



Carpenter's Shelter
Impact Report
July-December 2015



A Note from our Executive Director

You have given hope and second chances to hundreds of homeless adults and families in our community. For that, we are eternally grateful.

Carpenter's Shelter is built on a foundation of community involvement and continues to thrive because of your support. During the first six months of our fiscal year, we celebrated many accomplishments including opening our first on-site Permanent Supportive Housing unit, giving out over 60 Thanksgiving baskets to formerly homeless single adults and families and being named the Non-Profit of the Year by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we also know that the need for shelter in our community is ever present. We invite you to continue to partner with us as we tackle the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for investing in our community and the futures of our residents.



With appreciation,

Shannon Steene
Executive Director

Your Impact

From July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, you met the basic needs of 540 homeless and formerly homeless men, women and children served at Carpenter's Shelter. Here's what our clients achieved with your support:

Shelter



175 people were housed in our residential shelter

34 kids called Carpenter's Shelter home

138 people accessed services at our day shelter, David's Place

246 people were sheltered from cold temperatures at Winter Shelter (November 2015-April 2016)

85 formerly homeless adults and families participated in our Community Case Management program



Did you know?

We are reimagining what happens at 930 North Henry Street. To address the ever growing need for shelter in our community, we are excited to embark on a new partnership with the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC). Although we are in the early stages of this partnership, our ultimate goal is to redevelop the Carpenter's Shelter property to create a new, multi-story building. Carpenter's Shelter will operate the residential shelter, David's Place, Winter Shelter and 10 Permanent Supportive Housing units while AHDC will operate approximately 90 affordable rental units. Together, we can best meet the need for shelter in our community.

Housing



- 92** singles and families moved from homelessness to housed
- 94%** of Community Case Management clients remained permanently housed
- 4** on-site Permanent Supportive Housing units opened since July. This better utilizes our current space.

Education & Employment



- 139** residents received education and employment counseling
- 93** adults increased their financial literacy through our Life Skills classes
- 117** residents acquired or maintained a job or received other income while in shelter

Get More Involved

You keep our doors open! Carpenter's Shelter relies on volunteers, in-kind contributions and monetary donations in order to meet the needs of the homeless in our community. Check out our website to see how you can get more involved with the shelter and RSVP to an upcoming Open House!

www.CarpentersShelter.org



A Path to a New Home

Just over a year ago, James* found himself once again homeless and struggling to find the path to a new home. He came to Carpenter's Shelter looking for a warm place to rest and soon moved into our residential shelter program.

While in shelter, James continued to work his part-time job, participated in support programs, and began saving for future housing.

"They pushed me. They encouraged me, and I got myself together, thanks to the people at Carpenter's Shelter."



Just before the end of the year, James moved into one of Carpenter's on-site Permanent Supportive Housing units. The unit, which he leases, provides James with a space of his own while still being connected to our services and living in a supportive community.

James has overcome many barriers to finding a home, and we are so glad that he has a place to call his own.

*Name and photo have been changed for confidentiality reasons.

THIS IS MY FAMILY

