



Pictured above: JCOC housing clients who moved into permanent homes.



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Securing the future of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center

Meet Cornelius

Cornelius found himself sleeping at the Virginia Beach Boardwalk right in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. The middle-aged man had lost his job at a car rental company in November 2019, and his family's home was foreclosed shortly afterwards. Finding a permanent home became critical because Cornelius struggles with Stage 5 kidney disease. He had to have permanent housing in order to begin dialysis.

While sleeping outside, Cornelius connected with JCOC's Rapid Rehousing initiative (RRH). He worked with one of our housing locators to find shared housing in Norfolk. Gifted with a box full of food and a Welcome Home Basket (included cleaning supplies, dishes and bedding), he moved from homelessness to housing in May 2020. He loved his room, and thankfully began dialysis shortly after moving.

Just ten months later, Cornelius is financially independent and has completed RRH! He had entered with no stable income, but staff helped him to start receiving Social Security and disability benefits. He has moved into his own 1-bedroom apartment, and wants to work part-time as a driver. But for now, this determined man is concentrating on his health, going to dialysis appointments three times every week. Cornelius welcomes the JCOC family's prayers, and expressed, "I thank God for everyone for helping."



Every journey out of homelessness starts with a single anxious step. With a bright and bold new project, Judeo-Christian Outreach Center will make the path less treacherous for thousands more people.

Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) has responded to the needs of the most vulnerable in our community for more than 35 years—providing a shoulder to lean on while empowering struggling families and individuals, including veterans, to succeed every day.

Darkness and despair are hard to escape when you're hungry or without a home. And yet they are the constant companions for more than 20,000 people in Virginia Beach. A lost job, an expensive hospital stay or some other misfortune has pushed many of our clients past the brink. They ask for nothing more than helping hands, so that they can return to the productive lives so many of the rest of us take for granted. All that's needed, in many cases, is JCOC's skilled intervention—backed by the heartfelt generosity of its donors and volunteers—to make that important difference.

JCOC firmly believes we are only truly successful if every client is provided the tools to rebuild their way to a more productive and constructive life. We have accomplished much over the years—providing *help* to those who are hungry through the Food Pantry, Food Box, and Community Dinner programs; *hope* for those who are downtrodden and homeless through the Emergency Housing (shelter), Rapid Rehousing, Veterans Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs; and *healing* through our Housing Support Services, Employment and Disability Benefit assistance services.

The need is still much larger than we can currently address. Our success over the decades and the gracious giving of our community have now emboldened us to take the next step. It is no small one. With the community's support, we have the opportunity to dramatically increase our ability to serve those in need now and for future generations. We can and must do more!

With the launch of the *Help. Hope. Healing.* campaign, JCOC plans to completely rebuild our outdated and inefficient campus on Virginia Beach Boulevard near the Oceanfront. With an estimated investment of \$14 million, JCOC will create the truly inviting refuge we've long envisioned.



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The Help. Hope. Healing. campaign is a significant endeavor that will enable JCOC to dramatically increase the number of people we lead out of hunger and homelessness.



The centerpiece of the campus will be a new 20,644 sq.ft. building complex providing:

- 38 affordable-housing units (approx. 300 sq.ft. each), greatly expanding JCOC's role in building a bridge for the homeless to move into permanent homes of their own.
- A more inviting, flexible and cost-effective dining hall and safe space for those dealing with food insecurities. The complex will house our Community Dinner, Food Pantry and Family Food Box programs.
- New administrative offices for JCOC's Rapid Rehousing and supportive programs to help participants achieve self-sufficiency.

This campaign comes at an especially critical time. The pandemic has battered the local economy and the employment market, dislodging even more people from the moorings of job and home stability. Escalating rental rates compound issues confronting our clients. These disruptions will be felt for years to come. The vision of the *Help. Hope. Healing.* campaign is to build facilities and deliver services to counter the impact of these negative forces.

This effort will bring together the City of Virginia Beach, the Commonwealth of Virginia, community leaders and a broader philanthropic base in a true public-private partnership to dramatically improve JCOC's capacity to serve those in need.

Help. Hope. Healing. is not just about a building—it is about changing people's lives.

Thank you for considering a gift of support to the campaign. Your contribution is an investment in saving lives and improving our community.

For further information or to make a gift please call Kristin Ward at 757.491.2846 or visit jcoc.org.

For a virtual tour of the campus project, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwGoE3gQ0fY&t=2s>

Meet Vince

Vince is a Marine combat veteran. He was homeless last summer. Two words that should never be side by side are "homeless" and "veteran."

This man's welcoming Chamorro culture flows freely from him. Growing up on his father's ranch in Guam instilled a strong work ethic. This motivated Vince to give his all in serving with the Marines. During those 16 years, he obtained a B.A. in Criminal Justice, did many tours including Desert Storm, and earned a Navy Achievement Medal.

After the military, Vince settled in Hampton Roads. Keeping a job proved difficult because his back was progressively weakening due to the past intense military work. Last summer, a roommate didn't pay their portion of the rent. Vince was evicted. His family in Guam helped as much as possible, but Vince ended up having to sleep in his car in the Farm Fresh parking lot off Shore Drive.

The determined man was thankful to find showers and help at Day Support operated by JCOC and located at the Housing Resource Center in Virginia Beach. During one visit there this past January, he learned about our Veterans Transitional Housing program.



Soon after, Vince moved into one of our transitional apartments and began receiving personalized case support. He looks forward to becoming self-sufficient soon, saying, "God was always there with me!"

Our Impact

Annual Average
Over 3 Fiscal Years (FY 19-21)

116,717

Meals worth of food given through our Community Feeding Programs (Community Dinner, Food Pantry, Family Food Box)

888

Food boxes distributed through our daily Community Dinner program

1,822

Volunteers who served meals during our daily Community Dinner program

607

Homeless individuals served through our Daily Support program

133

Individuals were helped and moved into permanent housing through our Emergency Housing (shelter) program

82

People previously living in shelters or on the street found permanent housing through our Rapid Rehousing program

32

Veterans received services, including 19 who moved into permanent housing through our Veterans Transitional Housing program

The mission of Judeo-Christian Outreach Center is to empower homeless families, individuals, and veterans to recover from crisis situations and return to being self-supporting, productive and independent members of our community.

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Housing First

The "Housing First" approach views housing as the foundation for life improvement. People need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to other life challenges such as getting a job, budgeting properly or attending to substance abuse issues.

JCOC has four Housing First programs:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Emergency Housing (shelter)
- Veterans Transitional Housing

Clients in a Housing First model access housing faster and are more likely to remain stably housed. Providing access to housing generally results in cost savings for communities because housed people are less likely to use emergency services, including hospitals, jails and emergency shelter, than those who are homeless. One study found an average cost savings on emergency services of \$13,545 per person housed in a Housing First program over the course of two years!

—National Alliance to End Homelessness
April 2016 Fact Sheet: Housing First

Did You Know

- 90 cents of every \$1 given to JCOC goes directly to helping individuals who are hungry and/or homeless?
- JCOC operates the only year-round shelter in Virginia Beach for single homeless adults?
- JCOC is an integral part of a network of faith, City and nonprofit organizations working together to end homelessness in our community?