2015 COMMUNITY REPORT

OUR MISSION

In the Lutheran tradition of caring through service, Compass Housing Alliance develops and provides essential services and affordable housing for homeless and low-income people in the greater Puget Sound region.

We envision a world in which every person lives in a safe, caring community.

MEET CHERYL...

As a teenager, Cheryl left an unstable home and turned to the streets where she set herself on a path of addiction and homelessness. For years Cheryl went back and forth from living on the streets to staying with friends or family members, never knowing what was to come next. She needed to make a change.

Cheryl is hard of hearing which, when combined with the isolation and trauma of living on the streets, caused her to become closed off and fearful. Her different ability also made it difficult to communicate with social services. However, Cheryl’s will proved greater than the obstacles before her.

“I didn’t find Compass, Compass found me.” - Cheryl

When Cheryl moved into Compass’ Cascade Women’s Program she didn’t want to communicate with people because of her different ability. With the guidance and support she found at Cascade, Cheryl was able to come out of her shell and begin to connect with the world. At Compass Housing Alliance, Cheryl found the supportive relationships, resources, and safety she says were vital to her survival. After a year at Cascade, with access to supportive case management and addiction treatment, Cheryl has moved into Compass’ Mary Witt House, our long-term transitional housing program. Cheryl is now happy and healthy and is excited to be pursuing her dream of being a peer counselor.

“I feel like I have been picked up out of the water, shaken out… and set free!” - Cheryl

Cheryl is just one of 16,000 individuals Compass Housing Alliance supported in 2015.

2015 BY THE NUMBERS

10,000+
INDIVIDUALS SERVED

718,501
MEALS SERVED

74,000
SHELTER STAYS

2,574
PEOPLE ACCESS HYGIENE SERVICES

536
RESIDENTS IN TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

2,700
PEOPLE ACCESS BANKING & MAIL SERVICES

487
TOTAL PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS

1,200+
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
In 2015, Compass Housing Alliance met the needs of our most vulnerable community members at the following Puget Sound locations and programs:

**DAY SERVICES:**
- Client Services Office
- Hygiene Center
- Peter’s Place Day Center

**EMERGENCY SHELTER:**
- Blaine Center
- Hammond House Women’s Shelter
- Operation Nightwatch Men’s Shelter
- Peter’s Place Shelter
- Road to Housing

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:**
- Cascade Women’s Program
- Pioneer Square Men’s Program
- Community Transitional Housing Program

**VETERANS PROGRAMS:**
- Compass Veterans Center — Renton
- Shoreline Veterans Center
- Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP)

**FAMILY PROGRAMS:**
- Compass on Dexter
- HomeStep

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**
- Angle Lake Court
- Bergan Place
- The Courts
- Dekko Place
- Easternwood Cooperative
- Karlstrom Apartments
- Northlake Grove Cooperative
- Nyer Urness House

81% of every dollar directly funds programs.