

Our Approach - Stabilize, Restore and Empower

We will begin by looking at each person individually, seeking to help them recover and heal, access support and counseling, and provide nutritious meals and a safe space to stay.

Then, we aim to restore them. How? By providing:

- Access to life skills coaching, such as budgeting, preparing nutritious meals, and managing a household. Our volunteers can also show them how to supplement their food by gardening or raising animals.
- Partnerships with area colleges and career readiness programs will help them prepare to enter the workforce and make a living wage.

- Access to addiction recovery support, counseling, and accountability at The Manna House continuum of care.
- Access to free medical care through local partnerships.
- Assistance with job searches and applications by volunteers in our business community.

Some people may only need to stay at The Community House for a short time while saving money for affordable housing. Some may be in dire need of a drug-free environment to keep them focused while completing a recovery program nearby.

What can we do for those who have lost hope?

What do you do when it seems that society has closed its doors to you and forgotten your name?

When you are a teenager without a home... Or someone lost in the oblivion and prison of addiction... Or a single mom or dad working two part-time jobs who still can't afford rent or food...

We can help provide those in need with a fresh start that will make a lasting difference. We can pull together as a community to transform a lost life into a life with a purpose beyond day-to-day survival.



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Our mission is to reach, love, serve, and empower individuals in need by breaking the cycle of poverty and helping those who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

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We are The Community House,

named for our love of this community and our mission is to provide physical shelter and support for those lost to hopelessness. Our desire is to restore individuals to health, wholeness, and independence.

We aim to offer more than a bed in a crowded room... More than an application or a referral to another overburdened government program.

We will offer a peaceful, supportive environment for healing and restoration—both physically and mentally. A place where those in need have a space of their own, healthy meals, and support to heal and grow. A program that is more than just a stopover on the way to another disappointment; but an opportunity to grow and learn life and job skills.

The Path to Homelessness

The path to homelessness has many factors, with mental illness, addiction, and poverty as the main drivers.

- According to city-data.org, 41.4 percent of Jamestown, TN residents had an income below the poverty level in 2022, which was 68.0 percent higher than the 13.3% poverty level across the entire state of Tennessee.
- Housing costs increased 63.49 percent since 2019, and have continued to rise since the pandemic.
- Fentress is one of 14 Tennessee counties the state identified as a priority to address misuse of substances. Fentress is also among 9 counties named a priority for mental health needs. (TN County Health Assessment 2019)
- The average household in Tennessee is paying \$1,023 more per month to purchase the same basket of goods and services as in January 2021.

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To learn more about us, or to see how you can help, email info@TheCommunityHouseTN.org or visit www.TheCommunityHouseTN.org



An Invisible People. An Unmet Need.

In this rural county, homelessness looks different than in an inner city. In a city, you see people panhandling on street corners, sleeping on the sidewalks and park benches.

In rural areas, the unsheltered are much less visible. They live in cars off a remote road, rotating between friends' couches or in tents, shacks, or RVs hidden in the woods.

There is no shelter for the homeless in Fentress County. And those who are homeless are often so traumatized they need much more than just a place to lay their head.

While public programs have their place, our goal is not to create individuals dependent on public assistance. People deserve the dignity of being able to provide for themselves, avoiding the shame and stigma of feeling like a burden.