



LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO END HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is something you experience,
not who you are.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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. Our mission is to help transition homeless and at-risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through programs and supportive services. The Coalition fulfills its mission by operating and managing seven transitional housing programs and two permanent housing apartments to address immediate housing needs. The programs are designed to help people living in the District of Columbia make a successful transition to stable permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Services include transitional housing, food, clothing, substance abuse counseling, employment and housing placement assistance and general case management.

OUR VISION

Rebuilding lives through the elimination of homelessness

GOALS

- Transition individuals and families 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

OUR VALUES

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



HOW DOES THE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS KNOW WHO IS HOMELESS?

Volunteers conduct the Point in Time count, an annual census of people experiencing homelessness. The last PIT count was done on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 for 2018. Hundreds of trained volunteers and experienced outreach professionals came together to conduct a single-night count and survey of people experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia.

The PIT creates a “snapshot” of the scope and scale of homelessness in Washington, D.C. that provides policy makers and funders with critical information on the number and demographic characteristics of the families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The District of Columbia is one of hundreds of communities across the country that conduct a PIT Count on one night during the last ten days in January to secure federal homeless assistance funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). By collecting this crucial information, we can better target resources and be more efficient toward our goal of ending homelessness in our community.

For more information on the homeless count, please visit the following websites:

Council of Government, provides regional homeless count information:

<https://www.mwcog.org/>

Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness – provides information for Washington, DC.
<http://www.community-partnership.org/facts-and-figures>

OUR IMPACT 2018

EMPLOYMENT

Employment is critical to maintaining housing.

123 individuals,
including 20
veterans, got jobs

and earned more than
\$3.4 million annualized
in taxable income

PROVIDED TEMPORARY HOUSING

The Coalition served **652** men, women and children who were provided temporary housing, supportive social services and food.



MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING

267 men, women and children moved into permanent housing, including **19** veterans, and are no longer homeless. Housing is the foundation for quality of life.

CLIENT SAVINGS

During 2018, program participants held \$110,495 in saving accounts.

The Coalition encourages individuals and families to save and strive for economic stability. The funds collected from clients is deposited in their own interest-bearing bank account. When the clients' exit the program, the money saved can be used for first month's rent, security deposit, to purchase household furnishings and other related living expenses.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Supportive services improve outcomes. Case management is a critical component of helping people experiencing homelessness. Case management involves assessing and coordinating services such as health care, employment support, housing location assistance, and other strategies to help people overcome barriers to housing and employment and decrease the risk of entering or re-entering homelessness.

OUR MESSAGE

FROM GEOFFREY LEWIS

Chairman, Board of Directors

Thank you to members in the community who believe in the Coalition's mission and helped the many individuals and families who need supportive services. We continue to focus on developing programs and services that work and affirm our commitment to striving for a permanent and secure home for all.



It has been a year of opportunity, challenges, adjustments, learning and exploration. During 2018 I spent time engaging with our board of directors and staff on strategic and operational planning, including revising our strategic plan for 2019 through 2021. We asked ourselves some fundamental questions about our future role in serving the homeless, our need to improve our impact, what we should do better, and where we should focus our efforts. Here's what we came up with: increase homeless prevention services, increase public awareness and support of homeless issues, reduce the number of homeless people in shelters, assist participants in obtaining employment that pays a living wage, advocate for more affordable housing, and strengthen and develop partnerships with other organizations.

This engagement sparked new IDEAS. I appreciated the time, honesty and good will that were so generously given by our board and staff. The frank and constructive feedback has been valuable in reviewing and refreshing our strategic priorities. The planning will position the Coalition to continue our efforts to make a difference. As we look towards the future, we know that change will be both constant and challenging; but we remain determined. Together with our staff, board, and community supporters, we commit ourselves to ending homeless one person at a time.

FROM MICHAEL L. FERRELL

Executive Director

The Coalition for the Homeless is ending homelessness for many of our community members and doing our best to reduce the amount of time that people are living this experience. Many individuals and families have entered the Coalition for the Homeless programs and transitioned to a new life.



What does ending homelessness mean? To end homelessness means that every community should have a comprehensive response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible, or if it cannot be prevented, it is a rare, brief, and one-time experience. Becoming homeless or being at risk of becoming homeless can happen to anyone and can come unexpectedly. Just ask the individuals and families who were in *panic mode* during the recent federal government shutdown. They were questioning if they would become homeless, or have enough money to feed their families. **Homelessness is something you experience, not who you are.**

We all need to do our part to end homelessness within our families, our places of worship, our schools, our places of employment and in our communities. There is much that an individual, a corporation, and community group can do to help. No matter what your skills, interests, age, or resources, there are ways you can make a difference for some of the men, women, and children who experience homelessness. Volunteer work, advocacy efforts, financial or material contributions, and continued self-education are all important and needed as we work our way to a solution.

If and when a person becomes homeless, whether you know the person or not, we must have understanding and compassion. **Haven't we all needed help in one way or another.**

10TH ANNUAL JOB FAIR

EMPLOYMENT IS KEY TO FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS

After months of the Coalition for the Homeless employment staff preparing for the 10th Annual Linda Fields Training and Educational Opportunity Job Fair Thursday, September 21, 2018, had finally arrived!

Approximately 120 job seekers attended and over 23 employers, community resources and training providers throughout the Washington, DC area were onsite. The job fair is intended to serve homeless individuals, low-income, and veterans, but everyone is welcome. The job fair is an integral part of the Coalition's mission to help people living in the District of Columbia become self-sufficient and independent. The Coalition's goal is to not only to connect job seekers with employers, but also to provide information on job training.



Four Seasons Hotel, Walmart, Department of Commerce Federal Credit Union, and Giant Food were among the local employers that participated in this community event at the ARC Boys and Girls Club, in Southeast Washington, D.C.

The job fair allows people to fill out several applications at one location, set up interviews for the coming weeks, and get instructions on how to apply for employment online. Many attendees commented that they were hopeful the “person to person” contact at the fair would help when they filled out applications or sent their resumes to people they spoke with.

Thank you to the employers, vendors, attendees and Coalition staff for your participation. The Coalition looks forward to our 11th annual job fair in September 2019.



OUR HELP THEIR SUCCESS

Our success stories are about the challenges that homeless individuals and families face. Our clients have committed to doing what it takes to succeed to become self-sufficient and independent.

Thanks to Stevie's hard work, along with the support of the coalition for the Homeless at a critical moment, he was able to overcome those challenges and create a fulfilling life.

A FORMER CLIENT BRINGS INSPIRATION AND HOPE

Talking with Stevie Patton today, one would never guess that he has struggled with homelessness. Stevie is a business owner and a happily married man. But he has seen his share of challenges. Thanks to Stevie's hard work, along with the support of the Coalition for the Homeless at a critical moment, he was able to overcome those challenges and create a fulfilling life. Stevie was released from prison on June 29, 2010 and moved into a shelter. Shortly thereafter, he got a job as a laborer with Laco Electric Incorporated and was accepted into the Coalition's Webster House, a transitional housing program serving up to 12 homeless men. Stevie's company sent him to school at Independent Electrical Contractors, and he worked full-time and attended night school for four years. He did well in the small home-like environment of Webster House, where the residents take on tasks to maintain the property and benefit from services including case management, employment and housing placement assistance, substance abuse counseling, and life skills training.

After a little over four months there, Stevie was ready to become self-sufficient and independent and moved into permanent housing. Today, Stevie is a licensed Journeyman electrician and owner of S&J Electrical Contractors. He currently has a contract with L-Hayes and Associates and is working with BWI renovating the MARC Train Ticket Building. He found the woman of his dreams, his fiancé Tamara, and on June 30, 2018, they were married. Stevie returns to the Coalition once a month to talk with the men currently in the program. He encourages them to stay focused and their efforts will pay off.



KEEPING THE FAMILY TOGETHER

Wilbert Atkins had struggled with homelessness and unemployment for years, living between family members and shelters. When he gained custody of his daughter Sasha, she became Mr. Atkins' motivation to improve his life. Mr. Atkins and Sasha entered the Coalition for the Homeless 50th Street Family Program on November 10, 2016. The 50th Street Family Program, located in a quiet residential neighborhood, is specifically for families with children who have become homeless. Families live in 12 individually furnished apartments with full kitchens, and are expected to provide their own food and prepare all meals for their families. Those with incomes are expected to place funds in a personal escrow account.

Supportive services include case management, job placement assistance, tutoring, substance abuse education and counseling, food and clothing referrals, and life skills training. The 50th Street program provides safe, stable temporary homes and support so families can get on their feet and find permanent housing. Mr. Atkins and Sasha lived at 50th Street for eight months. In January 2018, they moved into permanent affordable housing. They love their new place and Sasha is doing well in school. Mr. Atkins works full-time as an Information Technology technician at the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer. He says he feels like a man again and a productive father. Today, this family is safe, warm and self-sufficient.

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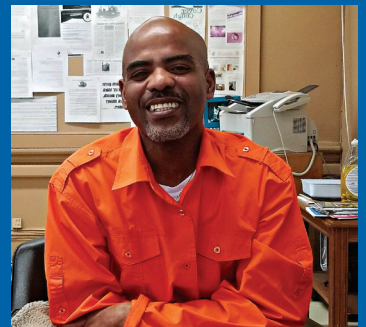
IT'S NOT A SAD STORY, IT'S A PROUD CHOICE.

Thornell Moore had an addiction to drugs, alcohol and bouts of depression. His self-judgment is one of the things that led to his addictive behavior, creating lots of regrets. He had no relationship with his children, his family and friends no longer trusted him and put him out of their homes. He was homeless for nine months. One day, Mr. Moore experienced a moment of clarity, and he knew it was time to ask for help.

He entered the Emery Work Bed Program on January 10, 2018. Mr. Moore stated that the Emery staff helped him realize the importance of making changes for himself and his children. All that he achieved in the last 8 months would not have been possible without the help of Emery's counseling services, and the support meetings he attended daily. With the supportive services he regained his sobriety.

Prior to leaving Emery, Mr. Moore obtained a ServSafe Certificate for food and beverage handlers. He left the Emery program on August 10, 2018, and now lives in an SRO (Single Room Occupancy). He works full-time as a Head Cook and supervises two employees at the DC Public Schools. He also works part-time as a cook at Providence Hospital.

Mr. Moore is feeling good these days. He has two jobs; he saved \$4,500 dollars through the Coalition's Escrow Program, and maintains a checking and savings account. He says "people trust me and I have learned how to be responsible." Mr. Moore is proud that he reunited with his daughter and their relationship is getting stronger every day. He is now a firm believer that his dream can be his reality.



STEPPING OUT **FOR THE HOMELESS**

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE COALITION'S STEPPING OUT FOR THE HOMELESS MASQUERADE PARTY!

6th Annual Stepping Out for the Homeless Fundraising Event

Thank you for supporting our 6th Annual Stepping Out for the Homeless fundraising event on Friday, October 26, 2018. The proceeds from this wonderful event were used to support the Coalition programs and supportive services to help our program participants to secure employment and housing. It was great to see people smiling, laughing, dancing and having a fabulous time. Over 170 guests packed the St. Francis Hall for a night of dinner, dancing and mingling. We were touched to see so many of our community supporters all dressed up with a variety of beautiful masks! We hope we exceeded your expectations. The Coalition's very grateful to every single person who was a part of this event. Thank you to the individuals who were unable to attend, but showed your support by making a donation.

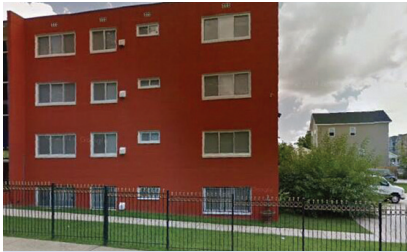
Stepping Out  *For the Homeless®*





TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPORT

The Coalition for the Homeless provides access to a wide range of comprehensive services to help clients heal physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually — while finding their place in a safe, supportive community.



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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.

Program Accomplishments



18

Total served

21 adults &
29 children



7

Families moved to
permanent housing

9 adults &
13 children



3

Women secured
employment



Maxine Young

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BLAIR TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION 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 purpose of the Blair program is to provide the residents with supportive social services, which will enable them to return to independent living. The program concentrates on substance abuse counseling, education, financial management, job readiness, employment and housing placement assistance.

Program Accomplishments



194

Men served



91

Men moved
to permanent
housing



62

Men secured
employment

EMERY WORK BED PROGRAM

The Emery Work Bed Program (EWBP) is specifically tailored to meet the needs of men who are homeless and employed. This program has the capacity to serve 100 men. This is the client's first step back to self-sufficiency and independent living. To be eligible for the program, you must be employed at least 20 hours per week, or enrolled in a job training program.

Program Accomplishments



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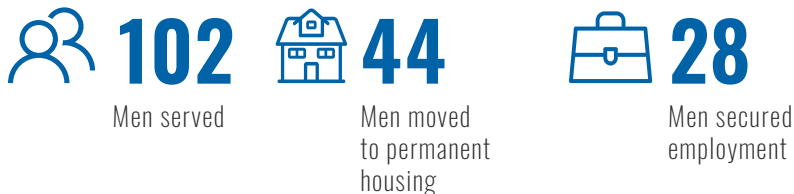
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LA CASA TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP) is one of the few English & Spanish bilingual transitional programs in the District. 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. Services include case management, employment and housing placement and substance abuse counseling.

Program Accomplishments



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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.

Program Accomplishments



Michael Hinkle

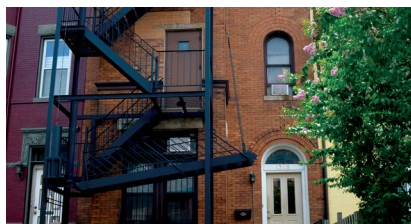
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TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPORT CONTINUED



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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.

Program Accomplishments



27

Men served



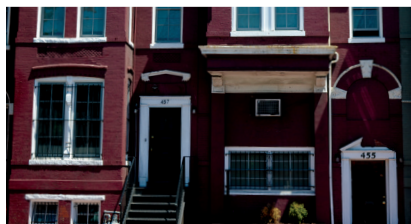
12

Men moved
to permanent
housing



6

Men secured
employment



Arthur Rochee

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MICKEY LELAND HOUSE

The Mickey Leland House is an intensive transitional housing program that can serve up to 22 men. While in this program, the men are provided assistance with obtaining employment and permanent housing, and other help that prepares them for activities of daily living and self-sufficiency.

PERMANENT HOUSING SUPPORT

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 self-sufficient. 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 SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

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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THANK YOU **VOLUNTEERS & STAFF**



C-Zigs BBQ

A JOB WELL DONE

On November 13, the Coalition's Volunteer and Staff Reception was held at St. Francis Hall. During this annual event we recognized some of our many volunteers and staff for their valuable contributions to the mission of the organization. Eleven employees were recognized for 5, 10, 20 and 25 years of valuable service to the Coalition. Most notable was Shelley Kline, Superintendent of Maintenance, who celebrated 30 years of dedicated service to Coalition. Shelley also is the largest tenured staff with the organization.



Raymond Faxio

Volunteers recognized included Remnant Seventh Day Adventist Church for their support of the Blair transitional program, and Electa Chapter 6, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA, DC and C-Zigs BBQ for their support of the Emery Work Bed Program.

The Employee of the year was Raymond Faxio, Shift Supervisor at Blair. We thank all of our honorees for their continued support of the work of the Coalition.

7TH ANNUAL *Stepping Out* **FOR THE HOMELESS** Fundraising Event

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019



NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

529 14TH ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20045

By supporting our event you have the opportunity to help change the lives of men, women and children. While in the Coalition's program the Coalition provides food, clothing, a bed, and supportive services. Help the Coalition raise awareness of how we can break the cycle of homelessness one person at a time.



*Featuring DJ Flava,
93.9 WKYS & MAJIC 102.3*

HOMELESSNESS IS
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THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Thank you for your monetary and non-monetary support. You helped make it possible for the Coalition for the Homeless to do more. Because of you, we were able to help members in our community who are homeless find permanent affordable housing, obtain employment, provide education, training and life skills. You helped make a difference and improve lives.

Because of you, we were able to help members in our community who are homeless find permanent, affordable housing, obtain employment, provide education, training and life skills.

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