

Caring *does* Work

CaringWorks, an agency working to end homelessness, sees clients for their inherent potential and human dignity rather than the situation in which they find themselves. Everything we do is designed to help people achieve goals and realize potential that may have been buried under unfortunate circumstances or behavioral health issues.

800+ people
served last year

93% of clients remained
permanently housed

75% of clients
increased their income



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One Person at a Time



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“My kids were saying, ‘oh mommy, can we pick our own room?’ And I just started crying.”



LATOYA'S STORY

The story of how Latoya ended up on the streets is a common one for many young mothers trapped in a rocky relationship, she endured it for the sake of her children until she just couldn't take it anymore. Then, with no money, no job and no childcare, she found herself with few alternatives besides shelters. Fortunately, she connected with CaringWorks' M.O.V.E. program, which helped fund the apartment, then worked with her to help her solve the issues—in her case, unemployment and a lack of affordable childcare—that caused her to be homeless in the first place.

And while CaringWorks encourages clients to set goals, it turned out that she didn't need much help in that department. “I was going to Clayton State University before I got pregnant,” she says, a proud smile creeping across her face. “My goal now is to go back and study psychology. I'd like to get my CDA* and open my own daycare.”

* Child Development Associate, a certification for childcare workers.

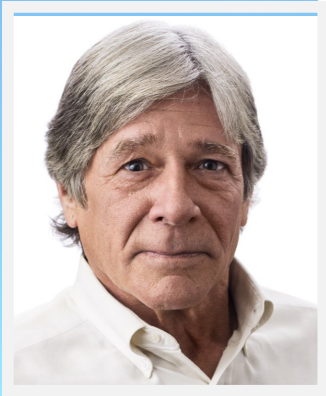
DAVID'S STORY

For decades David's life looked like a series of peaks and valleys. He'd go through a 12-step program and experience success—then he'd have a relapse.

He'd be in an apartment, paying his rent and keeping up with expenses—then he'd be evicted and out on the streets due to his addictions. "I lost two wives as a result," he says. "I got good jobs, and blew 'em."

Finally, he bottomed out, spending three straight years homeless—taking refuge under bridges and occasionally in night shelters when the weather was cold. "If I ever did get my hands on some money I'd drink it up or buy some drugs or whatever," he says. Another agency reached out to help, and in the process David realized he had a mental-health issue on top of an addiction issue—something he now realizes is pretty common among the chronically homeless.

Through United Way, David was connected to CaringWorks' RISE program—which helped him move to his own apartment ("no roommate," he says, smiling). Today the gentlemanly 58-year-old is enrolled in Medicaid and is managing his bipolar disorder with medication. He's also making amends with his past and reconnecting with his three children. Being homeless "was hell on earth," he says. "I never want to go back there." So when he feels himself starting to struggle, "I try to reach out and help somebody else."



CaringWorks helps each client in a uniquely personal way

CaringWorks is an agency making a real difference in individual lives. We strive to end homelessness, one person at a time, by providing access to safe, affordable housing and a full array of supportive services available to each and every one of our clients, based on their individual needs.

Our housing programs include short-term transitional housing options, long-term supportive housing and emergency rental assistance. Housing is available at apartment complexes located throughout metropolitan Atlanta.

All of CaringWorks' clients receive case management and wrap around supportive services for as long as they are in our programs. Our focus is also on **integrated health and wellness, and employment**, both essential to long-term housing stability. These services result in client **stability, independence and self-sufficiency.**

Through our supportive housing programs and the therapeutic services we offer, individuals and families are equipped to escape homelessness and pursue healthy, productive lives.



Our results show that **caring does work**: **800+** people served last year. **75%** of the clients leaving our supportive housing program secured a higher income. **93%** remain permanently housed after one year.

Hope House, which is designed to be a temporary place to find stability, helps almost **87%** of our residents move on to a better housing situation. Our results have not gone unnoticed.

Public agencies, private foundations and the business community have invested in CaringWorks as a trusted partner to fight homelessness. And individuals who believe in what we do have given generously. Together we can end homelessness, one person at a time.



Photo shown above is the entrance to our Hope House, a 70-bed, residential treatment facility in downtown Atlanta for men facing homelessness and seeking recovery from addiction. This facility offers closely supervised care, recovery counseling, work therapy, peer support groups, a stay up to 24 months and much more. While here, residents are encouraged to set and achieve goals related to self-sufficiency. Graduates usually transition to permanent housing after completing the program and return as alumni to support new members.



Hope House

Hope House offers men who are homeless and seeking recovery from addiction closely supervised care, counseling, employment readiness, peer support, and much more. Hope House is a 70-bed, residential facility in downtown Atlanta.
(404) 564-4181, option 7

MOVE

Moving On To Victory and Empowerment offers permanent supportive housing for mothers with minor children who have faced chronic homelessness and have a documented disability.
(678) 237-2882

RISE

Resiliency, Independence, Self-Reliance, and Empowerment offers men and women facing homelessness their own place to live and the tools they need to achieve independence.
(678) 296-8307

Integrated Health & Wellness Initiative

CaringWorks Treatment and Recovery services offers substance abuse and mental health treatment for adults facing homelessness. Counseling includes individual, group, and family therapy. Wellness services and education are also provided.
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