Our Mission

We touch the lives of people in our community by providing transitional housing, practical tools and helpful resources to all to achieve self-sufficiency.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be an outreach arm of strength and support to the less fortunate in the community, to improve the lives of those that are affected by adversity, and to empower the less fortunate with life-changing skills for future success.

Our Board of Directors

Tyronne Champion, Executive Director
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Community Touch serves people in the counties of Fauquier, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Orange, Madison, and surrounding regions in Virginia.
Message from our Directors

Dear Friends of Community Touch,

We are now living in the post-COVID era, where families who were severely struggling during the pandemic are doing better, however, the needs still exist. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) 582,462 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night in January 2022. COVID-19 and its economic impacts could have led to significant increases in homelessness, however investments, partnerships and government agency outreach resulted in only a 3% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness from 2020 to 2022.

Regarding food, in Virginia last year, 658,470 people are facing hunger - and of them, 182,170 are children. 1 in 13 people face hunger. 1 in 10 children face hunger. People facing hunger in Virginia are estimated to report needing $349,523,000 more per year to meet their food needs.

These needs are real and prevalent in our communities.

Community Touch’s mission and passion is to ensure that families experiencing homelessness have a place to lay their heads. Single adults and families living in motels obtain some stability and peace until they have permanent housing. Our volunteers and staff objectives are to make sure households have food to eat, beds to sleep in and children have a stable environment to thrive.

Community Touch is faced with these challenges 365 days year, however our desire to change lives outweighs these obstacles of life. Together, with your help, volunteers, staff and the board of directors have been conquering these challenges.

The enclosed 2021-2022 Annual Report highlights our accomplishments, real stories about clients, a snapshot of how the money was spent and our day to day work. Thank you for your support!

Best Regards,

Dr. T. Tyronne Champion
Co-Founder and
Executive Director

Felicia Champion
Co-Founder and
Program Director

Offering strong support to the homeless, hungry and deprived

365

days per year
Clara’s Faith House Food Pantry

Clara L. Venson was one of the original founders of this organization. When Tyronne and Felicia acquired the organization and renamed it Community Touch Inc., Clara remained committed to the cause and vision until she passed on September 10, 2022.

Clara’s Faith House Food Pantry

Since the inception of Clara’s Food Pantry, so many families have been blessed. I can specifically recall one family of Latin descent that had been affected greatly. The problems this family weren’t solely food oriented, and God used the Pantry and its volunteers to provide an element of comfort as well.

Apparently, the father (who I believe was the primary breadwinner) had been sick. Each time the grandmother and matriarch of the family would come to the pantry, we were in a position to bountifully bless this large family. She never failed to open up and tell us of what she was going through so we could pray for her and encourage her to hold on. To see the smiles on her face and her family’s faces are always a delight to the team that volunteers on the Saturdays they visit.

I’m grateful for the pantry and how I have been blessed by it myself. I’m certain that there will be many more families that will continue to benefit from the blessing that is Clara’s Food Pantry, and I look forward to being able to help this generous offering to the community.

~ Nate Peavey, Volunteer
Throughout the pandemic, Community Touch Inc. (CTI) has provided assistance to individuals and families throughout the region in Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Madison, and Orange counties.

**Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP): 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2022**

Permanently housed 189 individuals and families with children by paying security deposits and providing rental assistance. Prevented 174 individuals and families with children from becoming homeless with financial assistance.

The need for assistance continues.

**Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP): 7/1/2022 - 3/20/2023**

Permanently housed 87 individuals and families with children by paying security deposits and providing rental assistance. Prevented 76 individuals and families with children from becoming homeless with financial assistance.
Overcoming Challenges

A 73-year-old Permanent Resident Alien who had been staying in local shelters was referred to Community Touch, Inc. (CTI). Before staying in the shelters she lived with her daughter, who felt she could no longer care for her mother because of her own issues. The elderly mother was left on her own.

CTI provided her a room at one of the local motels, and immediately began making inquiries on behalf of the client to find permanent housing. Because of her lack of income and other barriers, she faced a difficult process. She was ineligible for Public Assistance Benefits. Therefore, she had no SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) or medical benefits, and could not apply for any financial assistance through the County Department of Social Services.

With the assistance of staff, she was able to find employment which provided some income, in spite of her age and some health challenges.

CTI requested an Emergency Housing voucher from RRCS (Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services) for the client. After CTI completed all necessary paperwork, the client was approved.

The next challenge was finding permanent housing for her. After a period of time and continued search, CTI found housing for the client, and she was approved for a senior living apartment in Warrenton, Virginia. CTI paid the client’s security deposit and also provided furniture and other needed items from Noah's Ark outreach. The client is now permanently housed and doing well.
DHCD Fiscal Year Grant Funding 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

- Rental and Security Deposit Assistance: $384,601.54
- Motel Rent Assistance: $929,664.96
- Case Management: $399,973.98

FHN & VHSP

I'm a Dementia Friend
Finding New Hope and Motivation

A 26-year-old young woman moved into Victory Transitional Housing due to a toxic relationship with her parents and ongoing clinical depression.

The client was offered resources to receive mental health counseling. After several meetings with the counselor, you could see a visible change in her demeanor. She was motivated to move forward.

We assigned her to a financial mentor for assistance with budgeting, money management, savings, and debt reduction. She saved thousands of dollars, paid off debt and her credit score increased by 200 points during her time at Victory Transitional Housing. With help from the staff and her counselor, she was ready to move on from the program.

The client found a nice apartment and is doing very well on her own.
Noah’s Ark Outreach

Noah’s Ark Outreach assisted 646 individuals and families in need of everything from clothing to furniture, appliances, and other life necessities.

How You Can Help

Whether your tax-deductible contribution is a monthly commitment or a one-time donation, your generosity is what enables Community Touch Inc. to continue working to end homelessness and hunger in the region. Visit our website to learn more and to donate online or contact us using the information below:

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