

FACETS opens doors by helping parents, their children and individuals who suffer the effects of poverty – so often unnoticed – in Fairfax County. We meet their emergency shelter, food, and medical needs, help them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and work with them to end the cycle of poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Be and feel a part of our work to open doors for people in need by getting involved as a volunteer or supporter. Ongoing opportunities, including annual events and drives, are listed on our website at www.FACETSCares.org.

Our Programs

Emergency Services to Prevent and End Homelessness

FACETS supports families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by offering basic needs assistance and comprehensive case management.

- FACETS assists people who are having difficulty meeting their basic needs through our **Client Resource Center**. In FY10, nearly 4,400 people accessed this service by participating in case management and receiving supplies from our emergency pantry. Adults also accessed our in-house client computers and phones to help with their employment and housing searches.
- Our **Hot Meals Program** provides dinners and Sunday morning breakfast to people who are homeless at three sites along Route 50 every day of the year. In FY10, volunteers from 34 faith communities prepared and delivered over 42,000 nutritious meals to an average of 119 people each day.
- FACETS offers **outreach and support for single adults who are homeless**. We seek out and identify people who are living on the streets or in the woods with the goal of helping them stabilize and move into permanent housing. We also connect them with medical and dental resources. In FY10, nearly 30 adults who are chronically homeless worked with a FACETS case manager to formulate a service plan with attainable goals. In addition, our **Hypothermia Prevention Response Program** operates throughout the winter providing individuals who are homeless with shelter, hot meals, and a warm welcome from FACETS staff and volunteers. During the 2009 - 2010 season, the program served 236 guests at 21 faith communities. 101 guests participated in case management which was offered for the first time, resulting in 18 guests moving off of the streets and into housing.
- We also provide **support services for families who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless**. With the waitlist for families to enter a Fairfax County homeless shelter at a two-month minimum, FACETS is the only nonprofit to offer direct assistance for families on the waitlist. Our caring case managers work with parents to develop service plans and specific goals, whether their families are precariously housed, temporarily living in area motels or on the verge of becoming homeless. In FY10, our family support team served a total of 792 individuals, 31% of which were diverted from going into a homeless shelter and instead moved into permanent or transitional housing. 20% of adults received assistance with employment, and 18% with financial literacy, including budgeting and credit awareness.
- Finally, **medical assistance** is offered to all families and single adults who are served by FACETS. In FY10, our staff helped 262 people connect with medical resources and benefits, including mental health services.

Housing Services to Bring People Home

FACETS provides supportive and long-term housing for individuals and families who are currently homeless. Our programs operate using a “Housing First” approach, focusing on first getting people into housing and then working with a case manager to address barriers to housing and securing employment, child care, medical assistance and other basic needs.

- **Linda’s Gateway** is FACETS’ newest program which began in March 2010 and features five apartment units for families who would otherwise have been placed in a county homeless shelter. Families work with a FACETS case manager with the goal of locating permanent or transitional housing. Participants receive budget counseling, housing location services, connection to community resources, basic needs and transportation assistance and services for children. In FY10, Linda’s Gateway served five families, 3 of which moved into their own housing, and all of which either secured employment or increased their earning power.
- **Home Connections** and **TRIUMPH** are permanent supportive housing programs managed by FACETS for chronically homeless adults located in a cluster of apartment units. In FY10, 27 adults participated in these two programs and received intensive in-home case management services from FACETS. Many of these residents engaged in life skills classes which increased their access to financial, medical and employment resources. Last year, two people graduated and moved into independent housing.

Education and Community Development to Break the Cycle of Poverty

FACETS works in three community centers spread across Fairfax County - Ragan Oaks and Robinson Square in Fairfax and Barros Circle in Centreville. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average income for a family of four at approximately \$18,000.

- Programs for youth take place after school and in the evenings and focus on academics, self-esteem building, substance abuse prevention, healthy relationships and college or career planning. In FY10, approximately 150 youth participated in FACETS’ community programs. Nearly 90% of children who received homework and tutoring help increased their GPAs or overall academic performance. During the summer of FY10 FACETS served 400 summer lunches and were able to send 20 children to camp in addition to providing ongoing programming—keeping kids engaged in safe activities.
- Programs for adults focus on computer and financial literacy, employment access and ESL. Residents in need can participate in individualized case management, focusing on eviction prevention, and emergency food and financial assistance to keep them stable and in their homes. In FY10, nearly 190 adults participated in FACETS’ community programs. Of those who received case management, 27% became actively involved with life skills classes and 63% gained employment assistance, including resume development and increasing earning power.



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