



**Marni Cahill**

I have empathy for people who are struggling and believe it is important to advocate for people who are not familiar with, or able to navigate the many complicated systems that play a part in homelessness. Housing should be a universal right. We live in the wealthiest country in the world, so there is no excuse for the level of homelessness we experience in this country. Our systems are not set up to adequately address the problem. We need a collaborative continuum of care to raise awareness, identify gaps, overcome barriers and create efficiencies to end homelessness.

I have over 30 years' experience working in mental health systems. I have worked in medical and psychiatric hospitals and in community mental health. My experience is both "on the ground" and in administrative positions. This gives me the ability to understand individual needs and system functions and to help figure out how the systems can be better utilized to address peoples' individual needs. As a Board member I hope to be able to help dissolve silos and improve collaborative efforts to address and eliminate homelessness in our community.