



FAYETTE
Cares



2018

**Empowering those in need
with hope, independence,
and lasting solutions**

Homelessness

Prolonged exposure to homelessness has a significant negative impact on adults and children. A stable home is critical to the development of children and young adults. When they spend their time wondering where they'll sleep and what to eat, it's nearly impossible for them to focus on doing well in school and preparing for their future.

One in every 30 children go to sleep without a home of their own each year in the United States

"You kept us warm and kept us from being hungry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The Problem

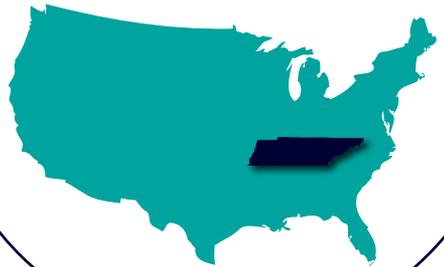
7,883

Tennesseans were determined homeless in 2018.* Homelessness is not just an urban issue, many rural communities have homeless issues and often face more barriers such as transportation and employment options.

1,026

of the homeless were in the rural counties of West Tennessee (excluding Shelby county).

1 IN **30**
children are
HOMELESS



**Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness, American Institutes for Research, and 2018 HUD Point in Time Count*



What We Do

Our emergency shelter program helps families bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing. We provide shelter, budgeting plans, life skills, financial counseling and links to essential resources. In 2018, we assisted **49** families made up of **107** individuals with temporary emergency shelter. We are a resource for hundreds more working towards self-sufficiency. We have seven shelter units with a total 29 beds.

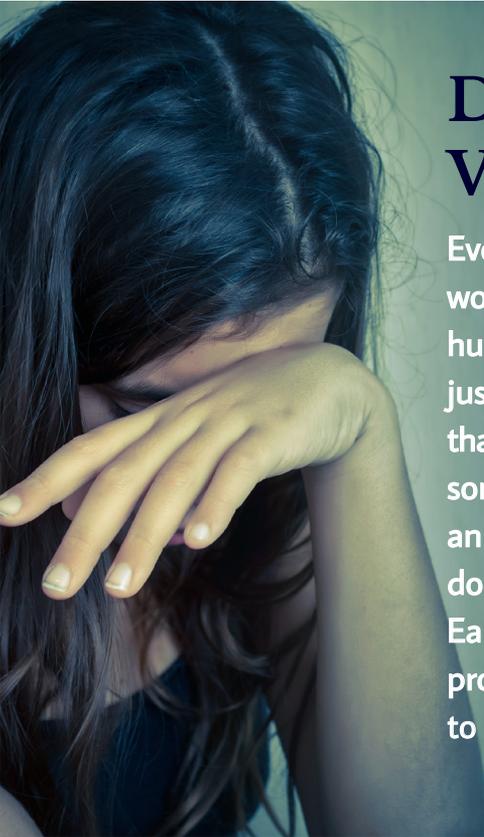
Prevention

We proactively work to prevent the recurrence of future episodes of homelessness by providing resources to help build employment opportunities and life changing skills.

60% of families obtained stable housing

What You Can Do

It costs over \$1,500 per day to maintain the shelters and provide resources. With your gifts we can help these families get back on their feet with a roof over their heads.



Domestic Violence

Every day in the US, more than 3 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. This doesn't just affect adults, studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually. A child witnessing domestic violence IS child abuse. Early developmental trauma provides a subtext for the path to homelessness.

The Problem

5th worst state
in the nation

Tennessee is ranked as the 5th worst state in the nation for domestic violence crimes.

For every 1 intimate partner homicide there are 8-9 near fatal injuries to victims, bystanders and emergency responders. In 2017 in Tennessee 49.4% of reported crimes against persons were domestic violence crimes. In Fayette County, TN 50% of 2017 crimes against persons were domestic violence crimes.*

*Source: *Crime in Tennessee 2017 - TBI Crime report*



What We Do

Our comprehensive domestic violence intervention program helps families break the cycle of abuse. We provide shelter, court advocacy, support groups, safety plans, and links to essential resources.

Prevention

Through enhanced efforts, we proactively work to stop domestic violence before it happens or escalates. Our efforts include court outreach, dating violence classes for schools and churches, and collaborations with law enforcement.

124 Victims & victim families of domestic violence were assisted in 2018

“In my darkest times I used to close my eyes and go to my “happy place”... and we finally have that here.”

What You Can Do

Services are provided to victims at no cost. With your gift we can help more abuse victims and families reclaim their lives. Your donations are vital to help these families build physical and emotional safety.

Crisis Intervention

Typically, families become homeless as a result of some unforeseen financial crisis – a medical emergency, a car accident, a death in the family – that prevents them from being able to hold on to housing. Rural areas tend to have higher rates of poverty, only compounding the risk of becoming and staying homeless.

The Problem

622,923

In 2015 Tennessee had 622,923 severely “rent burdened” families facing potential homelessness.*



What We Do

We help stabilize families in financial crisis with emergency shelter, food, clothing, and other essentials. We may also provide temporary assistance with rent, mortgage or utility payments to prevent homelessness.

1,344

 individuals assisted

We assisted over 1,300 individuals last year with life changing services.

In 2018, we assisted 61 families made up of 198 individuals with temporary rent and utility assistance to prevent the plummet into homelessness.





Prevention

Through a stringent process we verify the financial need and an absence of other available resources. We provide assistance for verifiable emergencies. Clients are required to participate in financial training to help prevent future crisis and promote self-sufficiency.

What You Can Do

Donate your new or gently used items to our Donation Center. Donated items are given to assist families in need, and sold to generate program funding. Our retail stores provide valuable client job skills training opportunities.



Together We Can

“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn’t as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.”

Jean Vanier

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of donors, sponsors, volunteers and community partnerships, an agency with a small staff has a broad impact in our community. Whether volunteering for an event, helping with shelter maintenance or assisting families in our shelter with homework . . .

Fayette Cares is not just an agency; Fayette Cares is a community.



“You kept us warm and kept us from being hungry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

“What you have done for us ... it’s just a blessing!”

“Thanks for giving me and my children a safe place”



At Fayette Cares we continually evaluate our services and programs within our agency and through engagement with the community.



In 2018 Fayette Cares partnered with law enforcement to initiate a Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). This innovative, evidence-based program has a 92% accuracy rate of predicting intimate partner homicides. It allows us to provide immediate services to high danger victims and save lives.



Fayette Cares provides impactful services, we continually strive for operational excellence. We are blessed with community involvement, and we operate with financial integrity.

“My family would not have a home and my kids would not have a roof over their heads if it were not for the angels at Fayette Cares”



About Fayette Cares

Since 1986 Fayette Cares, a community supported non-profit organization located in Fayette County, Tennessee, has served the community by empowering those in need with hope, independence and lasting solutions.



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Location

Fayette Cares, Inc.

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Thrift Shop & Donation Center

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13300 N Main Street, Somerville, TN

Thrift Shop on The Square

(901) 235-6629

106 E Market Street, Somerville, TN

Visit us at FayetteCares.org

Events

April 13, 2019

April 25, 2019

June 1, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 14, 2019

Plant Sale

Golf Tournament

Forks & Corks

A Night of Southern Elegance

Christmas Caring



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