



Mission

SOME (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing and health care. We help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness.

Background

SOME was founded in 1970. Originally a small soup kitchen, SOME gradually expanded its services to more fully address the needs of the people it served. Today, SOME is a leading social service agency in Washington, DC, operating 38 programs and serving over 10,000 individuals each year.

Services

SOME operates a continuum of programs that relieve suffering and allow homeless individuals to recover their independence. Our programs are organized into three levels: emergency programs that meet acute needs; rebuilding programs that address the underlying causes of homelessness and poverty; and stability programs that facilitate the maintenance of health, sobriety and income gained through the first two levels of services.

Emergency

- Meals are served twice daily, every day of the year, in our Dining Room for the Homeless. Meals are also provided in our rehabilitative programs for homeless adults. In 2014, 427,278 meals were served to homeless and poor men, women and children.
- Showers and free clothing are offered daily. Last year, 10,818 showers and 11,421 sets of clothing were provided to homeless men and women.
- Health Services: Located across the street from the Dining Room, the Health Services Clinic includes the Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic, Eye Clinic and Behavioral Health Services Clinic. The Health Services Clinic provided integrated care to over 4,234 homeless and poor individuals in 2014.
- Emergency Housing is provided to abused senior citizens and to individuals in psychiatric crisis. In 2014, 196 vulnerable adults were served.

Rebuilding

- Center for Employment Training (CET) is a licensed, six-month, industry-specific job training program that prepares students to secure and retain jobs that pay a living wage. Ninety-two students graduated in 2014 and 88% were placed in living-wage jobs.
- Mental Health Services include an emergency shelter for homeless individuals experiencing a psychiatric crisis, a residential psychiatric stabilization program and a day socialization program for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Last year 591 men and women were served in these programs.
- Addiction Treatment programs include a safe house, 90-day residential treatment program and transitional housing/job readiness programs. Three hundred seven men and women received comprehensive addiction recovery services in 2014.

Stability

- Affordable Housing for Single Adults: Long-term housing with supportive services was provided for 595 homeless and extremely low-income single adults in 2014. There are 264 additional units under construction or in the development pipeline.
- Affordable Housing for Families: Long-term housing with supportive services was provided for 192 homeless and extremely low-income families and 375 children last year. There are 30 additional units under construction and in the pipeline.
- Elderly Services: The Senior Center provides hot meals, transportation and socialization to an average of 25 low-income senior citizens each week day. Last year, 63 homebound elderly received food deliveries, case management, telephone reassurance, transportation and assistance with housework. Senior Summer Camp provides one week of recreation and relaxation to 130 low-income elderly each year.