



# New Haven Home Recovery

## History

New Haven Home Recovery, Inc was established in 1990 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency, by the Reverend Rosalie Richards, in response to a critical need to shelter women with dependent children. During that time, shelter services were available for adult women and men in New Haven, but no one had addressed the needs of women with children who were homeless.

## Emergency Shelters

CareWays Shelter provides shelter to women and their children forced to leave permanent housing due to lead paint poisoning, domestic violence, legal eviction, family eviction, fire, new residency in state, and / or any other cause of homelessness. We provide families with a clean, safe place to stay while they put the pieces of their lives back together.

Martha's Place works mostly with single women with a myriad of social issues and a wide range of needs. The shelter staff works with clients on an individual basis to provide a quality living environment while assisting the women in locating suitable housing and community support.

Both shelters provide the basic needs of food, clothing and toiletries.

## Supportive Housing

Initially, NHHR provided housing units with supportive services for 3 families. Currently, we provide over 100 units of housing with comprehensive services addressing a wide range of issues, to assure the most positive outcomes possible for our clients. NHHR was the first locally, and among the first statewide and nationally, to develop this model of permanent housing for homeless families.

## The Furniture Co-Op

The Furniture Co-Op collects furniture and housewares from the general public and then gives them to families and individuals who are transitioning from homelessness, living with disabilities or other insufferable hardships. Clients are referred to the Co-Op after being pre-screened by [partner agencies](#) to ensure that those truly in need are receiving the essentials. The Co-Op exists through the funding from The Annie E. Casey Foundation and generous contributions of money, furniture, household items, clothing and time from individuals, corporations, charitable foundations and our social service agency partners. The Co-Op turns empty houses into homes.

**It is the mission of New Haven Home Recovery to promote the independence of women and children confronted with homelessness, HIV/AIDS and behavioral health issues in a supportive environment where their potential can be realized.**



## A Snapshot of Homelessness



Most families become homeless because they are experiencing a crisis. Their primary need is for housing. They are likely to have other needs however; these needs are best met once the family is in permanent housing - not while they are temporarily housed in a shelter or transitional housing.

- Approximately 50% of people who experience homelessness over the course of a year are families.
- Approximately 38% of people, who are homeless, in the course of the year, are children.
- Most people in homeless families have personal problems to overcome, but these problems are not appreciably different from those of poor, housed families.

## What You Can Do To Help

- **Volunteer** Volunteers are the "Heart of Our Organization". Arrange to share your time and talents with any of programs or special projects/ events. Contact Sara Callahan at 203.492.4866 x-12 or [scallahan@nhhr.org](mailto:scallahan@nhhr.org)
- **Organize A Supply Drive** Collect donations for items on the NHHR Wish List for our clients.
- **The NHHR Celebration Auction** If you are interested in having fun, working with caring and compassionate volunteers and helping to raise funds, please check out the Auction Committee! We need your help soliciting items, designing invitations, contacting sponsors and helping make our auction a success.
- **The Furniture Co-Op** Volunteer at our Co-Op folding clothes, sorting donations, repairing furniture, helping at the front desk, etc. Contact Sara Callahan at 203.492.4866 x-12 or [scallahan@nhhr.org](mailto:scallahan@nhhr.org) or visit [www.nhhr.org/tfcvolunteer.html](http://www.nhhr.org/tfcvolunteer.html) for more info.



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