

There's a story about homelessness in Vermont  
which you won't find in today's paper  
or tonight's news broadcast.

It's a quieter story, one that's hard to detect  
unless you can turn down the volume on the policy  
and funding debates.

It's about many Vermonters working diligently  
through obstacles and setbacks  
to find homes--and hold on to them.

It's personal, and it involves your neighbors,  
and no one person's story  
is representative for all.

What may surprise you is that it's not a tragedy,  
that most of the time these effort pay off,  
that solutions are already here in your community.



Since 1999, the Homeless Prevention Center has worked with people in Rutland County, Vermont experiencing housing crisis. Economic and social factors have increased demand such that we now serve over 900 Vermonters per year.

When someone arrives at our door, they've often experienced a cascade of setbacks and dislocations. They may feel frustrated, hopeless, overwhelmed by all that stands between them and finding a home. They may feel stigmatized in a moment when they need a bit more help with a bit less judgment.

No two families have quite the same story, so our case managers tailor their approach to the needs, barriers, strengths and goals of the person they're working with. We're a one-stop shop for homeless services, experts at weaving together a complex array of programs and resources. We continue to be inspired by the successes of the families we work with. Sometimes progress is rapid; sometimes it's a gradual accrual of small steps. When there's a major setback, we're realistic, solution-focused, and don't shy away from the hard work.

Serving neighbors doesn't have to be partisan or ideological, and we believe our clients get more from professional case managers than press conferences. We take our role as stewards of public funds seriously, and have developed efficient approaches which work for participants, landlords, and our community.

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## This year (2025) the Homeless Prevention Center...

- Served **906 Vermonters** in housing crisis.
- Provided **Homeless Outreach** to **49** people with mental health challenges. *(Over half accepted HPC services. **84%** attained services from referral.)*
- Provided intensive **Supportive Housing** services to **68** homeless families.

HPC Family Supportive Housing	FY23	FY24	FY25
Families	58	56	<b>68</b>
Adults	66	78	<b>100</b>
Children	107	109	<b>129</b>

- Provided **\$422,580 in financial assistance** to move **110** homeless households into homes, and stabilize housing for another **116** households at risk. *(These 226 households (291 adults and 132 children) represent a 38% increase over the number of households assisted in 2024.)*

HPC Financial Assistance in FY25	
Rental assistance	<b>\$99,790</b>
Security deposits	<b>\$136,539</b>
Back rent	<b>\$152,630</b>

FY24	FY25
Households financially assisted 164	<b>Households financially assisted 226</b>

- Mediated **21** landlord/tenant issues to prevent evictions.

With a focus on meeting the needs of families, we more than doubled our emergency shelter capacity in 2025, getting **28** children and **22** adults out of motels, cars and tents into safe, furnished apartments with services.

- Housed **219** homeless Vermonters in permanent housing...
- ...and Prevented homelessness for another **211** Vermonters at imminent risk.
- Provided **308** housing assessments to identify families' housing needs and connect them with the appropriate support.
- Stabilized **50** formerly-homeless households with ongoing case management.
- Provided Navigation and Housing Case Management to **15** homeless Youth.

## What's on the horizon?

Right now, one of the top barriers to people getting back into housing is a contraction of federal rental assistance. We're working with state and private partners to identify additional resources and solutions. HPC directly provides targeted subsidy for many families that cannot access section 8 assistance.





## How Can I Support HPC's Work and Mission?

Attend our free [Candlelight Vigil](#) in December to stand with your neighbors and honor people who have experienced and overcome homelessness.

Attend our [Spring Sprockets and Walk-Its](#) outdoor community fundraiser in May, or consider [corporate sponsorship](#) of this event at a tier that works for you.

Make a [financial donation](#) to assist a family with rental assistance, or make a [stock donation or gift in memory/in honor](#) to provide organizational stability.

Purchase [essential items](#) for people still sheltering outdoors (needs change seasonally, so please see our social media for needed items).

Ask about opportunities to [serve on our volunteer board of directors](#).

**Our services are free to participants and supported by grants and private donations. Your commitment to helping end homelessness in our community is profoundly appreciated.** This year, in addition to dozens of generous donors who contributed, we are grateful for an anonymous major gift in memory of former Vermont state representative Mark Candon.

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*The Homeless Prevention Center empowers individuals and families using evidence-based practice, to prevent homelessness and rehouse those experiencing homelessness, one person and one family at a time.*