

Here are several national programs and resources in the United States that offer free assistance to individuals facing homelessness, providing emergency, transitional, and long-term housing solutions:

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- **Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV):** HUD has allocated 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or fleeing domestic violence.
- [U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Dev \(HUD\) Emergency Housing Vouchers \(EHV\)](#)
- **Transitional Housing Programs:** HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funds transitional housing projects that provide temporary housing and supportive services to help individuals and families move towards permanent housing.
- [HUD Transitional Housing Programs](#)

### **The Salvation Army**

- **Emergency Shelters:** Offers immediate shelter and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- **Transitional Housing:** Provides programs designed to transition individuals into more permanent living situations, including case management, job skills training, and substance abuse counseling.
- [The Salvation Army](#)

### **Volunteers of America**

- **Homeless Services:** Works to end homelessness by providing meals, housing support, and essential services such as employment training to pave the way for a brighter future.
- [Volunteers of America](#)

### **National Alliance to End Homelessness**

- **Housing First Approach:** Advocates for the Housing First model, which prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, serving as a platform for pursuing personal goals and improving quality of life.
- [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)

### **United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)**

- **Description:** USICH provides comprehensive resources and guidance on federal programs and initiatives aimed at preventing and ending homelessness.
- [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness \(USICH\)](#)

### **National Coalition for the Homeless**

- **Description:** This organization offers resources and advocacy for individuals experiencing homelessness, including information on emergency assistance programs that may help with healthcare, food, and temporary, transitional, or permanent housing.
- [National Coalition for the Homeless](#)

## Local 2-1-1 Helpline

- **Emergency Housing Assistance:** In most areas of the U.S., dialing 2-1-1 connects individuals with local social services, providing referrals for emergency housing and other essential needs.
- [Local 2-1-1 Helpline](#) or [usa.gov](http://usa.gov)

## National Runaway Safeline

- **Description:** Offers support to at-risk youth and their families 24 hours a day through phone, email, and live chat.
- **Phone:** 1-800-786-2929
- [National Runaway Safeline](#)

## Family Promise

- **Description:** Family Promise's emergency shelter program provides temporary accommodations to families experiencing homelessness, enabling them to stay together as they work to regain independence.
- [Family Promise](#)

## Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) – Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program

- **Description:** FYSB supports street outreach, emergency shelters, and longer-term transitional living programs to serve and protect young people experiencing homelessness.
- [Family & Youth Svcs Bureau \(FYSB\) – Runaway & Homeless Youth \(RHY\) Program](#)

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Homelessness Programs and Resources

- **Description:** SAMHSA provides grant programs and services to support efforts aimed at ending and preventing homelessness among individuals with mental and/or substance use disorders.
- [SAMHSA– Homelessness Programs and Resources](#)

## COMMUNITY - BASED / LOCAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

### Atlanta

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#### Atlanta Mission

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, rehabilitation, transitional housing, and job attainment services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Atlanta Mission](#)

#### Gateway Center

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter and comprehensive support services aimed at helping individuals transition out of homelessness.
- [Gateway Center](#)

## Hope Atlanta

- **Description:** Offers a range of services including emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention programs.
- [Hope Atlanta](#)

## Baltimore

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### Health Care for the Homeless

- **Description:** Provides comprehensive health care services, case management, and housing support to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Health Care for the Homeless](#)

### The Baltimore Station

- **Description:** Offers residential and community-based programs with an emphasis on recovery and self-sufficiency for veterans and others transitioning from homelessness.
- [The Baltimore Station](#)

### House of Ruth Maryland

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services specifically for women and children experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence.
- [House of Ruth Maryland](#)

## Birmingham, AL

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### Firehouse Ministries

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness.
- [Firehouse Ministries](#)

### First Light

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless women and children, including case management and counseling.
- [First Light](#)

### Pathways

- **Description:** Provides day shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to women and children experiencing homelessness.
- [Pathways](#)

## Boston, MA

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### Pine Street Inn

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, job training, and street outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Pine Street Inn](#)

### St. Francis House

- **Description:** As the largest day shelter in Massachusetts, St. Francis House provides meals, clothing, medical care, counseling, and workforce development programs.
- [St. Francis House](#)

### Boston Rescue Mission

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, recovery programs, and transitional housing to support individuals in overcoming homelessness and addiction.
- [Boston Rescue Mission](#)

## Charlotte, NC

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### The Salvation Army Center of Hope

- **Description:** An emergency shelter for women, children, and families that provides three daily meals, case management, intervention programs, health care, and access to resources for children and teens.  
salvationarmycharlotte.org
- [The Salvation Army Center of Hope](#)

### Men's Shelter of Charlotte

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness, with a focus on helping them achieve housing stability.
- [Men's Shelter of Charlotte](#)

### Urban Ministry Center

- **Description:** Offers a range of services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including a day center, supportive housing, and outreach programs.
- [Urban Ministry Center](#)

## Chicago

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### Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

- **Description:** This organization advocates for policies and programs to end homelessness and provides resources and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Chicago Coalition for the Homeless](#)

## The Night Ministry

- **Description:** Offers housing, health care, and outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including emergency shelter and transitional living programs.
- [The Night Ministry](#)

## Franciscan Outreach

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, case management, and access to supportive services to help individuals transition from homelessness to stability.
- [Franciscan Outreach](#)

## Cleveland, Ohio

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### The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- [The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland](#)

### Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry – Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness, including meals, case management, and assistance with finding permanent housing.
- [Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry – Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside](#)

### Family Promise of Greater Cleveland

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter and transitional housing to families experiencing homelessness, along with case management and support services to help them achieve sustainable independence.
- [Family Promise of Greater Cleveland](#)

## Columbia, South Carolina

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### Transitions Homeless Center

- **Description:** Serves men and women across the Midlands of South Carolina, helping them transition out of homelessness by stabilizing their lives, increasing their income, and securing permanent housing.
- [Transitions Homeless Center](#)

### Oliver Gospel Mission

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and recovery programs for men experiencing homelessness, as well as a women's and children's center offering shelter and supportive services.
- [Oliver Gospel Mission](#)

## The Salvation Army of the Midlands

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Columbia area.
- [The Salvation Army of the Midlands](#)

## Detroit

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### Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, along with substance abuse treatment and job training programs.
- [Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries](#)

### COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter)

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, supportive housing, and comprehensive services to assist families and individuals in reaching self-sufficiency.
- [COTS \(Coalition on Temporary Shelter\)](#)

### Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO)

- **Description:** Offers outreach, emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing, along with mental health services and case management.
- [Neighborhood Service Organization \(NSO\)](#)

## Gary, IN

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### The Salvation Army Lake County

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and supportive services to individuals and families in need.
- [The Salvation Army Lake County](#)

### Sojourner Truth House

- **Description:** Offers day shelter, case management, and supportive services to women and children experiencing homelessness.
- [Sojourner Truth House](#)

### Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary

- **Description:** Provides various services, including housing assistance and emergency shelter, to those in need.
- [Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary](#)

## Jackson, MS

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### Stewpot Community Services

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, meals, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- [Stewpot Community Services](#)

### **Gateway Rescue Mission**

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and recovery programs for individuals facing homelessness and addiction.
- [Gateway Rescue Mission](#)

### **The Salvation Army Jackson Corps**

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, disaster relief, and various social services to those in need.
- [The Salvation Army Jackson Corps](#)

## **Los Angeles**

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### **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**

- **Description:** LAHSA coordinates housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, offering emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing programs.
- [Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority \(LAHSA\)](#)

### **The People Concern**

- **Description:** This organization provides comprehensive services including outreach, interim housing, mental health care, and permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [The People Concern](#)

### **Union Rescue Mission**

- **Description:** Offering emergency shelter, transitional housing, and recovery programs, Union Rescue Mission serves men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles.
- [Union Rescue Mission](#)

## **Memphis, TN**

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### **Memphis Union Mission**

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and recovery programs for men experiencing homelessness, as well as assistance with transitional housing and employment.
- [Memphis Union Mission](#)

## Room in the Inn – Memphis

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, utilizing a network of congregations and volunteers.
- [Room in the Inn – Memphis](#)

## The Salvation Army of Memphis & the Mid-South

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Memphis area.
- [Salvation Army of Memphis & the Mid-South](#)

## Miami, Florida

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### Miami Rescue Mission

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and comprehensive recovery programs for men, women, and children experiencing homelessness.
- [Miami Rescue Mission](#)

### Camillus House

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including medical care and job training.
- [Camillus House](#)

### Lotus House

- **Description:** Provides shelter and supportive services to women, youth, and children experiencing homelessness, with a focus on health, education, and economic stability.
- [Lotus House](#)

## Milwaukee, WI

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### Milwaukee Rescue Mission

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, meals, and life-changing care to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Milwaukee Rescue Mission](#)

### Hope House of Milwaukee

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and supportive services to men, women, and children struggling with homelessness.
- [Hope House of Milwaukee](#)



## **Guest House of Milwaukee**

- **Description:** Offers shelter, housing, education, and services to Milwaukee's homeless population, aiming to help individuals transform their lives with dignity and purpose.
- [Guest House of Milwaukee](#)

## **The Cathedral Center**

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter and case management services to unaccompanied women and families with children experiencing homelessness.
- [The Cathedral Center](#)

## **Community Advocates – Autumn West Safe Haven**

- **Description:** A low-barrier housing refuge for individuals who are currently homeless and experiencing severe and persistent mental health challenges.
- [Community Advocates – Autumn West Safe Haven](#)

## **Pathfinders Milwaukee**

- **Description:** Offers services for teens, including shelter and supportive programs for youth experiencing homelessness or crisis situations.
- [Pathfinders Milwaukee](#)

## **Sojourner Family Peace Center**

- **Description:** Provides shelter and support services for battered women, sexual assault victims, and their children.
- [Sojourner Family Peace Center](#)

## **Walker's Point Youth & Family Center**

- **Description:** Offers services for teens, including emergency shelter and counseling for youth in crisis.
- [Walker's Point Youth & Family Center](#)

## **Casa Maria**

- **Description:** Provides shelter for single women and families with children, offering a safe place and support services.
- [Casa Maria](#)

## **Newark, NJ**

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### **Newark Emergency Services for Families (NESF)**

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, housing assistance, and supportive services to families and individuals in crisis.
- [Newark Emergency Services for Families \(NESF\)](#)

## Covenant House New Jersey

- **Description:** Provides shelter and supportive services to homeless and at-risk youth, including educational and vocational programs.
- [Covenant House New Jersey](#)

## The Salvation Army Newark Area Services

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, meals, and various social services to individuals and families in need.
- [The Salvation Army Newark Area Services](#)

## New Orleans, LA

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### New Orleans Mission

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, and recovery programs to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [New Orleans Mission](#)

### Covenant House New Orleans

- **Description:** Offers shelter and supportive services to homeless and at-risk youth, including education and job training.
- [Covenant House New Orleans](#)

### Ozanam Inn

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and case management services to men experiencing homelessness.
- [Ozanam Inn](#)

## New York

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### Department of Homeless Services (DHS)

- **Description:** DHS offers temporary, emergency shelter to homeless individuals and families. To access these services, individuals must apply at designated intake centers.
- [Department of Homeless Services \(DHS\)](#)

### Coalition for the Homeless

- **Description:** Provides advocacy and direct services, including crisis intervention, housing assistance, and emergency food programs.
- [Coalition for the Homeless](#)

### Covenant House New York

- **Description:** The city's largest provider serving youth experiencing homelessness, offering shelter and comprehensive supportive services.
- [Covenant House New York](#)

## Homes for the Homeless (HFH)

- **Description:** Operates shelters for families, providing more than just a place to sleep, with access to various onsite programs aimed at long-term stability.
- [Homes for the Homeless \(HFH\)](#)

## The Bowery Mission

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, meals, and recovery programs to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [The Bowery Mission](#)

## Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter (NCS)

- **Description:** Provides resources and services, including free meals, shelters, and drop-in centers, to New Yorkers facing homelessness.
- [Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter \(NCS\)](#)

## New York City Rescue Mission

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and recovery programs to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [New York City Rescue Mission](#)

## Ali Forney Center

- **Description:** Dedicated to housing and caring for LGBTQ+ youth experiencing homelessness, offering emergency and transitional housing, along with supportive services.
- [Ali Forney Center](#)

## Project Renewal

- **Description:** Offers comprehensive services, including emergency shelter, medical care, addiction treatment, and job training, to help individuals renew their lives.
- [Project Renewal](#)

## Urban Pathways

- **Description:** Provides homeless adults with the services and assistance needed to move into permanent housing, including outreach, drop-in centers, and supportive housing.
- [Urban Pathways](#)

## Coalition for the Homeless

- **Description:** As the nation's oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless individuals in New York City, the Coalition offers a range of programs including emergency food services, crisis intervention, housing, job training, and youth services.
- [Coalition for the Homeless](#)

## Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)

- **Description:** CUCS provides comprehensive services such as primary medical care, psychiatric support, and assistance with finding permanent housing to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Center for Urban Community Services \(CUCS\)](#)

## Bowery Residents' Committee (BRC)

- **Description:** BRC offers a range of programs including outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing, along with mental health and substance abuse services.
- [Bowery Residents' Committee \(BRC\)](#)

## Open Door Mission - Rochester, NY

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, meals, and supportive services to men experiencing homelessness, as well as a women's shelter and programs for families.
- [Open Door Mission](#)

## House of Mercy - Rochester, NY

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, meals, and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness, with a focus on serving the most vulnerable populations.
- [House of Mercy](#)

## The Salvation Army of Greater Rochester

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Rochester area.
- [Salvation Army of Greater Rochester](#)

## Oakland, CA

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### East Oakland Community Project (EOCP)

- **Description:** EOCP offers emergency and transitional housing programs, including Crossroads, which serves a diverse range of individuals and families, and specialized programs for single-parent families and young adults.
- [East Oakland Community Project \(EOCP\)](#)

### Covenant House California – Oakland

- **Description:** Provides sanctuary and support for youth ages 18-24 facing homelessness and human trafficking, offering services such as counseling, education, stable employment, and secure housing.
- [Covenant House California – Oakland](#)

### Operation Dignity

- **Description:** Offers shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to help veterans and their families escape homelessness and regain stability.
- [Operation Dignity](#)

## St. Mary's Center

- **Description:** Provides transitional housing for seniors experiencing homelessness, offering shelter while they actively seek permanent housing and prepare for independent living.
- [St. Mary's Center](#)

## CityTeam Oakland – Turning Point

- **Description:** A 6-12 month transitional housing program for women and children (ages 0-10) in crisis, providing a safe and compassionate living community where women can gain skills and resources towards independent living.
- [CityTeam Oakland – Turning Point](#)

## Bay Area Community Services (BACS) – Housing Fast

- **Description:** Focuses on helping individuals exit homelessness to stable housing, creating conditions for long-term success through temporary housing solutions.
- [Bay Area Community Services \(BACS\) – Housing Fast](#)

## Oakland Elizabeth House

- **Description:** Offers a residence to women with children who have experienced homelessness, violence, and addiction, supporting them in their transition to independence by providing housing, education, employment, and health and wellness resources.
- [Oakland Elizabeth House](#)

## The Salvation Army – Oakland Garden Center Corps

- **Description:** Provides group homes, emergency shelters, and transitional living centers offering housing, food, and overnight lodging for varying amounts of time to destitute families, the homeless, and the displaced.
- [Salvation Army – Oakland Garden Center Corps](#)

## Operation Dignity – Community Cabins

- **Description:** Provides low-barrier shelter options for Oakland residents, offering a safe place to stay, storage for belongings, hygiene supplies, and access to meals and clean water.
- [Operation Dignity – Community Cabins](#)

## Alameda County Social Services Agency – Transitional Housing Program

- **Description:** Provides youth aged 18-24 with an opportunity to live in an apartment in the community while receiving support to develop independent living skills.
- [Alameda County Social Services Agency – Transitional Housing Program](#)

## Philadelphia

- **Description:** Provides a continuum of care including street outreach, supportive housing, and employment services to empower individuals to break the cycle of homelessness.
- [Project HOME](#)

### **Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission**

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, meals, and residential programs to men experiencing homelessness, with additional services for women and children.
- [Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission](#)

### **Broad Street Ministry**

- **Description:** Provides meals and a range of supportive services including mail service, clothing, and therapeutic support to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Broad Street Ministry](#)

## **St. Louis, MO**

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### **St. Patrick Center**

- **Description:** Offers housing, employment, and health programs to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- [St. Patrick Center](#)

### **The Salvation Army Midland Division**

- **Description:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and various social services across the St. Louis area.
- [Salvation Army Midland Division](#)

### **Peter & Paul Community Services**

- **Description:** Offers emergency shelter, transitional housing, and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- [Peter & Paul Community Services](#)

## **Washington, DC**

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### **DC Department of Human Services (DHS) – Emergency Shelter**

- **Description:** DHS offers emergency shelters, including low-barrier shelters that provide beds on a first-come, first-served basis to any homeless person. For assistance, individuals can contact the Homeless Services Hotline at (202) 399-7093 or dial 311.
- [DC Department of Human Services \(DHS\) – Emergency Shelter](#)

### **Covenant House Washington, D.C.**

- **Description:** Provides a 24-hour youth homeless shelter serving individuals aged 18-24 who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness or human trafficking. Services include

shelter, support, and resources aimed at empowering young people toward independence and stability.

- [Covenant House Washington, D.C.](#)

### **Friendship Place**

- **Description:** A leading provider of housing services for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Washington, D.C. region. Offers innovative, customized, person-focused programs that empower participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, secure jobs, and reconnect with the community.
- [Friendship Place](#)

### **DC Coalition for the Homeless**

- **Description:** A non-profit organization that provides temporary housing, food, case management, substance abuse counseling, employment placement assistance, and housing placement assistance. Their mission is to transition homeless and at-risk individuals and families to self-sufficiency through housing programs and supportive services.
- [DC Coalition for the Homeless](#)

### **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington – Housing and Shelter**

- **Description:** Offers various housing programs, including emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Services are geared toward helping individuals and families in a focused and long-term environment.
- [Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington – Housing and Shelter](#)

### **Central Union Mission**

- **Description:** Provides safe shelter, hot meals, medical care, job training, and compassionate care to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Their goal is to transform lives through comprehensive support services.
- [Central Union Mission](#)

### **N Street Village**

- **Description:** The largest provider of housing and essential services for women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C. Offers supportive housing in a dignified community, helping women move into their own housing and providing various support services.
- [N Street Village](#)

### **So Others Might Eat (SOME)**

- **Description:** A nonprofit organization that provides services to assist those dealing with poverty and homelessness in Washington, D.C. Services include affordable housing, job training, counseling, healthcare services, and daily needs such as food and clothing.
- [So Others Might Eat \(SOME\)](#)

These organizations and programs offer a range of services to assist individuals facing homelessness, from immediate emergency shelter to transitional, and long-term housing solutions and supportive services. For localized assistance, it's advisable to contact local

housing authorities or community organizations, as they often have additional resources tailored to specific regions.