



**Brunswick County
Homeless Coalition**

Annual Report

2024

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“Together, WE CAN Make a Difference”

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MISSION STATEMENT

To serve as an advocate and provide education on issues in Brunswick County and to provide resources for people who are homeless or in need.

OUR VISION

The Brunswick County Homeless Coalition is dedicated to preventing or alleviating homelessness in our community by providing support, resources, and advocacy for individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity. Through collaboration, compassion, and a commitment to sustainable solutions, we work toward ensuring that everyone has a safe, stable, and permanent place to call home.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

Established as a charitable body in 2011, BCHC is an all-volunteer organization. BCHC became a 501c(3) non-profit in 2013. EIN 80-0807696. BCHC also files an annual 990N with the IRS. Our current and past 990N reports may be accessed by going to <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> and filling in BCHC's EIN 80-0807696 in the search line.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear friends and supporters of the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition,

As we reflect on our efforts during 2024, we are proud of the work we've accomplished to combat homelessness and make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need. Despite the many challenges that persist, we are encouraged by the continued resilience of our community and the dedication of our partners, volunteers, and donors. With your support, we have provided critical services, advocated for those in need, and created opportunities for individuals and families to move toward stable housing.

We are committed to using our funds responsibly and prudently. To this end, 95 cents of every dollar spent is directed toward helping our clients. This year, our collective efforts have assisted those experiencing homelessness. However, much work remains to be done, and we are committed to ensuring that no one in Brunswick County is left without the support they need to have safe, stable, and permanent housing.

Thank you for being a part of our mission.

Sincerely,



Joe Staton, President

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

Joe Staton, President

Betsy Duarte, Vice-president

Paul Witmer, Treasurer

Rita Canfield, Secretary

Members

Jay Boulter

John Callaghan

Vikki Hine

2024 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Homelessness Prevention: Using grant funds designated for eviction prevention, BCHC provided financial assistance to 308 clients at risk of eviction, helping them stay housed and avoid the trauma of homelessness.
- Emergency Shelter: BCHC provided shelter and support to 214 clients who would otherwise have been unsheltered. *

*(*As there is no permanent shelter in Brunswick County, BCHC must use local motels for temporary housing. This approach is costly—BCHC spent slightly over \$18,000 for emergency housing in 2024. This accounted for 30% of BCHC's expenditures and represents an increase of more than 100% from 2023.)*

- Referrals: 1,041 clients were offered referrals for other sources of assistance.
- Food: In cooperation with our community partner, A Second Helping-3G, 96 clients received food boxes.
- Outreach: Board members made three community presentations to the Marine Corps League, St. James Service Club, and Greater Federation of Women's Clubs—Leland.
- Advocacy and Public Awareness: Our "Soup-to-Go" event was held November 2, 2024 in conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to increase community knowledge and understanding of homelessness in Brunswick County. Information about the event reached residents through social media and local media outlets. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners also issued a proclamation on November 4, 2024 recognizing the work of BCHC and declaring the week of November 17-23, 2024 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Brunswick County.
- Service Highlight: Total household calls to 888 help line: 675; clients assisted: 1,503

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income Sources

Carryover funds from 2023: \$37,363

Grants: \$19,300

Private Donations: \$45,219

Expenditures

Direct aid (Emergency Shelter, Rent, Utilities, etc.): \$59,042

Administrative: \$3,093

Fundraising and Public Awareness: No BCHC funds are budgeted for this purpose. Costs are covered by in-kind or financial support from BCHC members and the community.

LOOKING AHEAD: GOALS FOR 2025

- Meeting the Need for Emergency Housing and Eviction Prevention: We will pursue grant opportunities and maintain our fund-raising efforts to support this goal.
- Increased outreach to the community: We will identify opportunities to make four or more presentations to the community about homelessness and our work.
- Volunteer Recruitment: We will consider new and creative ways to recruit volunteers.
- Continued Support for Veterans: We will continue to identify resources and services for homeless veterans, ensuring they receive the care and housing they deserve.
- New Partnerships with Local Non-Profits, Civic Organizations, and County Agencies: We will seek opportunities to form new alliances with these groups to support our mission.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

The Brunswick County Homeless Coalition would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the following grant makers, community partners, and donors who have made this year's progress possible:

- Grant Makers: Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation and the St. James Service Club
- Civic: Shallotte Rotary Club
- Property Owner Associations: Lockwood Folly POA, Ocean Ridge Community Association, St. James Service Club
- Local businesses: Computer Gurus of Ocean Isle Beach

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- Faith Communities: Seaside United Methodist Church, Beach Assembly of God, Holden Beach Church Chapel, and St. Luke Lutheran Church
- Non-profit agencies and service providers: A Second Helping-3G, Brunswick Family Assistance, Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc., and Christian Recovery Centers, Inc.
- Fraternal organizations: Knights of Columbus Council #9039, Elks Club #2679
- Local government: Varnamtown Town Council
- Veterans: VFW Post #10226
- Volunteers and community groups: A Second Helping-3G, Beach Assembly of God, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs—Cape Fear and South Brunswick Islands, Christian Recovery Centers, Inc., Franciscan Associates of St. Brendan Church and Jesus 24/7 Global Ministry.

GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved to support our mission:

- Donate: Financial contributions provide housing, shelter, and vital services to those in need. Donations can be made through our website: <http://Brunswickhomeless.com> or mailed to: PO Box 7411, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
- Volunteer: Join our team of dedicated volunteers who answer calls for assistance, conduct outreach in the community, and help out at BCHC events. Interested? Contact us by email: info@brunswickhomeless.com
- Advocate: Help raise awareness of homelessness in our community by engaging in advocacy efforts and supporting policy changes.
- To learn more, please visit our website at <http://Brunswickhomeless.com>

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Thank you for your support in 2024 and for assisting our efforts to address homelessness in Brunswick County.