

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



About the Coalition for the Homeless

History

The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, an inter-religious organization created the Coalition for the Homeless (CFH) in 1979 through its Hunger Task Force. The Coalition was originally composed of direct service providers to the homeless to provide full-time advocacy work on issues of homelessness and poverty. CFH was incorporated on August 18, 1981 as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit in the District of Columbia. Today, the agency's efforts are focused on housing and direct services.

Mission

The Coalition's mission is to help transition homeless and at-risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through housing programs and supportive services.

Vision

Rebuilding lives through the elimination of homelessness

Goals

- Transition individuals to affordable permanent housing
- Increase public awareness and support of homeless issues
- · Maximize vital education and job readiness support for homeless citizens
- Provide access to job training and employment placement services
- Reduce the number of homeless people in shelters
- Strengthen and develop partnerships with other organizations

Message From Our Leadership

Hello Friends,

We are grateful for your continued interest in and support of the Coalition's mission. We hope all is well with you and your family. We thank you for your compassion, generosity, and determination to help ensure homeless individuals have the chance to change their lives.

Thank you to our volunteer board of directors for your service to the community. Each of you gives your talent, expertise, and time to the Coalition, keeping its best interests at the forefront of your efforts. Your ideas, suggestions, and enthusiasm helped us make significant improvements to our programs and services.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for everything they do to help those who seek supportive services. In particular, our frontline staff. During Covid-19, there were rapid changes with rules and information from the Centers for Disease Control and D.C. Department of Health to keep our clients and staff safe. Our employees faced every challenge with flexibility and hard work.

We want to share a couple of important program changes that occurred during 2021. COVID-19 changed our lives in many unexpected ways. The Coalition was not spared, our 50th Street Family Program that provided temporary housing to homeless families and children was closed on September 30, 2021. This action was taken as part of the District of Columbia's government realignment of homeless services. Family homelessness decreased because of rental subsidies, eviction moratoriums, and other housing assistance programs. The Coalition is exploring other ways to use this property to benefit the community.

During 2021 the Coalition served 318 individuals, helped 133 people move to permanent housing, and helped 21 adults secure employment. These numbers were down from previous years. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Coalition had to modify its service delivery to help enforce social distancing. As a result, we had to reduce the number of people we served.

Our vision "Rebuilding lives through the elimination of homelessness" remains strong. Our commitment and the primary measure of our community impact is to help people move to permanent housing. People who are homeless in our community need services to help them. A safe and stable place to live is one of the solutions to homelessness.

We appreciate your support more than ever during these difficult times.

With our deepest gratitude,



Geoffrey P. Lewis Chairperson



Michael L. Ferrell Executive Director

Our Programs

Our six Transitional Housing Programs allow our clients in need of shelter to transform their lives. The goal of each program is to prepare clients to successfully return to independent living by providing a safe environment and supportive social services. Our Case Managers work closely with each client, providing job search assistance, counseling, connections to childcare and medical services, household budget planning, and housing assistance. In addition, clients participate in workshops on a range of important topics, including resume writing, financial planning, and parenting education.

Family Program

50th Street Family Program

50th Street Family Program is a 12-unit apartment building, located in Marshall Heights, which includes 6 two-bedrooms and one 6 one-bedroom apartments, a community room, dining area, computer lab, laundry facility and administrative office.

Tiffany Hughes	
Program Director	

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Update

The 50th Street Family Program closed on September 30, 2021. The D.C. Department of Human Services chose not to renew funding in 2022 due to the decrease in family homelessness. This decrease was primarily driven by the eviction moratorium and emergency rental assistance to prevent family homelessness. The Coalition owns the property and the leadership is exploring other program uses to serve the community.

 Program Accomplishments

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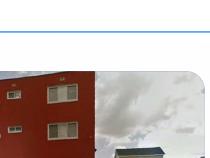
 Families Served (24 adults & 32 children)

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 Families Moved to Permanent Housing (19 adults & 25 children)

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Transitional Programs

Blair Transitional Housing Program

Blair House is a large transitional housing facility that can serve up to 85 men who are 18 and over and are residents in the District of Columbia. The program concentrates on substance abuse counseling, education, financial management, job readiness, employment and housing placement assistance.

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Update

Blair is temporarily a low barrier emergency shelter that provides overnight emergency shelter to anyone who identifies as male, 18 and over, resides in the district of Columbia, and experiencing homelessness. Services include food, access to case management services, showers, and a bed on a nightly basis from 7 pm to 7 am daily. The District Government plans to renovate Blair in early 2022.

La Casa Transitional **Housing Program**

La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP) is one of the few English & Spanish bilingual transitional programs in the District of Columbia. The program serves up to 40 men who are 18 years and older and residents of the District of Columbia. The Coalition continues to focus on their cultural and communication needs and has partnered with other community-based organizations to serve them.

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Program Accomplishments

2 59 Men Served **A** 22

Men Moved to **Permanent Housing**

Men Secured Employment

Under Renovation

Emery Work Bed Program

The Emery Work Bed Program, funded by the D.C. Department of Human Services (DHS) and managed by the Coalition, is undergoing renovations. Emery is located at 1725 Lincoln Road, Washington, DC. The Project includes interior and exterior renovations, and Emery will be unoccupied during renovations. Emery Work Bed services are temporarily provided at the Mickey Leland House - 455 & 457 Florida Ave NW, and the Davison House, 87 New York Avenue, NW.

Tiffany Hughes Program Director

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Update

July 2022 is the targeted date for Emery to reopen.



Program Accomplishments



Men <u>S</u>erved



Men Moved to Permanent Housing



Men Secured Employment

Our Programs

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Park Road House

Park Road House Park Road provides 12 beds to men in a home-like family environment. In this facility, programs are specifically tailored to the needs of the men who are in transition from a substance abuse treatment program, emergency shelters or other crisis situations.

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214 Men Served

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Men Moved to Permanent Housing

Webster House

Webster House is a transitional home and can serve up to 12 men who are homeless. Men in this program are required to remain drug and alcohol free, perform chores, which include meal preparation, and other duties as assigned.

Teanna Sullivan

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Program Accomplishments

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Men Served

Man Moved to Permanent Housing

Our Programs

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Permanent Housing

Anacostia Road Apartments

Anacostia Road Apartments consist of eight affordable one-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless individuals and families. This location represents part of the Coalition's expanded mission to help formerly homeless and at-risk D.C. residents become selfsufficient. The tenants are fully independent and the Coalition maintains only a resident manager on site for those who may need additional support.

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Sherman Avenue Apartments

Sherman Avenue Apartments provides 10 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units for men who were once homeless. This program represents the most tangible step towards independence within the Coalition's continuum of care. Men who were once homeless now pay rent, buy and prepare their own food. Men who are in this program have demonstrated that they are ready for independent living and are prepared to assume appropriate responsibility for their lives.

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Our Impact

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Coalition had to modify its service delivery to help enforce social distancing. As a result, we had to reduce the number of people we served.

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Individuals Served



People Moved to Permanent Housing



Individuals Secured Employment

Success Story



Hello, my name is **Douglas Robertson.**

I am one of the Coalition's success stories. Thank you to the community for supporting the homeless.

Douglas Robertson became homeless in 1995. Although his family tried to help him, his drug addiction made it impossible.

During the winter of 1998, Mr. Robertson was arrested on suspicion of selling drugs and taken to jail. He was released late the same evening, but it was too cold to stay outside. He ended up at Blair Shelter for Men and stayed there off and on. Mr. Robertson ended up getting sent to jail in 2005 and released in 2009. He was sent to a rehabilitation facility in Washington, DC, for 90 days. Afterward, he was sent to Blair, now a transitional housing program for men.

While at Blair, Mr. Robertson enrolled in a Home Health Aide Program sponsored by the Department of Human Services. He graduated and received a certificate of completion in September 2010. He became employed at Capital Home Health Care and stayed with them for ten years. He is currently employed with Georgetown Home Health Care.

Mr. Robertson moved into the Coalition's Sherman Avenue Single Room Occupancy (SRO). He was hired as a Resident Manager in 2015. According to Mr. James Freeny, Director of Operations, Mr. Robertson was a model resident and demonstrated leadership qualities. Sherman Avenue SRO is for men who were once homeless and have shown they can live independently.

Mr. Robertson says recovery looks different for everyone. He says that keeping a job, having money in his pocket, and showing up to spend time with his 17 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren makes him content and happy. When asked what advice he would give to others struggling, he replied, "Ask for help and stay focused."

The Coalition wishes Mr. Robertson continued success and happiness.

Community Support

Edmund Burke School Fundraising Club Raised Money To Help The Homeless





January 21, 2022

C/O Sheila M. Baker, Development Manager Coalition for the Homeless 1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite C-10015 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Friends at Coalition for the Homeless,

We are the middle and high school students of Edmund Burke School's Fundraising Club. Over the past month, we held a series of bake sales at our school to raise money for the Coalition for the Homeless, representing our \$448.25 donation earlier this month. We know how important it is to help the struggling people of our community get back on their feet, and all of the members of our club felt passionately about doing what we could to help this cause and to support individuals in our community. We look forward to future opportunities for our club to support the Coalition for the Homeless. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely, Edmund Burke School's Fundraising Club Thank you for all your Gracie W. '23, Club President Thank yous work! Macayle C. '23, Club Co-President Elijah A. '23 V Grace willcutts Alex B. '24 41.30 Perla C. '23 Jessica C. '24 Riley D. '24 Thank You !! Thonks Will M. '24 - Alex B : Niki P. '24 -Perta DJ S. '23 -Thank Were proud of these students, Thank you - Will Mellen and so grateful for how you suppor Thank you. -Jessica Vulnerable people our community 4101 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 | www.burkeschool.org 202-362-8882

Aiton Elementary School Made an Impact Inside & Outside of the Classroom

While discussing identity, fourth-grade students at Aiton Elementary School in Washington, DC, dove into the idea that external factors, like our community, make up parts of our identity. When asked the question by their teacher, Ms. Samantha Mahoney, about what type of impact they want to make on their community, the students decided that they wanted to raise money for the homeless people in their community. They wanted to help because they believe that everyone deserves to feel safe in a home, have food, and have someone who loves and supports them. Thank you to the students for raising \$430 to help the homeless.



Thank you for helping members in our community.

Our Volunteer Board of Directors

Thank you for your community service.



Geoffrey Lewis (Chairman)

has served on the board for 28 years. Geoffrey became aware of the Coalition in 1994 when he was asked to speak to a group of homeless men at the La Casa shelter about business ownership and entrepreneurship. He became a board member after listening to the testimonials of women and men whose lives had been changed by the Coalition. Geoffrey is also the President and CEO of Lewis Limited Productions and Co-founder and CEO of HealthNotics. Both companies specialize in training and education, and HealthNotics specializes in CBD healthcare products. HealthNotics provides training, employment, and wrap-around services to people returning to the community after prison and individuals in low-income neighborhoods. Geoffrey is Chairperson of Viva Health and a board member of the Washington DC Small Business Development Council.



Richard Appleton (Vice Chairman)

has served on the board since 2010. In 2013 he was elected as Vice Chairman of the board. Mr. Appleton has 25 years of experience in affordable housing across the nation. He has a history of coordinating new programs to support low-down-payment programs serving low-income borrowers and borrowers in Underserved Markets throughout the United States. Richard has worked with regulators, advocacy groups, lenders, and both state and local Housing Finance Agencies to advance and promote affordable lending programs and offerings throughout the industry. Richard earned a B.A. in Economics from George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences and an M.B.A. in Finance from George Washington University's School of Business.



Matthew Galvez (Treasurer)

has over 22 years of operating and investing experience with lower middle-market businesses, mainly assisting financial buyers in re-positioning, managing, and growing corporate divestitures. He is currently is the founding partner of AuSable Capital Partners. He has served on the board of directors of Florida Tile Industries, Nematron Corporation, Rauch Industries, Siemens Laserworks, Arborcraft, H.L. Lyons Companies, Elgin Butler Company, and International Wholesale Tile. Mr. Galvez received his BS from McGill University, MBA from Union College, and Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University.



Megan McConville (Secretary of the Board)

is a city planner with over 15 years of experience tackling challenging issues in urban and rural communities. She has overseen national programs providing critical technical assistance and rallying powerful federal resources to address neighborhood disinvestment, poverty and inequality, and disaster and climate change impacts. Megan is the owner of Park Street Community Solutions and consults through EPR, P.C., a multidisciplinary firm focused on integrating transportation, land use, and urban design. She provides community planning and policy advice, training, facilitation, program management, and grant writing services to nonprofits, foundations, federal agencies, and local governments. Megan has a Masters in City & Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill and a B.A. from Dartmouth College. Megan was motivated to become involved with the Coalition by her growing concern over homelessness issues and the rising housing costs in the city. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Development Committee.



Dwayne Brown

has been a board member since 2010 and is a member of the Development Committee. He is Senior Manager in the Finance & Risk Services practice at Accenture. Dwayne has more than 15 years of experience in Operational Risk management, Accounting Operations, and Intelligent Automation (IA). Dwayne obtained a BA in Accounting and Public Relations from SUNY Geneseo, an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School, and a Master's degree in organizational leadership, focusing on understanding the "Unbanked" population, from Shenandoah University, in Winchester, VA. Dwayne is Board Chairman of the Per Scholas Non-profit organization. He also serves as an active member of 100 Black Men of America and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.



Cecilia Calvo

is the founder of Calvo Consulting LLC; a strategy consulting practice focused on revenue growth for nonprofit clients. Since 2001, she has advised Fortune 500 businesses, governments, and nonprofits in the U.S. and Europe about their philanthropic investments. She has championed her clients at the White House, Downing Street, and Buckingham Palace. Cecilia Calvo has worked at the intersection of the public, private, and nonprofit sectors throughout her career. Cecilia Calvo served in senior positions at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Corporation for National and Community Service during the Clinton administration.



Nancy Gephart

has been on the Coalition Board of Directors since 2017 and currently serves as the Chairperson of the Program Committee. She enjoys working with the board and Coalition's fantastic staff and leveraging her background in nonprofits and finance to reduce homelessness in DC. Nancy is a Partner and leads the Capital Markets team at Shift Capital, a social impact real estate developer in Philadelphia. Shift Capital is vertically integrated and invests in both places and people to create inclusive, equitable communities that thrive. Nancy is responsible for capitalizing assets and creating financial and strategic roadmaps for future growth. Nancy holds a BA in Political Science from Williams College and an MBA and MS from the University of Michigan.

Volunteer Board of Directors (Continued)



Andrew Grimaldi

is the Chairperson of the Coalition's Cultural Committee. The committee is focused on developing best practices in board management, ensuring the Coalition is a great place to work, and exploring ways to encourage innovation across the organization. Andrew's passion for working to prevent homelessness comes from his own experience. When Andrew was a teenager, his parents' home went into foreclosure due to his father losing a good-paying job. The foreclosure negatively impacted the family with lingering debt and bad credit for over a decade. At times, the family was homeless and had to stay with relatives. When Andrew's parents did obtain housing, the family continued to struggle because renting was just as expensive as their previous mortgage payments. It took a long time for the family to overcome their financial difficulties and become stable. Andrew is the Chief Financial Officer at the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation (FCSIC). He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and attorney.



Delese Harvey

joined the Coalition for the Homeless board of directors in 2017. She is also a member of the Coalition's Internal Culture Committee, which focuses on developing best practices in board management, ensuring the Coalition is a great place to work, and exploring ways to encourage innovation across the organization. Ms. Harvey is Deputy Director at the Disabled Veterans National Foundation. Ms. Harvey has spent the last 18 years working in the nonprofit sector. She worked to develop and implement programming to support the growth and development of children and families, at-risk populations including veterans, formerly incarcerated persons, individuals with a history of homelessness and substance abuse, and those seeking to secure economic security. She has dedicated her time to Ward 8 and other vulnerable communities in Washington, DC. Ms. Harvey graduated from The University of Maryland University College with a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management.



Stevie Patton

has been a longtime supporter of the coalition's mission to help those experiencing or at risk of becoming homeless. Stevie has served as a volunteer and motivational speaker at the Webster House. In 2018, Stevie joined the Coalition's Board to continue his passion for ending homelessness. Stevie is President and owner of S&J Electrical Contractors, LLC. In 2014, he received his electrical and OSHA-30 certifications from Independent Electrical Contractors. Later, Stevie took a leap of faith and opened his own electrical contracting company serving residential and commercial properties in the DMV area. S&J Electrical Contractors was awarded several major renovations and ongoing electrical maintenance contracts with clients like L-Hayes & Associates Property Management Company, University of Maryland, and Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) through his leadership and expertise. Stevie knows firsthand with faith, dedication, and hard work, you can achieve anything. A message he shares in hopes of inspiring and uplifting others.



Doris Washington

joined the Coalition of the Homeless (CFH) Board of Advisors after volunteering for a major fundraiser IN 1993. In 1997, she was elected Board Secretary, and from 2006 to 2013, she served as Board Chair. Doris' longtime involvement with the Coalition coincided with her career as an executive and manager in the federal government's housing and financial services sectors. Homelessness was a natural interest of hers. Doris firmly believes collaborations enhance CFH's impact with corporations, businesses, nonprofits, and faithbased organizations. She organized the Coalition's first Jobs and Apprenticeship Fair with local elected officials, trade associations, and employers. Additionally, she led initiatives that strengthened the CFH's strategic planning, development, and fundraising programs. Ms. Washington also served on a nonprofit board that provides housing to developmentally disabled persons. She continues her work toward expanding cultural literacy through the arts.

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LICSW Director of Case Management Services. Ms. Smith replaced Joseph "Glen" Rother, who retired on December 17, 2021. James Freeny, Director of Operations Sheila M. Baker, Development Manager



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For a copy of the Coalition's Financial Statement, contact Our main office at 202-347-8870. Our financial records are audited by McConnell & Jones, LLP 5101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, D.C 20016 / (202) 363-9300

Celebrating

Our 40th Anniversary

2021 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Coalition for the Homeless. Thank you to the following organizations and individuals, all of whom were part of this humbling outpouring of support towards our 40th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign. The Coalition's role in the community will remain vital to help facilitate and connect people to permanent affordable housing.

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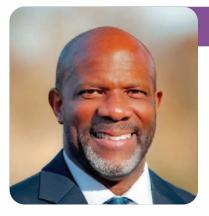
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"When I think of ways to give back to our community, I can't help but think of the Homeless. Being from Washington DC, it is hard to imagine not volunteering time, talent and treasure to support a cause I am passionate about, it just makes sense. It is one way to stay connected to the community while making a difference in people's lives. Seeing and following the transformations of people's lives is an added bonus. I have gained a unique sense of purpose by serving those around us."

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