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Mission Statement:

United by our compassion, we help our most vulnerable neighbors break the cycles of homelessness and addiction to reclaim their dignity.

CARITAS FINANCIALS:

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A letter from CARITAS...

At CARITAS, we do more than "serve" the homeless. We are striving to end homelessness, one person at a time. From providing the most basic needs such as shelter, food and furnishings in our Shelter Program and Furniture Bank to the intensity and rigor of the 12-step, peer recovery program delivered at The Healing Place and CARITAS Works, CARITAS delivers a spectrum of care and meets people where they are, so they can get to where they need to be.

In a constantly changing environment, CARITAS remains focused on the individual while being on the cutting edge of trends and best practices in order to best meet our clients' needs. We are proud to be community leaders in adopting a new coordinated entry system that prioritizes those with the greatest vulnerability while focusing available community resources to help resolve their crises. We were also at the forefront of Richmond's commitment to the nationwide goal of ending Veteran homelessness by November 2015, housing more than 330 veterans since October 2014, providing them with case management and household furnishings -- services they need to achieve stability.

This year, we have responded to changes in addiction, legislation, and our client population. An alarming rise in opiate use in our community has resulted in more than a 30% increase in heroin addiction among the men entering The Healing Place's Sobering Up Center, with more men than ever staying to seek recovery and find hope. We have also noticed a disturbing trend toward increasing vulnerability and challenges for women in our Shelter program, requiring a higher level of case management and more love than ever from our 150 congregations. Changes in legislation that concentrate and direct resources toward rapid rehousing requires a dedicated focus and determination to serve the most hard-to-place individuals and families -- ones who face significant barriers to stability.

Through our community partners and congregations, expanded AmeriCorps members, dedicated staff, and partners like you, we can remain the largest provider of homeless services in Central Virginia and ensure that every individual facing the crisis of homelessness and addiction in metro Richmond has a chance - even when they may not believe it themselves. Join us in knowing the facts but focusing on the individualone day at a time, one life at time.

Sincerely,

A. Brooks Hock **Board President**



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Shelter KNOW THE FACTS:



Almost 2/3 of homeless women have experienced intimate partner violence, and many have experienced sexual assault.



Most government funding focuses on Rapid Rehousing, but not everyone will be prioritized for these limited funds.



Last year, CARITAS Shelter provided 37,347 nights of shelter to 961 unique individuals, including more than 45 veterans and provided 90% of the beds available to unaccompanied women in Richmond.

Focus on the Individual:

Some of our guests need more help than others. Not everyone qualifies for rapid rehousing, where most federal, state and local government funding is aimed today. Some are in critical need of help to overcome significant barriers that stand in the way of finding permanent housing and achieving stability, so we, in turn, have lowered our barriers to shelter. CARITAS Shelter focuses on these most vulnerable individuals and families in our community; those who have fallen through the cracks of other systems. Through a cutting-edge triage system and our **collaboration** with professional case managers, other agencies, communities of faith and volunteers, we are reaching those least likely to succeed on their own. We meet them where they are, so they can find a pathway back to where we know they can be.











Furniture Bank



Most people exiting homelessness do not own the essential items needed to cook a meal.



A family dinner table is more than just a place to eat; it brings dignity and a sense of wholeness to a struggling family.



Last year, the Furniture Bank served 872 local households and kept 198 tons of household items out of the landfill.

Focus on the Individual:

The child sleeping on a bare floor. The mother without a kitchen table. The senior citizen with no way to cook a meal. At CARITAS, we know that the crisis of homelessness is not solved with just a key. Each of these individuals has come through our door in desperate need of essential household items to turn an empty apartment into a functioning home. We are the only Furniture Bank in Central Virginia, and the only place that accepts gently used mattresses. We have the only heat treating system for used furnishings in Richmond, ensuring that all mattresses and upholstered furniture are bed-bug free before making their way to our clients' homes. Through donations and the hard work of volunteers who repair furniture, serve as personal shoppers, and organize our inventory, the CARITAS Furniture Bank **restores** more than just furniture; it restores dignity and functioning lives.











Works KNOW THE FACTS:



Former felons can be 7 times less likely to commit another crime if they are employed (American Correctional Association).



Only about half of convicted felons, many of whom faced drug charges, find employment within a year of release (civilrights.org).



80% of CARITAS Works graduates are employed within 30 days of graduation. Since 2011, 320 Works graduates are tax-paying citizens.

Focus on the Individual:

Each person has a story. Some involve more struggle and mistakes than others. But at CARITAS Works, we believe everyone deserves a second chance. Our 5-week intensive work readiness program gives our clients the technical and interpersonal skills they need to find permanent, full-time employment. What's more, our clients learn how to be **transparent** about their past and use it to forge a better future. With personal integrity, they are entering the workforce with enthusiasm and confidence, becoming contributing members of our community and renewing ties to their families and friends. This is more than a chance to find a new job - it's the chance to build a new life. CARITAS Works graduated 86 men this year. Sixty-five found fulltime, permanent jobs with 41 different employers.











The Healing Place



of federal and state funding related to addiction goes toward treatmentmost involves incarceration.



Hospitals will not detox people from opiates who are not suicidal.



of Healing Place alumni are clean and sober 1 year after completing the program.

Focus on the Individual:

He could be your son, your brother, or your friend. Others may see just another addict, but we look into the face others look past and recognize the man behind the addiction. Each man in The Healing Place is given the help he needs for that day, at no cost to him. For some, it's in the Sobering Up Center, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For others, the help comes when entering our recovery program at The Healing Place, where through a system of peer *accountability*, men are rebuilding their lives, setting high expectations for themselves and each other, undergoing healing, hope, and transformation. Not everyone makes it through the program, and not everyone "gets it" the first time. But that's what's so great about The Healing Place...there is always a way back. We never give up on the addict or the alcoholic. We give them the time they need to take it one step at a time, one life at a time. Last year 1,425 men found help and healing at The Healing Place and were provided more than 76,000 nights of shelter and 215,000 meals during their stay.









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Focus on the Individual:

More than 1,850 individuals, companies and organizations donate financially to CARITAS each year. The life-changing work that happens every day at CARITAS is possible because of you and your support. We are committed to honoring your investments of funds, time, and other resources by making good on our promises to remain innovative, to find and fill the gaps for services in our community, and to focus on helping each individual, one day at a time, one life at a time.

As we move fearlessly ahead into the coming year, we are proud to have you by our side. We hope that you will continue to support CARITAS and our programs. In return, we will work to ensure that every individual has opportunity - even when they may not believe it themselves.



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