

HOPE HAS A HOME™

HOW & WHY IT WORKS

Homeless individuals are four times more likely to visit an emergency room and five times more likely to be hospitalized - typically involving a longer than average length of stay at a cost of roughly \$3,000/day¹. For most patients, and certainly those with stable housing, the primary criterion for hospital discharge is health status. In other words, *is the patient well enough to go home?*

The situation for homeless individuals is very different. Even if they are well enough by medical standards for discharge, care providers often have no place to arrange for them to heal in a safe and supported environment. Medical respite is designed to provide that safe, supported and recuperative environment.

A partnership among Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas, AmeriHealth Caritas DC, Unity Health Care and Pathways to Housing DC, **Hope Has A Home™** relies on the Housing First Model. It's also low-barrier, meaning that we take on individuals whether they are actively working on recovery or not.

The goal of the program is to meet homeless individuals where they are and provide them the individualized support they need to regain their health and transition into housing.

The program offers two residential homes, Phase 1 and Phase 2.



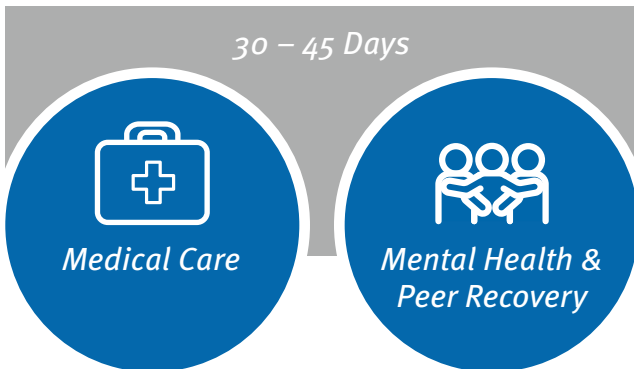
“ I had been in and out of the hospital several times and this program gave me a place to get back on my feet. – Gregory ”

Scan the QR code to read Gregory's story.



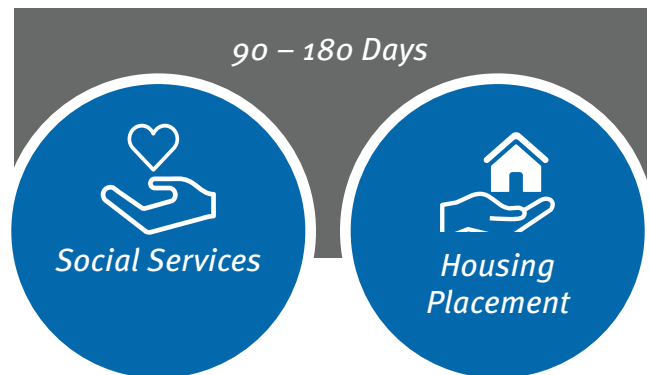
PHASE 1*

30 – 45 Days



PHASE 2**

90 – 180 Days



¹ BMC Health Services Research: Identifying homeless population needs in the Emergency Department using Community-

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By joining our campaign, you can give hope to men and women in need for years to come. We are fortunate to have AmeriHealth Caritas DC as the primary source of funding to operate the program. But only givers of hope like YOU can help us cover **\$17,500 gap** needed this year for housing maintenance and repairs to ensure these homes can continue to be a comfortable safehaven and source of hope for our residents.

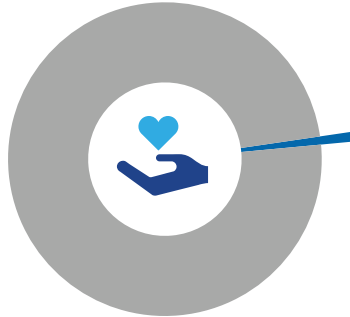
FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

\$2.18M

AmeriHealth Caritas DC

\$17,500

Funding Gap



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Become a Beacon of Hope to a woman in need by helping us reach our \$17,500 goal in donations. Donate now using the URL or QR code below!

www.voachesapeake.org/hope4all



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ABOUT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Volunteers of America is a national, faith-based nonprofit made up of over 30 independently operating chapters that collectively support, house, treat, and care for underserved communities across the country. VOA strives to fulfill the pledge of our founders, Ballington and Maud Booth, to: “Go wherever we are needed and do whatever comes to hand.”

At **Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas**, supporters like you have been helping us create **Healthy Communities for All** for over 125 years by aligning health, housing and human services. We actively pursue health equity by filling the gap in housing and care for underserved populations, including those who are homeless, low-income, underinsured or uninsured, justice-involved and veterans. Across Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and the Carolinas, we are the safety net for more than 11,700 men, women and children in need of housing and care each year.

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