



# Falls Church HOMELESS SHELTER

## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### Year in Review

**1607**  
bed nights  
(bed filled per night  
shelter open)



**3214**  
meals served



**137**  
operating  
nights



**928+**  
volunteer  
hours



**30**  
Individuals  
served



### A Look Inside...

Shelter open daily 6 pm-8am, Nov 15-Mar 31. We financially support off-season services, too.

12 beds: 10 for men; 2 for women in a separate room.



2 meals per day and lunch bags offered.

Life skills classes offered to all residents: crisis intervention, employment counselling,, budgeting skills, etc.

### How can you help?



#### Donate **time**.

- Be a laundry volunteer
- Collect and deliver food and materials
- Conduct drives for supplies
- Help to staff the shelter
- Share expertise with residents or the Board



#### Prepare **meals**.

- Prepare bagged lunches
- Prepare a meal for 14 and deliver it to the shelter
- Make one dozen boiled eggs and deliver them to the shelter



#### Give **financially**.

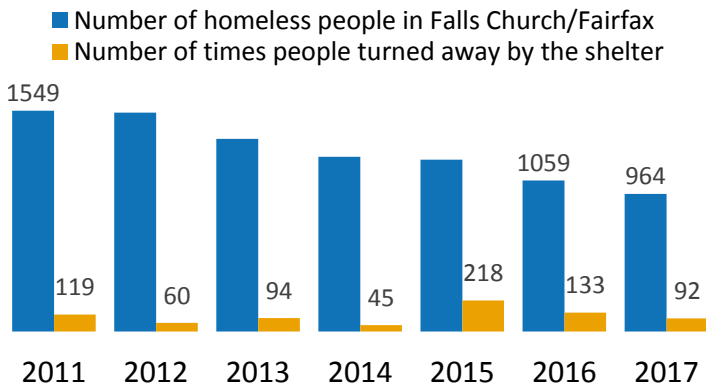
- Make a financial contribution
- Donate gift cards (Target and Giant preferred)
- Help fundraise and attend shelter fundraising events

**Visit:** [fallschurchshelterfriends.org/volunteer](http://fallschurchshelterfriends.org/volunteer)

[fallschurchshelterfriends.org/donate](http://fallschurchshelterfriends.org/donate)

## Addressing the Need

In 2017, the shelter turned away people 92 times due to lack of space. Though the number of homeless people is on the decline in Falls Church/Fairfax overall (see graph below), many homeless still have nowhere to go. They need your help.



## FCHS Leadership Update

FCHS was pleased to welcome Dr. Kerry Searle Grannis as its new Executive Director in January, 2017. Dr. Grannis comes to the Shelter with a strong background in nonprofit administration, including expertise in strategic management, funding, and outreach.



*"Since coming to the Falls Church Homeless Shelter in January, I've been honored to witness all the ways that we take care of each other: guests at the shelter helping each other with leads on employment, staff helping guests access stable housing, families preparing hot meals to feed their neighbors going through tough times--the shelter is a testament to our best instincts to help each other get by."*

-Dr. Grannis

## Providing Critical Assistance for Over 20 Years

"I am writing to thank you for your welcome assistance during one of the darkest seasons in my life. Your willingness to show up at short notice to assist with meals, help clean, and play back-up with all other issues made a great difference in my life... I'm not sure if the board truly acknowledges the profound work that is in place within the walls of 217 Gordon St.... **Thanks guys!!!!**"

– Michael, former resident (released with permission)

## 2017 Gala



The Shelter hosted its annual gala on October 22, 2016. The masquerade themed event was a huge success with strong support from local businesses and the community. Board Chair Kerry Bruce said "It was our key fundraiser of the year and provided much needed funding to operate the shelter. Thank you to the community for all of your support."

## Get in Touch!



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