Biography:

Dawn Gilman

Chief Executive Officer, Changing Homelessness, Inc.

Dawn Gilman demonstrates her leadership in the mission to end homelessness, with a career spanning over 17 years at Changing Homelessness.

Dawn's strategic acumen and commitment have been instrumental in catapulting services and funding from $991,000 to an impressive $20.2 million, providing vital housing, case management, prevention, diversion, and supportive services to Northeast Florida. Under her direction, Changing Homelessness has evolved from a single-employee organization to a robust agency with more than 90 staff members.

Several key milestones during Dawn’s tenure include strong national partnerships that have yielded huge value to the community ~ Community Solutions, 100,000 Homes movement and Built for Zero initiative, and the Jeff Bezos Day 1 Families Fund with a $2.5 million leadership award.

Dawn's contributions have earned her numerous accolades, including the COVID Adaptation Award from WeCareJAX, recognition as one of the 20 Women of Influence by the Jacksonville Business Journal, and the Collective Power Award from the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida.

An alumna of Washington University with a bachelor’s degree in economics, Dawn is a Leadership Jax graduate, serves on the Lutheran Services Florida board and remains a steadfast advocate through her work with the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the Florida Coalition for Ending Homelessness.

Dawn’s unwavering dedication to ending homelessness has established her as a respected leader and a driving force for positive change in Northeast Florida and beyond.