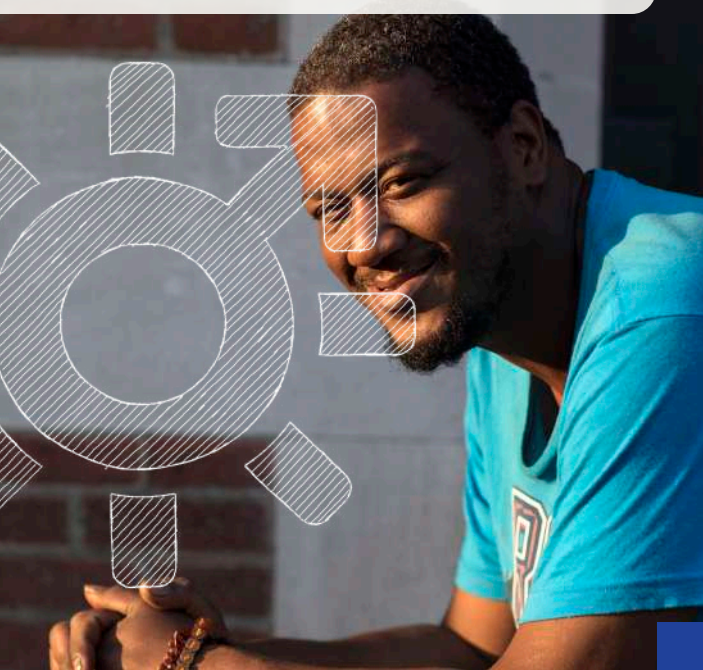




St. John Center is a place for services – and a place to find hope. Since our doors opened in 1986, volunteers have greeted shelter guests by name and offered them a hot cup of coffee, a listening ear, a place to make a phone call, take a shower, connect with resources, and build relationships that help them take the next step.

Our Vision is a city where all people experiencing homelessness have the resources and support they need to **leave homelessness for good**. Our daily practice is to welcome each person we meet with dignity and respect and to offer a foundation of care that allows them to take the next step.



Get Involved

Contribute to Our Mission

Over 60% of St. John Center's annual budget is provided by the local community through donations and grants. Your financial contributions are literally life-saving at St. John Center.



Volunteer

Since the day we opened our doors, the core services of welcoming guests and serving coffee have been provided by volunteers.



Donate Services or Goods

Donate your time and talent or shelter supplies. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, like our Facebook page, or drop by St. John Center to pick up our "wish list."



Follow Your Heart

We are always happy to talk with you about ways to become involved in our mission.



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“The coffee is the carrot that gets you in the door. Then the case managers do their work!”

- Nathan D.



St. John Center provides three complimentary programs: **Street Outreach**, the **Day Shelter and Social Services Center**, and the **Permanent Supportive Housing Program**. We also respond to critical needs with innovative pilots and programs.

Street Outreach

St. John Center extends care and community to homeless men, women, and children living on the streets in our city. In January 2019, we teamed up with Uniting Partners for Women and Children (UP) to ensure that no one is beyond the reach of the resources we can offer. Outreach workers visit our homeless neighbors in abandoned buildings, under overpasses, sleeping in tents or in alleys. They build relationships and connect people to overnight shelters, healthcare, recovery services and other essential services that will lead to permanent housing.



Day Shelter and Social Services Center

Every day of the year, shelter guests find relief from the elements and a safe, affirming space at St. John Center. Employment and housing counselors connect clients to new opportunities, help them to resolve persistent barriers to self-sufficiency, and accompany them as they move forward.

St. John Center serves as a hub for partner agencies like the Veterans Administration and Legal Aid Society, ensuring that homeless men can connect with a variety of services in our community. St. John Center is a space where everyone is encouraged to take the next step on the road home.

“This place helps us get from where we are to where we want to be. You’re like a bridge.”

- David O.

“(SJC) gave me the foundation, and everyone needs a strong foundation before they can go any further. I felt safe and the staff always talked to me. Even if someone was walking by, they would greet me. To have someone say, ‘how are you doing?’ and really care to hear the answer is special. You don’t get that everywhere.”

- Kenny A.



Permanent Supportive Housing

This Housing First program combines housing with the support of caseworkers to allow formerly chronically homeless individuals to obtain and maintain their own apartments and end homelessness for good. Program participants consistently report dramatic improvement in their physical and mental health.