

“Becoming a Road to Housing site has been a blessing for our church. We’ve met extraordinary people who have strengthened our community. We’re happy to be part of this program, and would recommend it to other congregations looking to grow their ministry of service.”

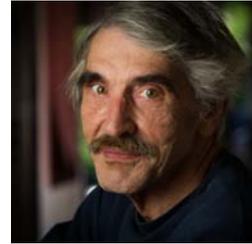
--Rebecca Butler, Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church R2H program



Participating in the R2H providing a safe, secure place for men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness. They are on the Road to Housing, and your church serves as a vital waypoint.

Expectations for R2H participants

Individuals and families participating in the R2H program work with case management to access and other resources to help them on their way out of homelessness.



All participants:

- Must complete a background check and screening prior to enrollment
- Are actively looking for stable housing while in the program
- Are expected to keep the area around their vehicle clean and tidy
- Are committed to remaining clean and sober while on-site

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Road to Housing

Road to Housing (R2H) provides homeless adults and families with children living in their vehicle a place to park within a church parking lot. The program is a stop on the road out of homelessness and into permanent, affordable housing.

At least 993 people in King County live in their vehicle.

A recent survey in King County found more than 3,000 men, women and children who were homeless and living outside. Nearly one-third were living in vehicles. The goal of Road to Housing is to provide these people with a safe place to park while they work toward finding stable, affordable housing opportunities with assistance from the R2H Case Manager. The pilot project is a program of Compass Housing Alliance, with support from the City of Seattle.

In less than two years, R2H has helped more than 50 individuals and families find stable housing.

Becoming a Road to Housing Host

Your congregation can create a road to housing for people experiencing homelessness. The need is great, and your congregation can become part of the solution. **Here's what every church needs to become a R2H host:**

1. A parking lot with spots that can be reserved 24/7 for R2H participant vehicles. Some participants live in RVs or other large vehicle – determine whether you have the space to accommodate one.
2. A place for participants to access the restroom, use a microwave and charge their cell phone or other electronic devices.
3. A point person who can work with R2H staff on the program. Many congregations create a R2H steering committee.



Building a R2H community

Becoming a host site is only the beginning. Many churches build support programs to benefit R2H participants.

1. Provide a regular meal for program participants. This is a great way to build community among your congregation and the people in the program. You can also stock up on non-perishable food items to share with participants.
2. Hold a fundraiser or item drive to collect needed items for program participants, such as gas vouchers, toiletries, school supplies or winter coats.
3. Call upon the unique talents in your organization. Know any mechanics? Auto repairs are one of the most common needs among our participants, and the cost is often prohibitive.

Safe, caring communities begin with caring people.

Ready to get started? Contact the R2H outreach team at 206-474-1645. We'll come to your church to answer any questions you might have and guide you through the process.