

The OPEN DOOR SHELTER

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COMMUNITY LEADER HONORED AT NORWALK SHELTER GALA

Norwalk, CT - The Open Door Shelter will recognize Nathaniel “Nate” Yordon as its 2016 Village Luminary as part of the Shelter’s Gala and Auction on Saturday, May 19 at the Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Avenue in Darien.



Nathaniel “Nate” Yordon

For the past 33 years, Nate has been a driving force in the struggle to end homelessness through his work at the Open Door Shelter, having served as the President of the Board of Directors from 2008 through 2015. Along with his commitment to the Shelter, Nate serves as treasurer of the Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut and as moderator at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. An honors accounting major from the University of Connecticut, Nate is a CPA and partner at Capossela, Cohen, LLC in Southport, CT. Nate is an accomplished musician and an alumnus of the Silver Lake musical theater camp productions in Sharon, CT. He enjoys golf, camping, and spending time with his wife Mary and four children.

“In so many ways, Nate is the reason the Open Door Shelter is able to provide the range of supportive services in a caring and compassionate way to those in our community who need help and assistance in their time of need,” said Curtis “Corky” Stewart, current President of the Open Door Shelter Board of Directors. “He has truly been an inspiration to all of us as we look for ways of improving the fabric of our community.”

The Open Door Shelter provides nightly shelter for over 95 individuals and families including children. The shelter’s kitchen, known as Manna House, and pantry provides approximately 11,000 hot meals per month and provides boxed food for more than 1,000 individuals and families trying to make ends meet.

More than 1,500 individuals and families that come to the shelter for services are provided with help and coaching by case management staff to address short term needs and long term goals. From food to shelter to housing, the Open Door Shelter delivers social services to those in need. With the help of community partners, people receive job training and medical care. Children go to school and receive after school tutors to stay on track with their education. Case managers help people move from a crisis to a new home. By providing wraparound services, individuals and family get the support they need to recover from overwhelming life situations and get back on their feet.

The Gala and Auction, which is the shelter’s largest annual fundraiser, includes a cocktail hour and dinner as well as live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$250 each and may be purchased online at <https://501auctions.com/opendoorshelter>. Call (203) 866-1057 or email ekiernan@opendoorshelter.org