

## In Celebration of July 4th, Sesame Place is Proud to Honor Veterans and Active-Duty Military with FREE Tickets as a Thank You for their Service

By Sesame Place®

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – In advance of Independence Day, Sesame Place® Philadelphia is proudly honoring the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. military active-duty and veterans and their families to enjoy a day at the park for FREE. It's Sesame Place's way of saying thank you – and giving America's heroes the chance to create unforgettable memories with the people they love.

U.S. military veterans will receive free one-day admission for themselves and up to three dependents. Veterans can register for this offer through June 22 and have until July 6 to visit the park with their free tickets. Active-duty military and three dependents continue to enjoy one-day complimentary admission all year long – and between now and July 6th will receive 3 additional FREE tickets for dependents to share in the fun. The offers are part of United Parks & Resorts' Waves of Honor program, a longstanding partnership saluting active-duty military members, veterans and their families by offering special pricing and promotions throughout the year.

For more than 20 years, the company has been proud to provide complimentary park access to members of the United States military, and as a result, more than 10 million guests – active-duty military members, veterans and their families – have enjoyed free admission through the Waves of Honor program. Whether it's educational animal experiences or thrilling attractions, military families are invited to the parks for a day of family fun.

Eligible U.S military veterans and retirees can register for complimentary single-day ticket(s) for themselves and up to three dependents before June 22 at Waves of Honor. After registering, all tickets must be redeemed by July 6. Service members and their direct dependents must have a valid active military ID to participate.

Any U.S. active-duty military activated, drilling reservist or National Guardsman can also take advantage of one complimentary admission for themselves and up to three dependents per year to Sesame Place— PLUS receive three additional free tickets for dependents between now and July 6. Additional discounts and offers are available for active military and veterans through MWR and ITT offices on U.S. military bases and online at Waves of Honor. These offers are available year-round and may differ by park.



From left to right: Philip C. Jackson [Immediate Past Chair, Board of Directors, Valley Youth House and CEO, Jackson Financial Strategies, LLC], Christina J. Schoemaker [Senior Vice President, Advancement, Valley Youth House], Scott A. Gray [Secretary, Valley Youth House Board of Directors and Former President & CEO, Clincierge] and Tom Harrington [President & Executive Director, Valley Youth House].

## Scott A. Gray Makes \$1 Million Gift to Valley Youth House's Open Doors Endowment Campaign

By Valley Youth House

Philadelphia, PA - Valley Youth House is proud to announce a \$1 million gift to its Open Doors Endowment Campaign from Scott A. Gray, former CEO of Clincierge and current Secretary of the organization's Board of Directors.

Scott has been a member of Valley Youth House's Board since 2017 and has played an active role in shaping the organization's strategic direction. He has served on numerous Valley Youth House event committees, including the Annual Southeast Golf Tournament, for which he has also been a Presenting Sponsor, as well as the Southeast Setting the Stage committee. His gift to the Open Doors Endowment Campaign will support long-term efforts to expand access to housing, counseling, and life skills education for youth and families across Pennsylvania. This investment helps ensure that young people experiencing homelessness or instability have a place to turn, not just today, but for years to come.

Scott brings a unique perspective to the Board, shaped by more than 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur, mentor, and business strategist. As co-founder and CEO of Gray Consulting International (GCI), he built one of the top event management firms in North America, serving the pharmaceutical industry. In 2013, he launched Clincierge, an award-winning company that improves patient access to clinical trials through tailored logistical and travel support. His career has included roles as a founder, advisor, and developer of multiple start-ups across industries, from healthcare to hospitality to tech.

"My mission, in both my business and personal lives, is driven by wanting others to succeed and become independent by providing resources, educational opportunities and mentoring," said Scott. "This is what VYH does!"

Over the years, Scott's influence has extended well beyond Board meetings. Whether mentoring early-career professionals or guiding new ventures, he has consistently created opportunities for growth and learning. His support of Valley Youth House aligns with that same philosophy: helping young people develop the tools, confidence, and community they need to thrive.

"Scott has a way of building not just companies, but people," said Tom Harrington, President and Executive Director of Valley Youth House. "He's always thinking about the long game - what's sustainable, what's possible, and how we get there. His gift to the Open Doors Endowment Campaign reflects that same kind of forward-thinking leader-ship."

If you are interested in learning more about and/or contributing to Valley Youth House, please contact Christina J. Schoemaker, MBA, CFRE, Senior Vice President of Advancement at Valley Youth House: CSchoemaker@ValleyYouthHouse.org