



Sharing DC 2018 Fall Site Visit Schedule

Join Sharing DC Committee members on site visits across Washington DC to learn, first hand, about the many ways local organizations are helping homeless youth, single adults, and families. Each organization serves their target population through specially tailored programming. Sharing DC is a great way for Community Foundation donors to learn about some of the most critical issues facing our communities and the organizations working to address them. To attend any of the site visits below, please contact Gisela Shanfeld at (202) 263-4997 or by email at gshanfeld@thecommunityfoundation.org.

Community of Hope

Tuesday, September 25 at 10:30 am

Community of Hope creates opportunities for low-income families (30% of which are headed by youth) experiencing homelessness to achieve good health, a stable home, family-sustaining income. Community of Hope's temporary housing program, Girard Street Family Shelter, provides temporary shelter and supportive services for 20 homeless families with children, while their transitional housing program provides apartment-style housing and supportive services for 10 homeless families with children where the head of household is in recovery from substance abuse. Permanent housing solutions are also offered through scattered-site homes.

Casa Ruby

Wednesday, September 26 at 2:00 pm

Casa Ruby manages a 24-Hour Support Services Center that provides immediate and/or emergency support to clients, including but not limited to: food, clothing, emergency care and referrals to other services. Casa Ruby also provides case management, peer youth counseling, DC ID vouchers, legal, health and other wrap around services to its target populations. Casa Ruby runs the Trans Life Center and Drop In Center which daily extends a full range of support, that also includes career services all complemented by our on-site preventive health services testing for sexually transmitted illnesses and weekly group therapy to address mental health.

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League

Tuesday, October 2 at 11:00 am

Since its founding, SMYAL has connected homeless LGBTQ youth with housing and has provided them with free clothing and toiletries, showering facilities, and donated cell phones and lap tops. SMYAL also offers the Transitional Living Program for runaway homeless LGBTQ youth 18-24. The Transitional Living program facilitates movement towards greater self-sufficiency and successful achievement of goals. Young people are encouraged to explore their interests and futures in the areas of employment and career, education, living situation, personal effectiveness and well-being, and community-life functioning.

Sasha Bruce**Thursday, October 4 at 11:00 am**

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) works to improve the lives of runaway, homeless and disconnected youth in the Washington area. Services include transitional housing, counseling, life skills training, workforce preparation and positive youth development activities. SBY offers programs such as transitional housing for homeless young women and their babies in Ward 7, as well as a Homeless Youth Drop-in Center which uses a harm reduction framework for unaccompanied youth up to the age of 24.

Pathways to Housing**Wednesday, October 10 at 10:00 am**

Housing First focuses on getting people with severe psychiatric disabilities and other complex medical challenges off the streets and into a safe and stable place of their own. The traditional pre-conditions such as sobriety or documented mental health treatment that must be met before the person is offered housing are taken away, but each person served is held accountable in other ways. Each program participant signs their own lease for an apartment that they choose and 30% of their income is relegated towards their rent.

Miriam's Kitchen**Tuesday, October 16 at 2:00 pm**

Miriam's Kitchen provides services including meals to street outreach, wraparound services for permanent supportive housing, case management, and social services for people experiencing homelessness. Almost half of those served by Miriam's Kitchen live with a medical, mental, or other disabling conditions while a third report problems with drugs or alcohol. Additionally, Miriam's Kitchen serves as an advocate to improve the homeless services system and find more equitable housing solutions.

Latin American Youth Center**Monday, October 22 at 9:00 am**

LAYC's homeless youth Drop-In Center (DIC) program, provides referrals to safe and stable housing for runaway, homeless, street, and unstably housed youth. The DIC offers comprehensive services and support for these young people through emergency care and supplies, crisis intervention, coordinated entry assessment, case management, family intervention, and aftercare support. In addition, LAYC has created the innovative Promotor Pathway® to assist the region's most vulnerable youth. These young people work one-on-one with Promotores (guides/navigators) who build long-term relationships and connect youth to the full range of programs and services they need to become successful young adults.

Friendship Place**Thursday, October 25 at 11:00 am**

The Neighbors First Families program of Friendship Place provides long-term, wraparound, supportive services to formerly homeless families with children. Many of the families are housed in units that are unsafe or inadequate, and their long-term stability hinges on being able to relocate to safer housing where well-being and recovery are possible. Friendship Place serves those with serious mental health challenges and who have had a long history of homelessness, to those who've become recently displaced by a job loss, health set-back or family crisis and who need only short-term help to get back on their feet.

New Endeavors by Women**Tuesday, October 30 at 5:00 pm**

Today's homeless women are beset by layers of challenges, including being under- or unemployed, unskilled, uneducated and suffering from addictions, trauma, and/or mental health problems. Generational homelessness is more often an issue, leaving women who have never experienced stability of home, work and family. New Endeavors by Women (NEW) combats these challenges through programs which provide safe shelter, advocacy and case management, independent living skills education, substance abuse recovery assistance, parenting skills training, academic enrichment activities, employment and career counseling, and strategies for obtaining and maintaining permanent affordable housing.