

The OPEN DOOR SHELTER

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The Open Door Shelter Announces New Board Member

Norwalk, CT - The Open Door Shelter announces the appointment of Brian Davis to its board of directors.



Brian Davis, Maritime Aquarium

Brian Davis, The Open Door Shelter's newest board member, is the President of the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, CT.

Dr. Davis has held curriculum development positions with The Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation in New York, Zoo Atlanta, Georgia State University, Cobb County School District, and the Georgia Aquarium. A strong proponent of scientific literacy, he created aquarium programs connecting the importance of science and cultural enrichment to people's daily lives. He earned his undergraduate degree in Environmental Science at Rutgers University, and his graduate degrees in science education from Georgia State University.

Corky Stewart, Board President, stated "Dr. Davis brings an extensive background in both education and nonprofit management. His organization has serviced as a partner in providing learning opportunities for the shelter and getting the community involved in coat and food drives. He represents the quality in leadership and skills that adds value to a strong, committed board of directors at The Open Door Shelter."

Dr. Davis is an active volunteer, serving on the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Professional Development and Diversity Committees as well as the Education Committee of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.

"It is a true honor and privilege to serve as a board member of The Open Door Shelter, an organization that does so much for the Norwalk community," said Dr. Davis. "We at The Maritime Aquarium have been working with The Open Door Shelter but my new role will allow us to further expand our existing relationship. The Open Door Shelter is a tremendous asset to this community, serving more than 1,800 individuals and families in our immediate area. I will do my part to ensure this vital community resource thrives and continues to assist our residents who are in greatest need of support."

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About the Open Door Shelter: The Open Door Shelter's mission is to effectively address the causes and complexities of the homeless and working poor by providing shelter, food, clothing, case management services, treatment services, transitional planning for short and long term goals, subsidized housing, education, employment, and a path towards independence and success.