

Over the last 14 years, TOH has...

Sheltered 583 guests for a total of over **15,000** bed nights.

Brought together dozens of faith communities and service groups around a common cause each sheltering season.

Engaged hundreds of volunteers each season for a total of over **80,000** service hours.

Served over **50,000** meals.

While sheltering with TOH...

192 guests found more permanent housing.

137 guests found employment.

To Our House is a program of New River Community Action. Established in 1965, NRCA assists our community's most vulnerable residents including the homeless, ex-offenders, and struggling families. We offer a variety of services that promote self-sufficiency and improve the lives of over 9,000 individuals each year, with programs focusing on basic human needs, school readiness, employment, and economic literacy.

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OUR MISSION

To provide winter shelter for homeless adults in the NRV and connect them with resources that lead to more permanent housing, employment, and personal economic sustainability.



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To Our House

WINTER OVERNIGHT SHELTER

for Homeless Adults in the New River Valley



**November 2, 2024—
March 21, 2025**

Homelessness looks very different in the New River Valley than it does in more urban areas. Individuals in our area who find themselves without housing often include those:

Experiencing long-term unemployment or underemployment, meaning that they are employed but unable to find housing that is within their financial means.

Facing foreclosure or eviction.

Awaiting approval for federal or veteran homeless-intervention programs or disability determination.

Escaping domestic violence.

Many of the guests who have found shelter through TOH have previously lived in a tent in the woods, a cave, a storm culvert, moved from shelter to shelter on the Appalachian Trail, or in a friend's pick-up truck.

According to the most recent Point-In-Time Count (1/24/24) of unsheltered and temporarily sheltered persons in the NRV:

- ◆ The largest age group was ages **25–34-years-old** (31%)
- ◆ Over 50% were **female**
- ◆ 22% indicated **Disability, Serious Mental Illness (SMI), or Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD)** as the main reason for being unhoused

How TOH Works

- 1** Guests call **(540) 639-3159** to reserve a bed.
- 2** Sign-in and distribution of house rules at the host site.
- 3** A hot evening meal is provided with time for fellowship.
- 4** Guests enjoy breakfast in the morning. A bag lunch is provided for the day.

TOH is a **low-barrier shelter** meaning that it screens for behavior only.

Up to 14 guests are housed each night during the sheltering season.

How You Can Help

- ◆ **Contact** the TOH office to see how your church or community group can become a Host or Support Organization.
- ◆ **Volunteer** to assist with transportation, meals, evening activities, or laundry.
- ◆ **Invite** a TOH representative to talk to your group about the issue of homelessness and the work that TOH is doing to address this issue locally.
- ◆ **Participate** in community conversations about issues related to Affordable Housing.
- ◆ **Make** a tax-deductible gift to support the work of TOH. Contributions can be sent to New River Community Action, 206 Third Street, Radford, Virginia, 24141-1747. Please make check payable to NRCA and note TOH in the memo line on your check. You can also donate online at ToOurHouse.org.

“To Our House helped me to become independent and motivated. I got an apartment myself and a full-time job. I felt I was a broken person before TOH.... I am so much better.”

—Testimony from a TOH guest