



Help the Homeless

Rebuilding Lives. Strengthening Communities.



Damarrah's Dream House

Children Have Dreams Too!

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

About Us

The Coalition for the Homeless provides direct supportive services to homeless men and families with children. Since our inception in 1979, the Coalition has helped provide solutions in the District of Columbia that have helped reduce homelessness. The Coalition operates 11 programs including the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC), the central intake office for all families in the District of Columbia seeking emergency housing assistance and shelter. In general, services at the various sites include case management, employment and housing placement assistance, substance abuse counseling, life skills training, substance abuse prevention and social skills development.

Goals

- Increase homeless prevention services.
- Transition individuals and families to affordable permanent housing.
- Increase public awareness and support of homeless issues.
- Maximize vital educational 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.

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.

Definition of Terms

EMERGENCY SHELTER is a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for homeless people.

INDIVIDUALS are people who are not part of a family during their episode of homelessness. They are homeless as single adults, unaccompanied youth, or in multiple-adult or multiple-child households.

PEOPLE IN FAMILIES are people who are homeless as part of households that have at least one adult and one child.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS provides homeless people temporary housing with supportive social services for up to 24 months in order to help them to become more self-sufficient and move into permanent housing.

Dear Friends,

We trust the past year has treated you well. We wish to thank you, as well as our exemplary Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers for your ongoing support and commitment to the homeless population. A special thank you to the mothers and fathers who helped their children make a donation to the Coalition and for teaching them the importance of giving back to the community.

For almost 35 years, homeless families and individuals have turned to the Coalition for the Homeless to help them end their homelessness. We have seen many successes and helped thousands leave the streets and shelters behind for a place to call home. During 2015 the Coalition served 4,228 families, 605 men, and helped 335 persons move into permanent housing. With years of experience and leadership, the Coalition is built on the premise of treating the whole person, delivering a mix of services, including case management, life skills training, and housing and employment placement assistance.

The Coalition provides these services because we know the severe impact that homelessness can have on people's lives. We are particularly sensitive to children who are homeless because a stable home environment is crucial for a child's healthy development.

The Coalition is happy to report that we helped 160 men and women find employment through our employment program. Also, one of our major accomplishments was hosting our 7th Annual Job & Training Fair held at the Girls and Boys Club in Washington, DC on September 24th. We had a record number of local employers and hundreds of job seekers who were homeless or risk of becoming homeless looking for career and job training opportunities. The Job Fair is an integral part of the Coalition's mission to help people living in the District of Columbia break the cycle of homelessness and become independent.

In the pages that follow, you will learn what the Coalition does to help transform the lives of men, women and children living in the District of Columbia.

We look forward to a prosperous 2016 as it relates to helping homeless individuals and families obtain permanent housing and employment.

Again, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey P. Lewis
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD
OF DIRECTORS



Michael L. Ferrell
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7th Annual Job Fair

BRINGS HOPE



The Coalition for the Homeless is giving people hope by helping people find a job. Under the leadership of Linda Fields, Director of Employment and Training, the Coalition's 7th Annual Jobs, Training Opportunities and Educational Fair had a record number of local employers and hundreds of job seekers who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless looking for career and job training opportunities. Over 50 employers packed the gym at THEARC Boys and Girls Club in Washington, DC on September 24, 2015. The job fair is an integral part of the Coalition's mission to help people living in the District of Columbia break the cycle of homelessness.

The Coalition's job fair is also helping companies fill vacancies and solve workforce issues in the community. We are glad the Coalition can bridge the gap says Linda Fields. The Coalition works with a lot of good organizations that can help people find resources and employers wanting to help people get back to work. Our hope is that our job fair gets bigger and better to help more people. One of the most satisfying things we saw, were people filling out job applications, hearing prospects inquire about work hours, and asking whether or not an employer is located on the bus line. She added the informal atmosphere eases the tensions of those seeking work.

One participant at the fair put it best when she said,

“ It's a good place to be right now.

8th Annual Jobs, Training Opportunities & Educational Fair September, 2016
- for more information, check our website at www.dccfh.org

OUR PROGRAM Accomplishments

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC)

VWFRC is the Central Intake Center for homeless families with minor and/or dependent children who are experiencing housing instability in the District of Columbia. During 2015, we served 4,170 families with children at VWFRC. The reopening of VWFRC breathed new life into this program by co-locating critical services like homeless services, public benefits, and child care services, all within one service location.

FACT: Staff at VWFRC are working in two shifts to accommodate the increase in families with children needing emergency assistance.

	NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED	CLIENTS MOVED TO PERMANENT HOUSING
SPRING ROAD FAMILY APARTMENTS	48 children 65 adults	24 children 17 adults
VALLEY PLACE FAMILY APARTMENTS	35 children 25 adults	10 children 6 adults
TOTAL	57 families / 173 persons	16 families / 57 persons

	MEN SERVED IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	MEN WHO MOVED TO PERMANENT HOUSING
BLAIR TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM	191	78
EMERY WORK BED PROGRAM	205	101
LA CASA TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM	143	58
PARK ROAD	31	17
WEBSTER HOUSE	35	24
TOTAL	605	278

GAINED EMPLOYMENT



OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Family Programs & Programs for Men

CENTRAL INTAKE OFFICE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN



Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (VWFRC) is the central resource center for homeless families with minor and/or dependent children that are experiencing housing instability in the District.

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES



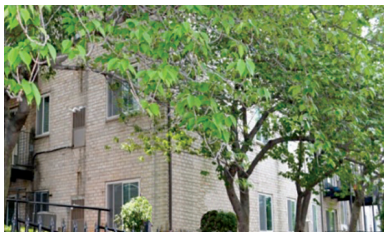
Spring Road Family Apartments is located in a residential neighborhood and is specifically for families 28 with children who have become homeless.

Tiffany Hughes, Program Director

1433, #1C, Spring Road, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Phone (202) 726-2203

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Valley Place Family Apartments
Families live here temporarily while they prepare for independent living. There are 18 furnished apartments with 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms.

Nicole Baptiste, Program Director

1357 Valley Place, SE, Suite 102
Washington, DC 20020

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PERMANENT HOUSING



Sherman Avenue Single Room Occupancy provides 10 single room occupancy (SRO) units for men who were once homeless.

James Freeny, Director of Operations

2822-2824 Sherman Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Phone (202) 347-8870

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Anacostia Road Apartments consist of eight affordable one-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless individuals and families.

James Freeny, Director of Operations

1320-1322 Anacostia Road SE
Washington, DC 20010

Phone (202) 347-8870

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR MEN

Blair House is a large Transitional Rehabilitation housing facility that can serve up to 85 men who are 18 and older.

Maxine Young, Program Director

635 I Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Phone (202) 727-2832/33

Fax (202) 547-1619



Emery Work Bed Program (EWBP)

is specifically tailored to the needs of homeless men who are employed or in job training. Emery can serve up to 100 men.

Xavier Parker, Program Director

1725 Lincoln Road, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Phone (202) 635-1041

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La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP) provides transitional housing for English and Spanish speaking homeless men to help them achieve self-sufficiency. The program can serve up to 40 men who are 18 and older.

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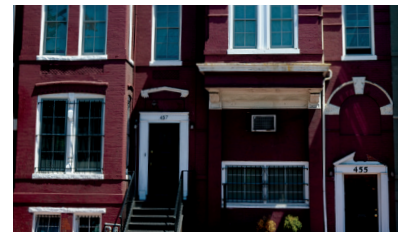
Mickey Leland House is a transitional housing program that can serve up to 22 men.

Arthur Rochee, Program Director

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The Webster House is a small home-like program that can serve 12 men who are homeless.

Michael Hinkle, House Director

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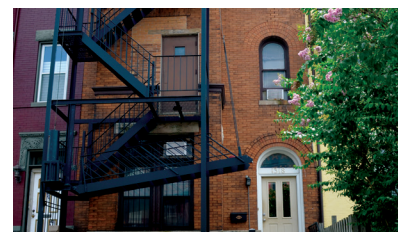
Park Road Transitional Program can serve up to 12 homeless men who are in transition from a substance abuse treatment program, emergency shelter, or other crisis situation.

Michael Hinkle, House Director

1318 Park Road, NW
Washington, DC 20010

Phone (202) 328-9680

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COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS
Our Success Stories



The following 2015 success stories are a continuing series of short profiles about homeless individuals and families with children who have transitioned from shelter to permanent housing.

WEBSTER HOUSE / MARCUS CARTER

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*A delay in
life is not
a denial in
the future.*

Marcus found himself homeless after many unresolved family issues. He entered Webster House on August 12, 2014. He was not on drugs, nor did he have any prior substance abuse problems. Like so many homeless people, he was working but needed a roof over his head and supportive services. On August 14, 2014, Marcus attended his first support meeting at Webster House. He thought to himself, “What am I doing in a place like this; I am better than this.” Marcus was oblivious to how being at Webster House would eventually be a blessing in his life and how it would impact his future.

Marcus had a stubborn attitude that caused some of his roadblocks to success. He had made many mistakes acting off his emotions that caused conflicts and disagreements. Marcus thought: “How are these people going to help me while in the program?” He heard stories about unresolved issues and emotional battles. He shared his story of how he became homeless and listened to other clients’ testimonies of life before and how they have improved their situations. Marcus wanted desperately to improve his own life. He was ready to humble himself and accept the guidance. Outside of changing his attitude, he wanted to learn how to manage and save money.

Marcus has plenty to smile about these days; he had a successful experience at Webster House and left the program for **permanent housing on February 17, 2015.** He was approved for a new car, works full-time for the Department of Homeland Security, and has a second job at Capital One Bank as a Security Officer. He makes other people look nice by cutting hair on the side. Marcus joined the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve and will start basic training during the summer of 2016.

CELEBRATING OUR *Success Stories*

VALLEY PLACE FAMILY APARTMENTS / SHADE BENTON

Moving Forward.

Ms. Benton and her family stayed at Valley Place Family Apartments for two years. Ms. Benton remained employed during her entire stay and paid off her debt to her previous landlord. **She and her family moved to permanent housing in May 2015.** Ms. Benton was eligible to receive first month and security deposit assistance from the Coalition. She is grateful to the Coalition and very happy with all her accomplishments.

EMERY WORK BED PROGRAM / MARVIN ROANE

Grateful!

Mr. Roane entered the Emery Work Bed Program on September 26, 2014. He had no idea what to expect from living in a shelter environment. Eventually he settled down, felt more comfortable and started opening up to staff. He attended weekly substance abuse, housing and employment groups. Mr. Roane is a Brick Mason and is employed by Block By Block in Washington, D.C. While at Emery; he saved 30 percent of his income to put into the Coalition managed escrow savings account. **He moved to permanent housing on March 16, 2015** and saved over \$5,000 to help him get started. He felt good because prior to entering the program he had no savings. He now understands the importance of budgeting, money management, and having good credit. He says his self-esteem and confidence have improved and he feels better about himself as a man. Today, he is humble and giving back to the community.

BLAIR HOUSE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM / STEVEN MARTIN

A New Beginning

Steven was at Blair Transitional housing program for 16 months. With the support and guidance of case management and a stable secure place to stay, he was able to start making changes in his life. He feels stronger and more confident now. According to Mr. Martin he has a “nice job”. **He moved to permanent housing November 7, 2015.**

EMERY WORK BED PROGRAM / DEPLOTIDE GUENAMAN

Keep trying you will succeed.

In 2010, DePlotide Guenaman relocated to the U.S. from the Ivory Coast (country in West Africa) to live with a family member. The family member later decided to return to Africa. Mr. Guenaman packed his bags and headed to Washington, D.C. to stay with a friend. This situation fell apart and he had to move again. This time, he became homeless. Mr. Guenaman was grateful that he was at least employed full-time. Moving to the U.S. and getting use to a different culture was already stressful; now he would have to live at the Emery Work Bed Program. He did not like being in a shelter, but he adjusted. He got a second full-time job and worked very hard to save money. **On November 24, 2015 he moved into permanent housing.** Today, Mr. Guenaman still works two jobs. He strongly feels that the support, the way the program at Emery is structured, and the professional staff helped him improve significantly. He feels proud of himself and said “you can’t do anything if you are not serious about yourself.”



2015 ANNUAL Volunteer & Staff Reception

Each year, during our Annual Volunteer and Staff Reception the Coalition for the Homeless honors volunteers and staff for outstanding service through a broad range of activities and programs. Also, Length of Service Awards were presented for 5, 10, 15 and 20+ years. The reception was held again at St. Francis Hall, Washington, D.C. on October 13, 2015. The Coalition thanks all volunteers and staff for lending their skills, talents, and service to others.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Beverly Matthews-Williams, Case Manager at Blair House Transitional Program was named Employee of the Year. The award, our highest honor, recognizes individuals for exceptional job performance, outstanding dedication and commitment to the mission of the Coalition. Beverly has been with the Coalition for seven years and takes pride in her work. She is a team player. She proudly stepped up to the role of Lead Case Manager while her supervisor was out of the office for an extended period. Beverly is described as a person who has a positive attitude,

takes initiative, and is dependable. She has good problem solving skills and gets along well with staff and clients. When she is asked to do something, her favorite words are "I'll do it." We appreciate the high level of professionalism, integrity, and the range of expertise Ms. Williams brings to her work. Congratulations Ms. Williams for a job well done!



The Beta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. for supporting the men at Emery Work Bed Program "Desserts for the Homeless"

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Bridget Edwards, Employment and Training Award
Jacqueline Leake, Family Service Award
Anthony Patterson, Social Services Award
Nicole Pettigrew, Support Services Award
Raymond Faxio, Transitional Services Award

VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED TO



Hosie Ward
for volunteering at
the Virginia Williams
Family Resource
Center



**The John F. Cook
Lodge # 10** for
supporting the
Life Skills Initiative
Program for Men

**The Beacon Foundation, for
incorporating volunteering at Valley
Place Family Transitional Program**

20+ LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COALITION

25 years

James Johnson
John Nwaoge
Simon Talento

20 years

Maxine Young



Stepping Out to Help the Homeless

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When we see hundreds of people come together to celebrate this work – from local businesses to area residents – we see a path to ending homelessness in DC.

MICHAEL FERRELL

Dancing is a form of self-expression. On November 6, 2015, there were over 200 people expressing themselves during The Coalition for the Homeless' 3rd Annual Stepping out for the Homeless® Dance. A fundraising event to help raise funds to support our transitional housing programs. This was a great event! We had a diverse group of people of all ages and backgrounds. E.U. (Experience Unlimited) featuring Go-Go artist Sugar Bear, an icon in DC, did a great job of keeping everyone on the dance floor. The National Hand Dance Association demonstrated classic hand dancing styles from the 1950's and 60s.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of an award to Jake Moyer, the youngest supporter of Coalition for the Homeless.

There is no one size fits all when helping people to stabilize their life and get back on their feet. Almost \$50,000 was raised to help 11 homeless households with rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, and other expenses to help them move into permanent housing.

“The only thing more important than helping people find homes is helping them to become self-sufficient so they can remain stably housed,” said Michael Ferrell, Executive Director of the Coalition for the Homeless.



Thank you to the individuals, sponsors, and volunteers, for helping make this event a success and the many businesses, who donated items for door prizes.





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*We make a living by
what we get, but we make
a life by what we give.*

WINSTON CHURCHILL



COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS *Community Highlights*



Army Nursing Students from Walter Reed Hospital | Thanks for the boxes of personal hygiene items for clients in our program.



Business Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Coalition, May 1, 2015

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Virginia Williams Family Resource Center Children's Holiday Celebration sponsored by
The Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Corner

If our sons and daughters understand that “homeless” also means someone who looks just like them, someone who likes the same things they do, plays the same games, listens to the same songs and loves the same T.V. shows, then we are beginning to plant the seeds of empathy. Not sympathy.

CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS HAVE DREAMS TOO

The front cover of our annual report reflects a child's dream to have a home. The drawing won first place in our children's drawing contest. Stability is a main pillar for a happy child. While the Coalition is not a permanent place for families with children, we offer a safety net, hope and stability. The cover was photographed by Lee's Photography, McLean, VA.



Sunday June 28, 2015

Dear C.F.T.H.,

We hope you enjoy this donation. We have recently had a fundraiser, specifically, a Lemonade Stand. We have decided to donate our earnings to the Coalition For The Homeless. ~~unlike~~ We hope this donation helps your growth!

Your Friend,
Sophia Eldridge

We had fun doing the lemonade stand, and we hope you like the money we are sending ~~you~~ you.

From, Phoebe Eldridge



MEET OUR YOUNGEST SUPPORTER

Jake Moyer is 12 years old, in middle school and active in Boy Scouts. He enjoys soccer, diving, video games, and making movies. For the last couple of years Jake with the support of his parents is a proud supporter of the Coalition. The benefits of fostering children's need to give are enormous. It gives kids a powerful boost in self-esteem to realize they can make a difference in someone's life.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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Thank you to our supporters, who in 2015 made it possible for the Coalition for the Homeless to serve individuals and families with children who are homeless and need supportive services.

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