



A Safe Place Matters

Vision: Every family and individual lives in safe, affordable housing.

Mission: To provide a range of supportive services and housing that empowers homeless families, who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma to become independent, self-sufficient, and adequately housed; to foster low income housing opportunities to prevent homelessness and encourage safe, affordable housing.



Homelessness

- Homelessness affects all of the families living at HEARTH.
- There is a direct correlation between homelessness and domestic violence or trauma. According to multiple studies examining the causes of homelessness, among mothers with children experiencing homelessness, more than 80% had previously experienced domestic violence.
- These abuses or traumas often also include some form of financial abuse or economic strain. Many of the moms living at HEARTH do not have the necessary job skills or schooling to earn a living wage.

HEARTH impact on Homelessness

- Stability is an important component to our program; 21% of homeless children repeat a grade because of frequent absence from school, compared to 5% of other children.
- Education and job skill training are the key resources needed to lift families out of poverty and homelessness. Each HEARTH participant must enroll in a post-secondary education or training program.
- HEARTH provides life skills training, which includes: budgeting, parenting skills, and coping skills.
- HEARTH's program stops the cycle of poverty by instilling important skills with mom that she will teach her children. HEARTH's program provides and intergenerational change. It is the bridge homeless women with children need to become economically self-sufficient.
- HEARTH addresses important housing insecurities by providing access to important resources including: a food pantry, clothing pantry, health services, transportation, and weekly case management sessions.
- HEARTH's program works! 66% of program participant's increased their income, 85% obtained permanent housing, 61 % obtained employment, and 70% increased their education level.

Homelessness by the numbers

- According to multiple studies examining the causes of homelessness, among mothers with children experiencing homelessness, more than 80% had previously experienced domestic violence.
- 1 in 10 young adults ages 18 to 25 endures some form of homelessness in a year.
- About half of the youth who experienced homelessness over a year faced homelessness for the first time.
- An estimated 184,661 people in families — or 57,971 family households — were identified as homeless.
- Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, accounting for almost 40-50% of the nation's homeless.

Resources

<https://ncadv.org/statistics>

[http://voicesofyouthcount.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ChapinHall VoYC 1-Pager Final 111517.pdf](http://voicesofyouthcount.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ChapinHall_VoYC_1-Pager_Final_111517.pdf)

<https://www.doorwaysva.org/our-work/education-advocacy/the-facts-about-family-homelessness/>

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