

## Over the last 6 years, TOH has...

- ◆ **Sheltered** 235 different guests at different host sites for a total of 6,613 bed nights.
- ◆ **Brought** together over 50 faith communities and service organizations around a common cause.
- ◆ **Engaged** around 1,000 volunteers each season representing a total of over 35,000 service hours.
- ◆ **Served** over 19,000 meals.

## While sheltering with TOH...

**72** guests found more permanent housing.

**53** guests found employment.

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*TOH is a program of New River Community Action. Established in 1965, NRCA assists our community's most vulnerable residents including the homeless, ex-offenders, and struggling families. We offer a variety of services that promote self-sufficiency and improve the lives of over 12,000 individuals each year, with programs focusing on basic human needs, school readiness, employment, and economic literacy.*

## OUR MISSION

**T**o Our House is a growing group of interested citizens, faith communities, and social and human service professionals who have joined to provide winter shelter for homeless men in the NRV and connect them with resources that lead to employment, housing, and personal economic sustainability.

The logo for To Our House, featuring the words "To Our House" in a stylized, green, serif font. The "O" in "Our" is significantly larger than the other letters.

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# To Our House

## WINTER OVERNIGHT SHELTER

**for Homeless Men  
in the New River Valley**



**November 5, 2016—  
March 31, 2017**

**H**omelessness looks very different in the New River Valley than it does in more urban areas. Individuals in our area who find themselves without housing often include those:

**Experiencing** long-term unemployment due to the economy.

**Facing** foreclosure or eviction.

**Awaiting** approval for government or veteran homeless-intervention programs or disability determination.

Persons in our area who have no permanent home are generally less visible because they may temporarily live in motels or with friends. Many of the guests who have found shelter through TOH have previously lived in:

**The woods**

**Caves**

**Storm culverts**

**A friend's pickup truck**

**A cardboard box**



## How TOH Works

**1** Guests arrive at the Intake Center at the New River Community Action offices in Christiansburg between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. (110 Roanoke Street).

**2** Following sign-in and distribution of house rules, guests are transported to the host site for the evening.

**3** A hot evening meal is provided with time for fellowship.

**4** Guests enjoy breakfast in the morning and transportation back to the Intake Center. A bag lunch is provided for the day.



**I was surrounded by warmth and meals and a group of homeless men who became like family to me ....**

**The TOH program literally saved my life.**

**—"Jimmy"**

## How You Can Help

- ◆ **Contact** the TOH office to see how your church or community group can become a Host or Support Organization.
- ◆ **Volunteer** to assist with transportation, meals, evening activities, or laundry.
- ◆ **Invite** a TOH representative to talk to your group about the issue of homelessness and the work that TOH is doing to address this issue locally.
- ◆ **Make** a tax-deductible gift to support the work of TOH. Contributions can be sent to New River Community Action, 1093 East Main Street, Radford, Virginia, 24141-1747. Please make check payable to NRCA and note TOH in the memo line on your check. You can also donate online at [ToOurHouse.org](http://ToOurHouse.org).

