

# Carry the Torch

APRIL 24, 2019 KNOXVILLE



## The Volunteer Ministry Center Presents CARRY THE TORCH KNOXVILLE

### A Benefit Luncheon Featuring Alan Graham, Founder and CEO of Mobile Loaves & Fishes and author of *Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home*.

On Wednesday, April 24, 2019, Alan Graham, Founder and CEO of Mobile Loaves & Fishes and author of *Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home*, will share an inspirational message. The event will begin with a Mission Fair at 10:00 am. Agencies which serve the homeless, along with VMC, will present booths and interact with visitors who are looking for volunteer opportunities. The Carry the Torch luncheon will begin promptly at 11:45 am in the Ballroom of the Knoxville Convention Center. **The Reverend Peter Keese will serve as Honorary Chair.**



**Featured Speaker**

Alan is the founder and CEO of Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a social outreach ministry in Austin, Texas committed to providing permanent, sustainable solutions for the chronically homeless while surrounding them with compassion, love and dignity. He is also author of the new book, *Welcome Homeless: One Man's Journey of Discovering the Meaning of Home*.

Since its founding in 1998, Mobile Loaves & Fishes volunteers have served more than 5 million meals with a side of hope to homeless men and women living on the streets of Austin. The organization has also spawned similar food truck ministries in other cities across the U.S. With the support of more than 19,000 volunteers, Mobile Loaves & Fishes is the largest prepared meal program to the homeless and working poor in Austin, Texas. Graham is also the visionary behind Mobile Loaves & Fishes' Community First! Village — a 27-acre master planned development that provides affordable, permanent housing and a supporting community to the chronically homeless in Central Texas.

The Volunteer Ministry Center is the Host Agency for the annual event. *Carry the Torch* aspires to not only raise funds but also raise awareness of the myriad factors surrounding the issue of homelessness. There will be opportunities for the public to become involved in the solution to ending homelessness.

Sponsorships are available and a Sponsorship Form is attached. This form clearly details the benefits of sponsorship. Once a sponsorship form is received at VMC, the sponsor will be provided with information about hosting guests at their table.

For additional information regarding sponsorships and/or sponsored tables, please contact Mary Beth Ramey at (865) 524-3926 Ext. 229 or visit [www.carrythetorchknoxville.com](http://www.carrythetorchknoxville.com).



**Honorary Chair**

**The Reverend Peter Keese**