

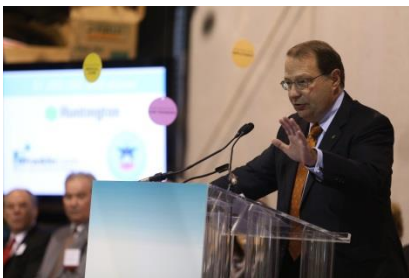
[FROM HOMELESS TO HOME]

COMMUNITY DEDICATES NEW BUILDING AND NEW SERVICE MODEL

Community Shelter Board was joined by hundreds of friends and supporters on December 3 to dedicate a new building and a new service model to improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. A community event was held at the new Van Buren Center, which began a phased opening earlier this year to address the increasing instances of homelessness in Columbus and Franklin County. The center replaces old buildings with a safe and dignified environment, and right-sizes the homeless system to keep pace with growth in both population and poverty.

Delivery of new services began this past fall across the system of providers of homeless services. Case managers called navigators are providing intensive services focused on ending the homeless crisis quickly and stabilizing people in housing. Navigators are linking people to specialty services such as employment and job training, medical care, mental health and housing resources. This program is entirely new to Columbus and is the first of its kind in the country.

The new system, From Homeless to Home, is a result of a community-wide planning process with hundreds of stakeholders. Community Shelter Board launched a collective campaign, in partnership with both public and private sectors, to raise funds for this groundbreaking work over the next ten years. \$20M has been raised already.



Steve Steinour, Chairman, President and CEO, Huntington Bank; and co-chair of the Homeless to Home campaign



Students from Sullivant Elementary School



Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman



Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks



Mary Lazarus, campaign leader



Marcus Salter, Access Ohio

[CRISIS RESPONSE]

BEDS ADDED TO MEET INCREASED NEED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

Community Shelter Board is using all its resources to make sure no one has to sleep on the streets, adding more than 440 shelter beds in the past seven months. Over 235 beds have been added for women, totaling 334 beds – up from 97 beds last summer. Over 200 beds have been added for men, totaling more than 620 beds – up from 417 beds last summer. When dipping temperatures reach dangerous levels, even more additional beds for men are secured at motels. This severe weather trigger has been in place for the last 15 years to make sure no one is turned away from shelter on dangerously cold nights.

Where beds have been added

FOR MEN

- < Faith Mission added 70 beds at Faith Mission on 6th Street in November.
- < The YMCA of Central Ohio coordinates additional emergency beds for men in motels as needed. This began in November and will continue through March.

FOR WOMEN

- < The flexible capacity overflow dorms at Van Buren, operated by the YMCA of Central Ohio, can expand as needed to meet demand.

FOR FAMILIES

- < Families who cannot be accommodated at the YWCA Family Center spend the night in the Van Buren building. A new family shelter is under construction at Van Buren and expected to open this summer.

Accessing beds

Anyone in need of shelter should call the homeless hotlines:

- o Single women and men should call 1-888-474-3587.
- o Families should call 614-253-7970.

[RESOURCE GENERATION]

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT SET FOR JAN 29

The 2015 point-in-time count of people experiencing homelessness will be held on Thursday, January 29 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Blackburn Recreation Center at 263 Carpenter Street in Columbus.

For the third year in a row, Columbus and Franklin County's continuum of care will conduct the count through a daytime event focused on access to specialized services tailored to meet the unique needs of those experiencing homelessness in our community. Services during the count will include things such as housing, employment, benefits and other

income support consultation, behavioral health services, physical health screenings, a warm meal, clothing, and referrals to a variety of other community resources.

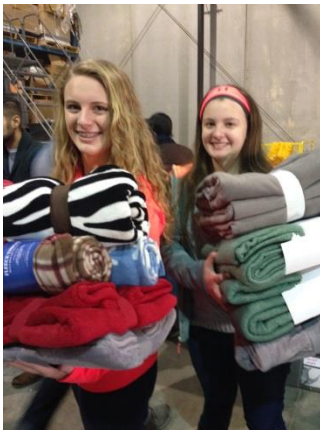
Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development brings over \$9 million annually to our community for housing programs that serve people experiencing homelessness. HUD requires communities to conduct a point-in-time count of all sheltered and unsheltered individuals in the community during the last week of January. On behalf of the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative and the local continuum of care, the Community Shelter Board is planning the January count.

Any agency interested in hosting a table at the event or anyone interested in volunteering during the event should [sign up here](#). Questions can be directed to Erin Maus at emaus@csb.org.

COLLECTION DRIVE

Hundreds of generous community members joined the movement from homeless to home by collecting items for the Van Buren Center. A community-wide collection drive was held in partnership with WBNS-10TV, Nationwide and Safelite AutoGlass on January 10 where nearly 5,000 pounds of linens, coats and toiletries were donated to ensure the well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors.

If you missed the event and would still like to donate, items can be dropped off at any Columbus Division of Fire Station through the end of January. Women's deodorant is especially needed. [Click here to see the full list of items needed](#).



OUTREACH PROGRAM

Community Shelter Board funds an outreach program, operated by Maryhaven, that provides street outreach services designed to engage people living outdoors and assist them in moving into appropriate shelter or housing as quickly as possible. The outreach team provides proactive engagement and assertive outreach at sites where homeless persons congregate, referral to medical and behavioral healthcare, linkage to shelter and housing and access to benefits and rental assistance. The outreach team also offers support and assistance during landowner-led camp remediation.

Our community continues to see a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness. Over the last three years, our shelters have served 79% more families and 16% more single men and women. Poverty is affecting our community deeply. Consequently, the outreach program may have to be closed as the community need is outstripping the available resources.

The program is extremely valuable to our community, but it can only continue to operate if sufficient resources are identified. We have secured some resources but more funds are needed to close the gap. We are doing all we can to raise the needed funds from both the public and private sectors to keep the program running.



350

people served annually



\$227K

annual cost

[GATEWAY]

GATEWAY APPLICATIONS RELEASED FEB 13

On March 6, CSB's Board of Trustees will review the proposed FY16 distribution of funding among the Rebuilding Lives strategies of Access, Crisis Response, and Transition. CSB's provider agencies will then receive notification of their initial funding awards and program outcome plans.

Prior to the funding award notification, CSB will release application materials on February 13 on its website, www.csb.org. Applicants are encouraged to review the application materials as soon as possible. Questions about application materials should be submitted to Yolande Hall at yhall@csb.org or 614-715-2530.

CSB continues to award funds with the goal of maintaining a community system of services, shelter, and housing in an effort to continue the progress made on the strategies contained in the Rebuilding Lives plan. Funding is linked to results that demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency.

Gateway materials from all agencies are due to CSB by 5:00 pm on March 25, 2015. Please refer to the tentative timeline below for a list of key dates involved in the Gateway process.

Key Dates	Activities
2/13/15	Application materials released to agencies
3/6/15	CSB board review and approval of the FY16 financial plan
3/9/15	Recommended program outcome plans and FY16 funding awards forwarded to agencies
3/25/15	Completed proposals due to CSB by 5 pm.
4/13 -5/15/15	One-on-One meetings between CSB and provider agencies
5/29/15	All appeals resolved
5/29/15	CSB board approval of funding decisions
6/3/15	Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative approval of funding decisions
Early June	Partnership agreements issued to provider agencies