



A Life Filled With Meaning and Hope

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Pathways' Supported Employment program fills in the missing pieces for people recovering from homelessness

Research shows that finding a meaningful activity, like employment, is a key component of recovery for many individuals. Just like our housing first philosophy, we follow a “work-first” philosophy-if you want to work, we believe you are ready.

Pathways to Housing DC is the only provider in Washington, D.C. offering supported employment services to formerly homeless individuals with serious mental illnesses. We know that these individuals can lead more meaningful and independent lives – lives full of hope – when provided with vocational and clinical support simultaneously.

Danny Dotson is a client of Pathways to Housing DC who said he wanted a job. Danny was motivated, eager, and prepared to work. With guidance from the Pathways DC team, Danny updated his resume and began applying for jobs. Not only did he locate one job, Danny simultaneously held down three jobs.

The team uses the Supported Employment

model, an evidenced-based practice researched at Dartmouth University's Psychiatric Research Center, during the job search, application, interview, and job maintenance processes to help clients work in a competitive position of their choosing. Our Supported Employment program focuses on client strengths and has proven that work can promote recovery and wellness. **It is a key part of accomplishing our vision of a community where everyone has a home and a life filled with meaning and hope.**



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COMMUNITY
HOME**

This story is an excerpt from our 2018 Annual Report. Read all our updates and highlights from the last year on our website now!



Thank you to the [Washington Nationals](#) for donating tickets for our annual client- staff game (above)

Christy and Peer Specialist Jim Davis [traveled to Ireland](#) to share the [Housing First](#) model with Irish government and nonprofit leaders (above right)

Christy Respress with Mayor Bowser cutting the ribbon for the [Downtown Day Services Center](#) (right)



Big Changes for Pathways!

A note from Executive
Director Christy Respress



Celebrating our Legacy: This is a pivotal moment. This May we celebrated 15 years of ending homelessness in the District. And that's permanently, for nearly 1,000 of our DC neighbors. We kicked off our 15th anniversary with a celebration honoring our time and commitment to the District and surrounding areas. We have ended homelessness for over 950 people in our own Housing First programs and connected hundreds of others to our partner agencies throughout the City. But our work is not yet done.

Growing our Programs: There are still 6,521 people experiencing homelessness in the District. That's a 5.5% decline from last year. But unfortunately there are still 3,862 single adults (the people we serve) were still counted as homeless. What does it mean for Pathways to Housing DC? It means that we are going to continue to grow our Housing First programs to meet the need. We will not stop providing our life saving housing and services... and neither can you!

This summer brings an exciting time of innovation, change, and transition. Earlier this spring, we partnered with the DC Department of Human Services and the

DowntownDC BID to launch a **homelessness diversion project** out of the Downtown Day Services Center - the first of its kind in the City. We also just **expanded our employment and street outreach** to directly target people using, or at risk of using, opioids as part of a new initiative by the DC Department of Behavioral Health. And for the first time in our 15 year history, Pathways to Housing DC has **expanded our housing services into Montgomery County, MD.**

Our New Office: After more than a decade at our current location, **we are moving to a new home at 828 Evarts Street, NE.** In order to keep the quality of our services steady throughout all this change, we are relying on your continued support. In our new office space, we have a donations closet that is currently an empty room in need of shelving and clothing racks in order for it to best serve our clients.

Would you give a one-time gift today to help us reach our goal of \$2,500 for the new space and support our mission of ending homelessness and supporting recovery?

Thank you for your ongoing investment in our mission!



We had a blast celebrating the start of our 15th year with clients, staff leadership, and donors.