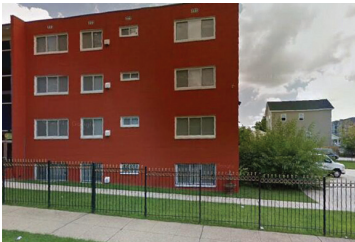


Providing Safe Supportive Transitional Housing Before, During and After COVID-19



50th Street Family Program



Blair Transitional Rehabilitation Program



Webster House



Park Road House



Emery Work Bed Program
(currently undergoing renovation)



La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program



Anacostia Road Apartments



Sherman Avenue Single Room Occupancy

The Coalition Needs Supplies

CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Clorox wipes
- Disinfectant spray
- Paper towels
- Trash baskets
- Disposable toilet brush cleaner

PERSONAL USE ITEMS FOR COALITION CLIENTS

- Disposable and cloth facemasks
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Latex gloves
- Mouth wash
- Push pump hand soap
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Infrared thermometers

YOU CAN HELP! PLEASE CALL JAMES FRENY, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, AT 202-347-8870



Message from Michael L. Ferrell Executive Director



Hello Friends,

I hope you and your family are well and safe. Maintaining good health should be a priority everyday.

How quickly things can change. The worldwide coronavirus pandemic struck, and with it caused human suffering and economic loss. The terms “public health crisis,” “stay-at-home order,” “quarantine,” and “social distancing” became everyday expressions. The virus changed our view of the world, our country and put things into perspective.

As soon as we became aware of the potential severity of the coronavirus, the Coalition and its leadership responded quickly. We acquired face mask, sanitizing and disinfectant supplies well above normal inventory levels. When practical, we provided teleworking opportunities to some employees. Our transitional housing programs are stable as we continue to help men and families with children transition to permanent housing and obtain employment.

There is much gratification for doing something that actually impacts individuals and families. The credit goes to our frontline staff who have been there every day helping the clients and following the guidelines from the CDC and the D.C. Department of Health.

The Coalition is fortunate to be part of a strong supportive community and to have people who care about our mission. On the following pages, please read about individuals and organizations who have stepped up during these challenging times. These organizations have made a difference to the Coalition and make our community stronger. We are sharing these stories because of the impact they have when we help each other.

Uncertainty may be with us for a while; however, the Coalition’s commitment to helping the homeless in our community is unwavering.

Wishing you good health.

P.S. Please look for our 2020 Annual Report to get a more comprehensive review of the Coalition’s activities and the impact on our community.

THE COALITION CELEBRATES

Celebrating 40 years of providing critical services to individuals and families who are homeless!

Friday, October 22, 2021

National Press Club, Washington, DC



Sewing to Help Families Who Are Homeless During COVID

Sanaa Gittens, a local 9th grader and Senior in girl scout troop 4461, handmade masks for children and adults at the 50th Street Family Program. She and her mother personally dropped off the masks on September 25, 2020. The Coalition thanks Sanaa for being so thoughtful and we appreciate her efforts to support families who are homeless.



Giving Back to the Community



The Coalition for the Homeless was a recipient of disposable face masks from MASKS2ALL.

[Masks2All](#) is a campaign to distribute face masks to homeless and other vulnerable individuals during the COVID-19 crisis. The project was started in Berkeley, CA by a group of 6 friends and recent college graduates at the start of the crisis. So far, Masks2All has distributed over 140,000 cloth and disposable face masks in the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington, DC.

If you would like to support Masks2all's work, [you can donate to their GoFundMe page](#). You can also follow their work on their [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



James Freeny, Director of Operations and Gary Henderson, Transportation Driver distributing masks to the Coalition's transitional housing programs

Children at the 50th Street Family Program Will Soon Have Laptops!



The Children at the Coalition's 50th Street Family program will soon have laptops from the Bridging Tech Charitable Fund. In our increasingly connected and technology-centered world, knowing how to use a laptop computer is an essential skill for kids. With proficient laptop skills, kids can access valuable educational software, expand their knowledge through online resources and complete online homework assignments.

The Bridging Tech Charitable Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity that gives online-learning devices and academic support to students affected by homelessness. This equitable initiative was founded at Stanford University by two young women who care deeply about social and educational equity, and the organization has since grown to serve shelters in cities nationwide. By working with other nonprofits, Bridging Tech is able to successfully bridge the digital divide. Giving online-learning devices to the millions of children who do not have access to an educational device at home is critical to reduce the systemic inequity prevalent in our society. Learn more at: www.bridgingtech.org





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Rebuilding Lives - Strengthening Communities

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about the coalition for the homeless

Our mission is to help transition homeless at risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through housing programs and supportive services.

GOALS

- Transition individuals and families to affordable permanent housing
- Increase public awareness and support of homeless issues
- Maximize vital education and job readiness support for homeless citizens
- Provide access to job training and employment placement services
- Reduce the number of homeless people in shelters
- Strengthen and develop partnerships with other organizations