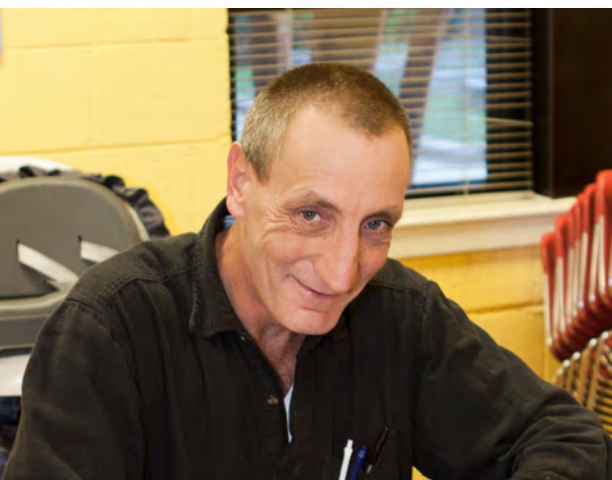




New Heights

Carpenter's Shelter





More Than a Roof

For more than 30 years, Carpenter's Shelter has provided housing and an array of services for thousands of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Alexandria, VA. Our expert approach, compassion, and commitment to addressing the root causes of homelessness make us a recognized leader in serving homeless populations in our community and in the larger Northern Virginia region. We have only been able to become such a leader because of a community that cares for those we serve.

The relationships we build with our clients give us a deep understanding of what it will take to put a permanent end to homelessness.

We know that the causes of individual homelessness are complex, and their remedies require long-term support, effective resources, and bold responses to ever-changing circumstances.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- 60-bed Residential Shelter
- Permanent Supportive Housing Apartments
- David's Place
- Winter Shelter for the City of Alexandria
- Education and Employment Program
- Community Case Management
- Carpenter's Clinic

“True happiness is found in the gift of service to others. We thank the staff and volunteers at Alexandria’s Carpenter’s Shelter for taking care of those most in need in our community.”

– **Megan and Don Beyer**



2 MONTHS

average individual
stay in the shelter



3 MONTHS

average family
stay in the shelter



**MORE
THAN 650**

homeless and formerly homeless
men, women, and families are
provided with supportive services
and/or homes annually.

Now, we enter a new chapter for our organization that will bring us one step closer to our ultimate goal of ending homelessness for those we serve. Our goal is to take what we’ve learned to achieve “New Heights” for our organization and our clients.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.

An Innovative Partnership

Since 1998, Carpenter's Shelter has operated in a retrofitted, former Virginia DMV building. Though we have made the best of the space for nearly 20 years, our band-aid fixes and the aging structure were inadequate for our current needs.

Working in collaboration with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC), a nonprofit affordable housing developer, we saw the possibility for reaching "New Heights." Bolstered by the support of the City of Alexandria and the Carpenter's Shelter Board of Directors, Carpenter's Shelter sold its building and land to AHDC to embark on a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for comprehensive redevelopment.

The redevelopment project will result in a multi-story building, which will house our new state-of-the-art residential shelter, day programs and administrative offices on the first floor, and include 97 affordable apartments on the six floors above. The capital generated from the sale of our shelter is being used to buy back the new building's first floor and the use of ten efficiency apartments dedicated for permanent supportive housing, a cutting-edge approach to house those with the highest barriers to community housing. Capital from the sale also outfitted a temporary location.



ALEXANDRIA
HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



Our New Home

In addition to creating much-needed affordable housing for Alexandria, for the first time we'll have our own purpose-built home that helps us better serve the community. Amenities like private rooms for counseling sessions and increased building security will have a significant impact on our clients' ability to overcome homelessness. Because we'll share common spaces like a playground with residents of the building, our services and our clients will be better integrated into the community.

We broke ground on the new building in 2018. All of Carpenter's Shelter's programs and offices have been relocated to a temporary space in nearby Landmark Mall, where we fund our share of the utilities as well as a modest contribution for shared services like security. All of our programs and services will continue at their current levels during the relocation. We plan to be back in our new facility by Spring 2020.

NEW AMENITIES

- 10 permanent, supported homes
- Private meeting spaces for counseling and group meetings
- Community playground

CONTINUING

- Safe, stable, 60-bed residential shelter for families & individuals
- Winter Shelter for the chronically homeless
- Upgraded state-of-art clinic facilities



New Heights Campaign

The \$2 million New Heights campaign is more than just a new home for Carpenter's Shelter and for individuals and families who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a home in Alexandria. It is a promise to the community that Carpenter's Shelter will be around for the long haul, looking to provide innovative new programs, partnerships, and interventions that will help to end homelessness.

The New Heights campaign includes three core components that will have a lasting impact on our community and the men, women, individuals, and families we serve.

YOUR CAMPAIGN DOLLARS AT WORK



Inventive Shelter Design

to build out and furnish the new and temporary spaces.

Removing Barriers For Those Most In Need

to hire a full-time case manager to support the 10 individuals living in the new building's permanent supportive housing apartments with chronic issues such as health, employment, and education.



Innovative New Services

to implement new approaches to ending homelessness, including interventions that increase the success rate for achieving stable housing and to decrease the length of shelter.

We Need You!

We will only achieve New Heights with the support of our community. You are an integral part of every milestone our clients reach while overcoming homelessness and its attendant challenges.

Together, let's work to support the homeless men, women, and families with children who need our help today, and better serve those who will need us for years to come.

We hope you will consider a gift today.



TO ACHIEVE NEW HEIGHTS, WE NEED
\$2 MILLION
FROM GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU

All campaign gifts above \$5,000 will be included on a special donor wall. Select naming opportunities are available for gifts above \$10,000.

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