



HISTORY

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1979 The Coalition was conceived by the Interfaith Conference through its Hunger Task Force

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1981 Incorporated as a 501 © (3) non-profit organization. The initial board of directors was Reverend Clark Lobenstine, John Hannay, Mary Sears, and Elizabeth Farrell

First offices were at 1419 V Street

1984 Became a direct service provider to the homeless and operated 600 bed shelter in S.E. D.C.

1987 Developed and implemented smaller transitional houses: Mickey Leland, Park Road, Webster and Davison

1989 Assumed management of Blair, Peirce, and La Casa emergency shelters for men.

Incorporated "Continuum of Care" model designed to assist homeless individuals and families by providing shelter, transitional and permanent housing with supportive social services.

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1990 Spring Road Family Apartments was opened to serve 28 families.

1991 Opened its first Single Room Occupancy (SRO) at 2822 Sherman Avenue, NW

Headquarters moved headquarters to 1234 Massachusetts Avenue, NW from 2822 and 2824 Sherman Avenue NW

Pierce Shelter closed

1992 Renovated and reopened Park Road and Davison House

La Casa Family Shelter opened

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- 1995 Assumed management of the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center
Former President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton visited the Blair Shelter and helped serve Thanksgiving dinner
- 1996 Began a special partnership with Temple Sinai Assistant Rehabilitation Program and managed the Sinai House.
- 1997 Blair Shelter was converted to a Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP)
Assumed management of the D.C. Village Shelter
- 1998 D.C. Works Employment Project was launched when the Coalition was awarded 1.9 million dollars for a two year grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide work first activities to TANF (Temporary Assistance for Need Families) and homeless families
- 1999 The Board of Directors revised the mission of the Coalition to include individuals and families who are vulnerable and at-risk of becoming homeless.
Anacostia Road Apartments began to provide permanent rental housing for low income and formerly homeless individual and families.

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- 2000 With the addition of D.C. Village, Coalition programs sites grew from 12 to 13
- 2001 Valley Place Transitional program site opened
- 2003 The Coalition collaborated with the 14th & U Street Initiative and UDC's Agricultural Experience Station to establish the Beautification & Maintenance program known as the Green Team.
- 2004 The Coalition participated in the development of Mayor Anthony Williams' 10-year plan to end homelessness in the District called "Homeless No More."
- 2005 & 2006 The Coalition was selected as one of the beneficiaries of Freddie Mac's Hoops for the Homeless.
- 2006 Emery House was converted from a 150 bed men's shelter into the first large-scale transitional program for employed men.
- 2007 D.C. Village Family Shelter closed.
The Coalition held its first mini-walk at M.V. Leckie Elementary School as part of the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon.

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- 2009 Michael Ferrell, Executive Director was honored for 20 years of service to the Coalition
First Annual Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair was held.
During the Community Partnership for the Prevention of Homelessness' 20th anniversary celebration, the Coalition received an award in recognition of excellence for the use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for data collecting and reporting. The HMIS is used by most homeless service providers to track client usage of services and other demographic information within the District's homeless continuum
- 2010 La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program moved to 1131 Spring Road, NW
La Casa Emergency Shelter closed October 14th for redevelopment of a new facility under the D.C. Government.
- 2011 Celebrated 30th Anniversary at Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center
- 2012 November 12, Virginia Williams Family Resource Center moved to a temporary location at 33 N. Street NW. Washington, DC
- 2013 The Coalition updated its vision statement in March during its 5 year Strategic Plan Board of Directors meeting. The changed vision statement is: Rebuilding lives through the elimination of homelessness.
Frederic Davison House closed on August 16th
First Stepping out for the Homeless dance held Friday, October 25th at St. Francis Hall Washington, DC.