

SHELTER SPOTLIGHT

STEPPING STONE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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Every year, we ask ourselves a hard question: are we actually ending homelessness — or just managing it?

This year, the data are giving us an answer worth sharing.

"When stability comes first, everything else has a chance to follow."

In 2025, 354 adults came through our emergency housing programs. Of those, 276 moved into stable housing — a 78% placement rate.

More than 100 additional residents are currently supported through Long Term Housing, living independently in the community.

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**Read Steve's full message inside →
What our data tells us about what's actually working.**

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARE WE ACTUALLY ENDING HOMELESSNESS?

A look at what our data are telling us - and why it matters.

STEVE GRIFFITHS- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's a question we ask ourselves seriously. Not as a slogan. Not as aspiration. As a professional standard.

At Stepping Stone, we believe the measure of our work isn't how many people we serve — it's how many people move from homelessness into stable, lasting housing. Those are different questions. And lately, the data are giving us answers worth sharing.

We didn't accomplish this by lowering the bar. We accomplished it by raising the infrastructure — consistent staffing, predictable routines, case management that meets people where they are, and community partnerships that allow us to go beyond minimum requirements when people need more.

"We are not managing homelessness. We are ending it — one person, one placement, one sustained success at a time."

We've recently begun a more rigorous evaluation of our programming — examining not just our outputs, but our outcomes and their impact. We are confident our outcomes will reinforce what we've long believed: stability first works. When people have steady shelter, consistent support, and time — they move forward. We are committed to ensuring that our work is truly impactful for those we serve.

The path isn't always linear. People take steps back. Systems sometimes fail them. But when Stepping Stone is present, more people find their way to permanent housing than when they navigate these systems alone.

That work is possible because of you. Thank you for being part of it.



Steve Griffiths

Executive Director, Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Long Term Housing

A bridge between emergency shelter and independent living — offering the structure and accountability that helps residents prepare for what comes next.

PILLARS OF HOPE

Stability isn't created by one gift. It's created by ongoing commitment. Join our monthly giving community and help us sustain this work every day.

steppingstoneeh.org/pillars



SHELTER SUPPORT

WHAT OUR INTERNS LEARNED THAT CHANGED HOW THEY SEE HOMELESSNESS

Three students. One experience that stayed with them.

This spring, Stepping Stone welcomed three interns from a local college. We asked them to reflect on what they saw, what they learned, and what they're carrying with them. Their answers speak for themselves.



Malik

Intern, Stepping Stone EH

"Somebody experiencing homelessness does not mean their story is over."

Malik came in with assumptions he didn't know he had. Seeing residents who were still motivated and working toward stability changed his perspective. He leaves with a deeper understanding of what support systems make possible — and the role that attitude and teamwork play every single day.



Thiennhu

Intern, Stepping Stone EH

"Your mission is the bridge many residents are looking for."

Thiennhu learned that community, collaboration, and attitude aren't just nice ideas — they're what makes an organization work. The power of a good team that meets people where they are is something she's taking into every role that follows.



Amanda

Intern, Stepping Stone EH

"Give yourself some grace. Everyone needs help."

Amanda saw her social work principles in action — consistently, across an entire team. What she's leaving with are skills she's confident will carry her throughout her career: ethical connection, advocacy, and collaboration built around core values.

Interested in an internship or volunteer opportunity at Stepping Stone?

Visit steppingstoneeh.org to learn more.

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I NEED HELP

If you are 18 or older and need emergency shelter, call us directly. We're here.

763-323-7006

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I WANT TO HELP



Donate

One-time or monthly



Wish List

Help fill the space



Volunteer

Give your time

Par-Tee
— FORE a —
PURPOSE



SAVE THE DATE

September 17, 2026

The Refuge Golf Course

Scan to register or become a sponsor

