

Transitions is a full-service homeless center, not just a shelter, offering a combination of services found nowhere else in the Midlands:

- The only facility that accepts both men and women
- The only center to offer both residential services and non-residential services so the homeless have a place to spend the day
- Access to bathrooms, showers, computers, classes and laundry facilities to both residents and non-residents in our Day Center
- On-site access to healthcare services, clinical assessments and referrals
- The most comprehensive jobs and housing search program
- The most beds - 260 - in one location



The most beds in the Midlands

“In the past six years, thanks in part to Transitions, the readers of the Post and Courier Free Times have voted Columbia’s Main Street District the ‘Biggest Improvement in Columbia This Year’ four times.”

Matt Kennell, President and CEO,

City Center Partnership, Main Street District, Columbia, SC

Every dollar you give can help get a homeless person out of an encampment and onto their journey out of homelessness. Here are just three ways you can help:

\$22 – provides a clean bed, three meals, a shower and job-and house-hunting support to a homeless veteran

\$50 – covers the cost of a housing application for someone ready to get a place of their own

\$180 – provides a month of nutritious, home-cooked meals to a homeless senior

Please give today by using the enclosed remittance envelope or visiting us at www.transitionssc.org/donate.

Sincerely,

Craig J. Currey
Chief Executive Officer

P.S.

For just \$65, you can fund a whole week of outreach to homeless people who might otherwise be unreachable.

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If you think homeless people are only in someone else's neighborhood, think again.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

November 15, 2019

Since opening our doors in 2011, we've moved almost 2,500 people off the streets of the Midlands into permanent housing, while serving close to 2 million nutritious meals to people in need. People tell us they can see the results.

But let's not kid ourselves. Even if you don't see homeless people downtown, for every homeless person we help, there are many more we've yet to reach.

Hannah Kowalski, our emergency case manager, shot these photos of homeless encampments in the woods just outside the town of Redbank on one of her recent outreach outings.



Just outside Redbank

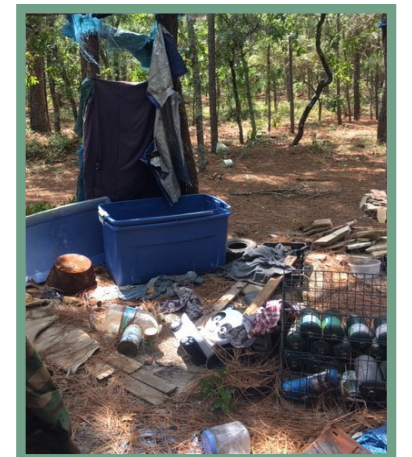
Several times a week, Hannah does outreach in public parks, abandoned buildings and wooded areas all over the Midlands. Most of the people she encounters are chronically homeless, afflicted with addiction, mental illness and other issues that have made homelessness a way of life. Often they're afraid to speak with her. Sometimes they hide. Either way, she leaves behind a hygiene kit containing bottled water, basic toiletries, socks, underwear and her business card to let them know there's a place where they can get help.

“My main goal is not to keep them out there but to encourage them to come to Transitions,” she says. “First, I make sure they have water and supplies, and then if they want a bed, they get a bed.”

Occasionally, she finds someone who will talk. In Redbank, police officers contacted her about a young man they'd found on the streets. He'd been evicted from a rehab center in North Carolina and dropped off in South Carolina with no money and nowhere to go. He wanted help, so Hannah asked the officers to bring him to Transitions.

We'll give him a bed for 30 days. Along with the bed, he'll get a case manager who will work with him to address his issues and get him the services he needs. If he makes progress during his 30 days, he can enter our program level and continue his journey out of homelessness.

Even people who aren't ready for a bed can get off the streets by coming to our Day Center, where they can do laundry, take a shower, eat nutritious meals, get new clothes, be seen by a nurse and feel safe.



Behind someone's backyard