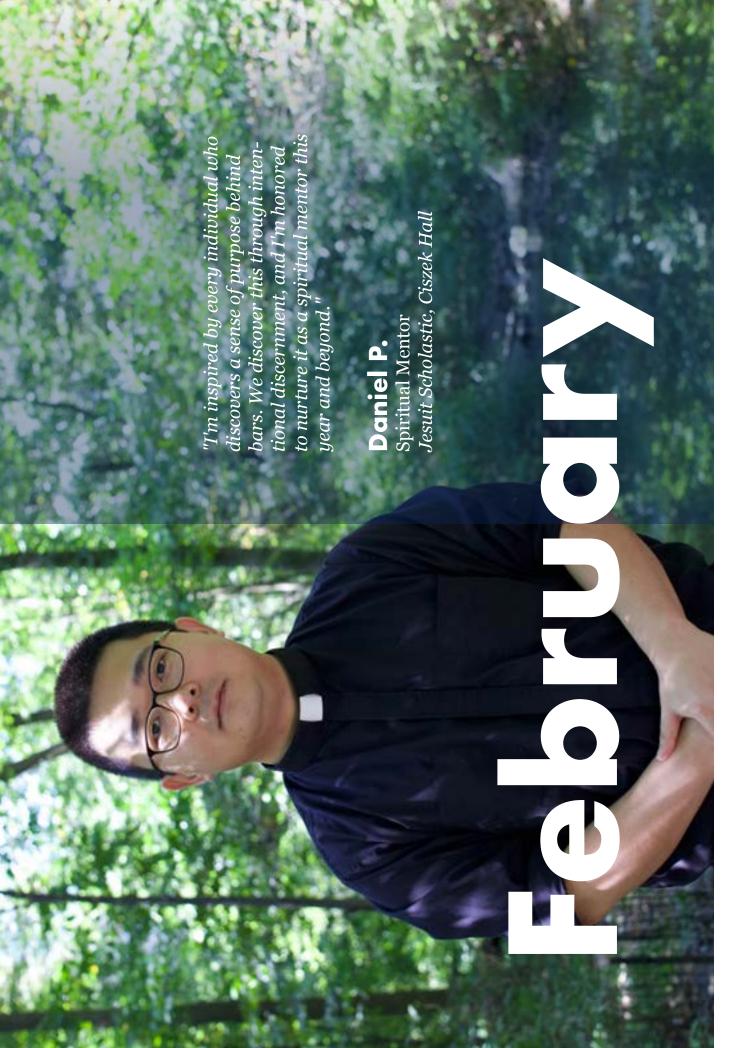
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Saturday Friday Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Monday Sunday

Thrive For Life Founding Anniversary Presentation of the Lord Ash Wednesday President's Day



Friday Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Monday Sunday

Saturday

Holy Saturday Good Friday Holy Thursday Feast of Saint Joseph Feast of Saint Dismas, Patron Saint of the Incarcerated Palm Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord



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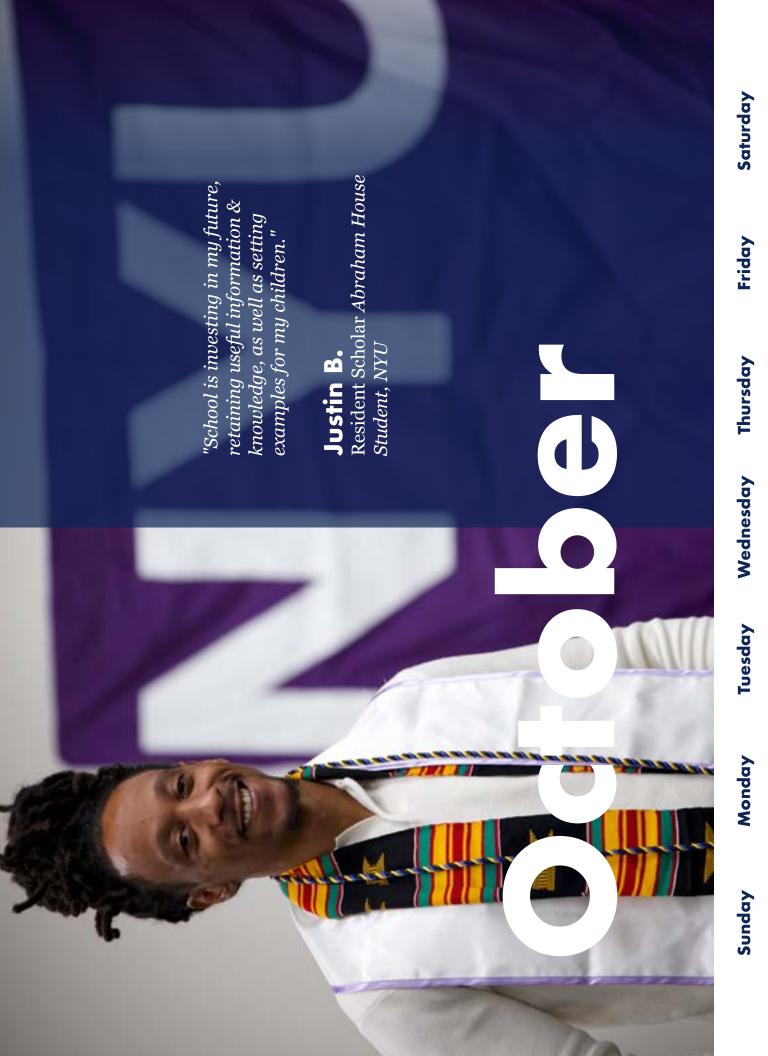
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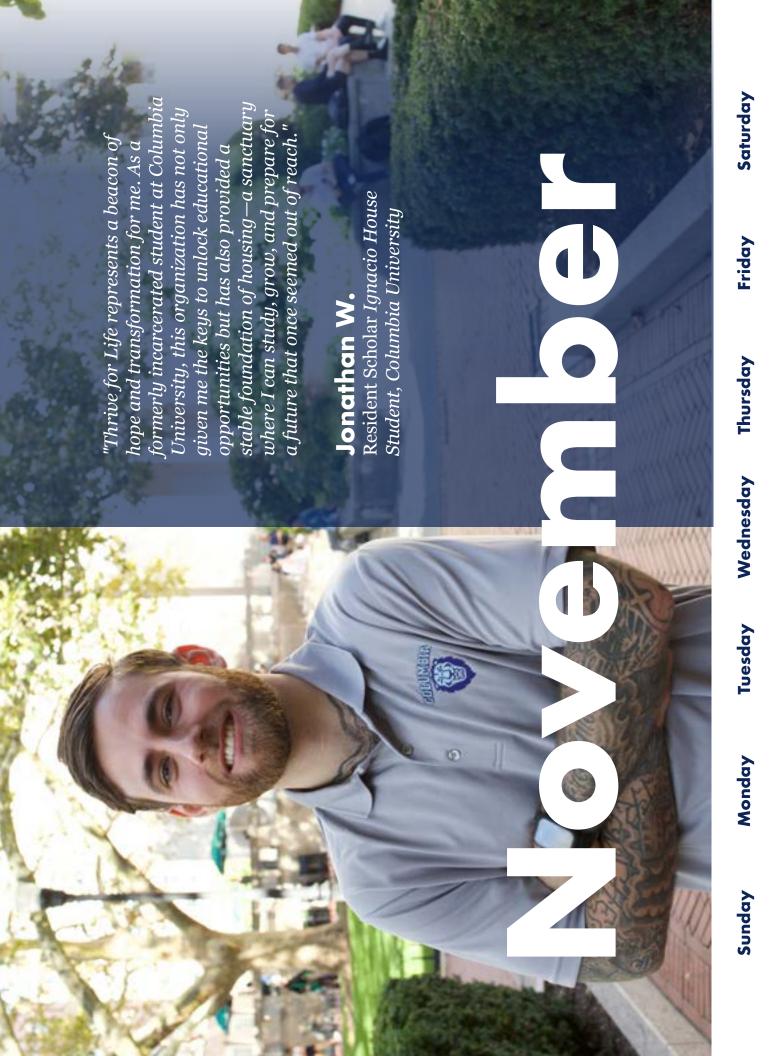


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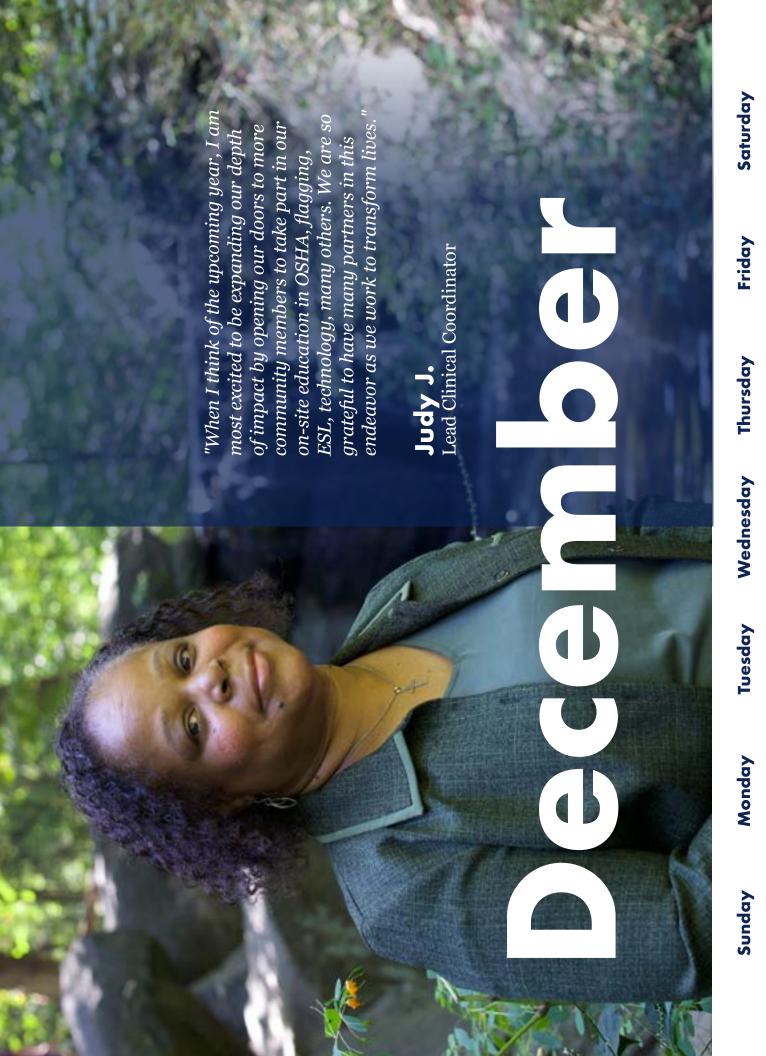




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