### **Over the last 12 years. TOH has...**

**Sheltered 524** guests for a total of over **14,000** bed nights.

**Brought** together over **50** faith communities and service groups around a common cause.

Engaged around 1,000 volunteers each season for a total of over **60,000** service hours.

**Served** over **45,000** meals.

### While sheltering with TOH...

guests found more permanent housing.

**130** guests found employment.

To Our House is a program of New River Community Action. Established in 1965, NRCA assists our community's most vulnerable residents including the homeless. ex-offenders, and struggling families. We offer a variety of services that promote self-sufficiency and improve the lives of over 9,000 individuals each year, with programs focusing on basic human needs, employment, school readiness, and economic literacy.

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### **OUR MISSION**

o provide winter shelter for homeless adults in the NRV and connect them with resources that lead to more permanent housing, employment, and personal economic sustainability.



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omelessness looks very different in the New River Valley than it does in more urban areas. Individuals in our area who find themselves without housing often include those:

**Experiencing** long-term unemployment or underemployment.

**Facing** foreclosure or eviction.

**Awaiting** approval for government or veteran homeless-intervention programs or disability determination.

Persons in our area who have no permanent home are generally less visible because they may temporarily live in motels or with friends. Many of the guests who have found shelter through TOH have previously lived in:

# The woods

Caves

**Storm culverts** 

A friend's pickup truck

A cardboard box



# **How TOH Works**

- Guests call (540) 639-3159 to reserve a bed.
- 2 Sign-in and distribution of house rules at the host site.
- A hot evening meal is provided with time for fellowship.
- Guests enjoy breakfast in the morning. A bag lunch is provided for the day.

"To Our House helped me to become independent and motivated. I got an apartment myself and a full-time job. I felt I was a broken person before TOH....

I am so much better."

-Testimony from a TOH quest

# **How You Can Help**

- **Contact** the TOH office to see how your church or community group can become a Host or Support Organization.
- ▶ **Volunteer** to assist with transportation, meals, evening activities, or laundry.
- ♦ **Invite** a TOH representative to talk to your group about the issue of homelessness and the work that TOH is doing to address this issue locally.
- ♦ **Make** a tax-deductible gift to support the work of TOH. Contributions can be sent to New River Community Action, 1093 East Main Street, Radford, Virginia, 24141-1747. Please make check payable to NRCA and note TOH in the memo line on your check. You can also donate online at <u>ToOurHouse.org</u>.

