

Chattanooga Room in the Inn

Shelter to Stability Impact Report

2022 - 2023



A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Partners, We stand at the threshold of our 35th year devoted to serving women and children braving the storm of homelessness. This milestone finds us equipped with revitalized programs and a completely renovated facility. With compassion as our compass, we are unraveling the complexities of each woman and child's circumstance and providing the essential tools to conquer adversities. Our reimagined Shelter to Stability program embraces each woman in her unique journey, acknowledging her individuality. Our new program innovations ensure the future triumphs and self-reliance of our clients, forging a promise that homelessness shall never darken their doors again. We are propelled by a vision to impact generations of women and children

facing the shadows of homelessness. Each individual we have the honor to serve is a beacon of strength, intellect, and resilience. Armed with the right instruments, and fueled by unwavering dedication, the women and children we walk beside are building brighter futures. We stand united in the belief that this vision is not a

distant dream,

but an attainable reality – one that we can bring to fruition together.

Will you stand with us, shoulder to shoulder, as we usher in a future where hope prevails and the cycle of homelessness is forever shattered?

In unity of purpose, standing side by side,

Taylor Hixson



Meet the new Chattanooga Room in the Inn

New fiscal year, new programs, new renovations, and a new logo!



**Special thanks to board member Marcus Hardaway with Marcus Hardaway
Freelance Graphic Design for creating the new logo for our organization!**

Our Programs



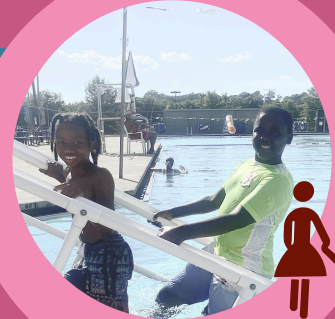
Shelter to Stability Program

Provides a safe and supportive place for women and children to live, along with resources needed to move toward stability and to find permanent, safe housing. Services offered include: case management, counseling, daily meals and living supplies, life skills instruction, and transportation assistance.



Rapid Rehousing Program

Housing assessments are completed by every resident at the time of admission so that barriers to permanent housing can be identified and addressed. Our Rapid Rehousing Case Manager handles the process of helping each woman look for housing, searching online, calling landlords, scheduling property viewings and helping with applications.



Child Advocacy Program

Women with children who move into the shelter have access to services from a Child Advocate on staff whose sole job is supporting the children during their stay. They ensure each child and mother can access the services they need: tutoring and academic assistance, advocacy on behalf of children at school meetings, parenting classes, enrichment activities and field trips.

Success Stories

Success stories made possible by supporters like you!

Paving Her Own Path

Tara* grew up in the foster system and lacked the support of a family or a reliable network when she lost her housing. Engaging consistently with our team, she sought out available resources and maintained an optimistic outlook. Tara decided to enlist in the National Guard. As we helped her pack her things, she was all smiles and told our staff how much she loved us. Her journey fills us with immense pride, and we hold firm in the belief that a promising future lies ahead for her.

The Perfect Job

Quisha* came to us with her daughter after losing her job and apartment. She quickly found a minimum wage job and started saving money, but it just wasn't enough to be able to leave the shelter and afford rent. We were able to connect her to one of our corporate sponsors where she now makes over \$20 an hour. After working there for a few months, Quisha and her daughter were able to move out of the shelter and into permanent housing. Her daughter is in junior high school and thriving. They love their new place!

Happy To Be Home

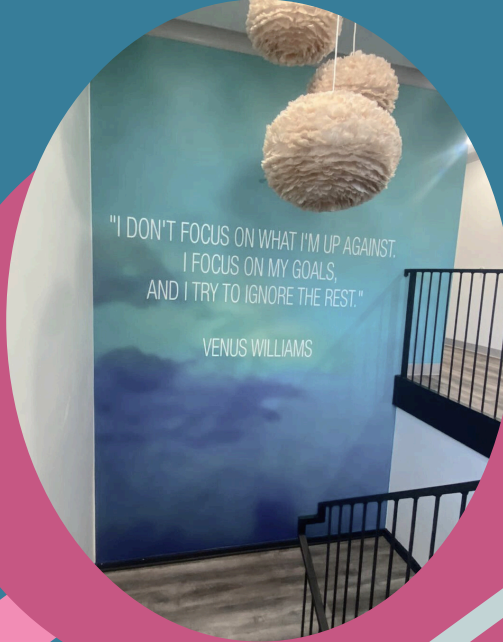
After her retirement, Jenny* found herself navigating life on a fixed income. Following a period of residing in her car in a Cracker Barrel parking lot, she sought our assistance. CRITI provided her with a safe place to live and our dedicated Rapid Rehousing Case Manager diligently worked to identify an ideal apartment for her. Now, Jenny has successfully transitioned into her new home.

*Names changed for confidentiality

Our Beautiful Building Renovation

We recently underwent a total building renovation to provide a comfortable and soothing place for the women and children we serve. We partnered with Alysa Butterfield of Agape Designs to transform the space. She generously donated her time and talents to elevate our building.

Take a look inside!



Program Impact

Your support has made a huge impact! From July 2022 to July 2023, we:



Housed **105 women and children** at the shelter.



Provided **75 children** with access to tutoring and enrichment programs.



Moved **15 women and over 30 children** into permanent housing, all of which remained housed for over 3 months.

How You Can Make an Impact

Your time, talent, and treasure makes an incredible impact! Get involved today.

Volunteer

From preparing meals to helping around the building, we have many opportunities to volunteer. We also welcome volunteer groups like churches and businesses.

Scan the QR code to get started today!



Become a Monthly Donor

\$25 a month allows us to purchase needed personal care items for women and children.

\$50 a month allows us to provide a welcome meal or extra groceries for a family moving into the shelter.

\$100 a month provides mental health counseling sessions to women and children working through trauma.

Scan the QR code to give monthly today!



Create a Legacy with Chattanooga Room in the Inn

Join our Legacy Society

Do you want to make a lasting gift that will have an impact on women and children facing homelessness for years to come? Make a planned gift!

Planned gifts can be made a number of ways. Some of the most common include:

- Bequests by will or revocable trust
- Beneficiary designations of IRA or retirement plan assets and annuities
- Gifts of life insurance
- Gifts of real estate

A planned gift offers you many potential advantages: the opportunity to increase spendable income, the elimination or reduction of capital gain taxes and possibly federal and state estate tax savings. There is no minimum amount required for a planned gift. As a member of the Legacy Society, you will be recognized on our website, in our annual report and monthly e-newsletter unless you choose to remain anonymous.

To learn more about the Legacy Society, email thixson@chattanoogaroomintheinn.com.

Impact Club

Teach your children and grandchildren about the importance of giving back from an early age with our Impact Club. **This young donor's group is geared toward children between the ages of 3 and 11.**

The Impact Club meets quarterly on Thursday evenings. During the meetings, children will enjoy light refreshments and participate in a give back activity. Membership in the club is free.

To learn more about the Impact Club, email blalor@chattanoogaroomintheinn.com.



ChattaDerby 2023

What a Night!

ChattaDerby 2023 was a tremendous success and raised over **\$50,000** for women and children in need thanks to generous donations!

We are grateful for our 2023 ChattaDerby Sponsors:

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Save the Date!

Save the date for next year's ChattaDerby!

Saturday, May 4th 2024

5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Parkside Hall

To support our mission with event sponsorship or donate an item for our silent auction, contact Brianne Lalor blalor@chattanoogaaroomintheinn.com.

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