

HELP US WORK TO END HOMELESSNESS IN CONNECTICUT'S CAPITAL REGION!

Take a look inside to see what we have accomplished this year, what lies ahead and how you can get involved!

What another incredible year it has been at Journey Home! We just celebrated our 14th anniversary of service in the community. We are all profoundly grateful and humbled that we get to do this important work year after year. Our thanks to all of you for your continued support and your belief in the work that we do. We often say that we couldn't do any of this without all of you. We say it because it's true!

We have witnessed lots of changes, challenges, and celebrations throughout this past year. Some of the highlights include:

Serving as a fiduciary and providing oversight for three new critical programs in our region – homeless outreach, homeless prevention, and homeless diversion. Through these programs we have helped serve:

- 350+ individuals served through homeless prevention services
- 50+ individuals served through homeless diversion services
- 125+ households served through homeless outreach services
- 1,500+ individuals through shelter services
- 60+ households with Rapid Rehousing services



Continuing to coordinate the pandemic response and recovery efforts in the Capitol Region for the homelessness services system. Since the start of the pandemic, we have distributed over 3 million dollars and served over 2000 people with rental assistance, emergency shelter, and critical services in collaboration with our partner agencies, helping people in crisis avoid homelessness and helping those already experiencing homelessness to get the housing they need and deserve.

A HANDUP

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We served over 300 clients with free furniture and household goods so that they can make their new house a cozy home. Over 550 of you amazing humans donated furniture and household goods (and dollars!) to ensure that those who are moving from homelessness to a home have what they need to get started. Over 1/3 of the people we served through our furniture program this year are children.

If you would be interested in getting involved in the efforts to end homelessness, please reach out to us at volunteer@journeyhomect.org

CHALLENGES AHEAD

We have seen a rise in unsheltered homelessness and family homelessness during the pandemic. It is taking longer to find apartments for people who need them because the marketplace is flooded with folks looking for housing. The eviction moratorium is over, and we don't yet know how large the impact of the pandemic will be on people who will end up with no place to go. The rising costs to run nonprofits continues to be a challenge, and we have not yet seen the investment of federal funds we need to sustain our progress. We are not feeling hopeless, but rather realistic about the challenges and focused on potential solutions. Turn this card over to see how you can help and how your gift can make a lasting impact!

HOW YOUR DOLLARS MAKE AN IMPACT

Please know that your donation makes a huge difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness! Even the smallest amount helps us achieve our goal of making sure that homelessness is brief, rare, and a one-time occurrence. Friends and supporters like you are truly the lifeblood of our organization because it allows us to keep our boots on the ground. We served a very important role over these last two years making sure that the dollars for pandemic relief and recovery were maximized to their fullest potential, were fairly distributed with transparency, and were monitored closely for accountability. Journey Home spent 98% of these funds on providing direct housing support to the participants we serve and direct support to our partner agencies for providing services for this population. Only 2% was used to keep Journey Home operations going, when the true cost of all we have done is much higher, and this is why we rely on your support. Please donate today knowing that whatever amount you choose, you will be changing lives and creating opportunities for those moving from homelessness to a home of their own!

Our new website will be launched in January along with a fresh new look! Save the date for our upcoming Home is Where the Heart is event on April 29, 2022!