

Mission

Carpenter's Shelter supports the homeless in achieving sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy.

Vision

To be the community leader in preventing and ending homelessness.

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Dear Friend,

You have given hope while meeting the basic needs of hundreds of homeless individuals and families. Thank you for supporting the people served at Carpenter's Shelter.

There are many different faces, names and numbers in the following pages. Amid those, there is a common element—you. You are a key piece of the formula for success. We gratefully celebrate your role, and we invite you to remain involved.



While we are proud of our accomplishments, we are also very aware that homelessness remains a major issue in the Alexandria community. We believe that every individual and family deserves a place to call home. Our work will continue until there is no longer a need.

Even though each new year brings new challenges, we are excited to continue to empower our clients and the community to end homelessness. We look forward to taking this journey with you.

Thank you,

Shannon Steene *Executive Director*

David's Place

David's Place, connected to Carpenter's Shelter, offers a reprieve from the outdoors and meets the basic needs of the chronically homeless. As the only day shelter in the City of Alexandria, David's Place provides guests with showers, lockers, laundry facilities, phone and internet access, and a mailing address.









234 clients served



Winter Shelter

Carpenter's Shelter, in partnership with Alfred Street Baptist Church and Church of St. Clement, operates the official Winter Shelter for the City of Alexandria. Winter Shelter is open from November to April and provides refuge from illness, injury and death during inclement weather.

313 individuals served

176
additional hours open due to harsh weather



nights open, including weekends and holidays

itional hours open to harsh weather

guests entered Carpenter's residential shelter program



Residential Shelter

Our 60-bed residential shelter provides individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis with a safe place to sleep at night. While in the residential shelter program, case managers assist residents in setting goals, addressing causes of homelessness, and overcoming obstacles and barriers to independence.



276
men, women and children served

kids called Carpenter's Shelter home

Average length of stay was less than



119 clients obtained permanent housing



A Day at Carpenter's Shelter



Community Case Management

Our relationship with a resident does not end when he or she moves out of the shelter and into the community. To ensure stability, we provide ongoing support to formerly homeless individuals and families through the Community Case Management (CCM) program.



175 individuals participated in CCM



68 CCM clients made an average of 3 visits each to our food pantry

90%

CCM clients did not return to homelessness during their first year out of shelter

Housing

The ultimate goal for Carpenter's clients is to obtain and maintain permanent housing. We use Rapid Re-Housing funds to move clients into permanent housing as quickly as possible. The average length of a Rapid Re-Housing subsidy for each family or individual is 2.2 months.

Rapid Re-Housing Participation

families

individuals

61 \$85,263 spent on Rapid Re-Housing



Sarah's Success

Sarah*, a 34-year-old mother of three, is no stranger to homelessness. For years, Sarah struggled with underemployment, which made it impossible for her to maintain her housing and support her family.

When Sarah and her family first arrived at Carpenter's Shelter, Sarah met with our Education and Employment Coordinator (EEC) who helped her realize that her unstable employment history was prohibiting her from finding better employment with fair wages. Guided by her passion for working with children, Sarah and our EEC created a plan for obtaining this



type of employment to support her family. After receiving a scholarship from Carpenter's Education Scholarship Fund, Sarah began taking classes to obtain her Child Development Associate (CDA).

Soon after starting classes, Sarah obtained a full-time job at a local restaurant where she could balance her work and school schedule. Sarah meticulously saved her paychecks and was able to move her family from the shelter into their own apartment. Once she completed her

certification, Sarah worked with our EEC to prepare for her job search in her new profession. After just a few months, Sarah was employed full-time. Thanks to the support and resources she received at Carpenter's Shelter, Sarah was able to find a job to support her family and pursue her dream career of working with children.

*Client's name and photo have been changed.

Education & Employment Program

Underemployment and unemployment can be major barriers to maintaining permanent housing. Carpenter's Education and Employment Program provides clients with a variety of opportunities and classes that teach vital skills to enhance employability, including individualized job coaching and resume-writing workshops.

185

individuals received education and employment counseling





62% of clients acquired a job or received other income while in the shelter

Volunteers

Volunteers are the engine that power daily operations at Carpenter's Shelter. Volunteers can be seen in the shelter from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 365 days a year, providing support services that include answering the phone, preparing and serving meals, organizing closets and tutoring clients.



1,000 volunteers

16,363 hours contributed

\$183,245

saved as a result of the volunteer meal program

Carpenter's Clinic

Under the volunteer leadership of Dr. Rogers and Dr. Clark, doctors and nurses provide hundreds of uninsured shelter clients with quality medical care each year.

274

visits made to the clinic

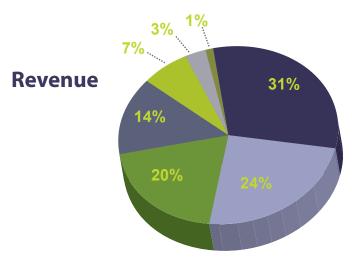
\$7,724

spent to cover client prescriptions and laboratory tests \$22,370

saved in medical services thanks to clinic volunteers

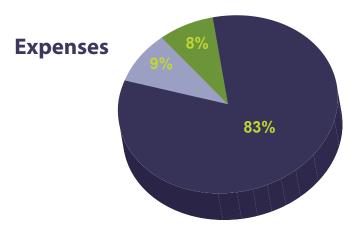


Financials





- Individuals & Organizations \$652,171
- Government Funding \$495,765
- Grants & Foundations \$413,954
- In-Kind Donations \$283,995
- Special Events \$154,652
- United Way \$63,881
- Other \$17,450



Total Expenses: \$2,063,022

- Programs \$1,708,627
- Fundraising \$183,623
- Management & General \$170,772

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