

**BEYOND**  
**SHELTER**  
FREDERICK



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REPORT  
TO THE  
COMMUNITY



## IN APRIL 2024, THE RELIGIOUS COALITION OFFICIALLY BECAME BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK.

This new name represents a fresh chapter in our ongoing mission to serve Frederick County. It highlights not only who we are and who we serve but also the breadth of what we do to address poverty and its effects.

While our name and branding have evolved, our mission remains the same: *preventing and alleviating the effects of poverty in Frederick County*. The services and support our clients depend on remain unchanged, as do the meaningful connections they've built with our team. Instead, our new identity reflects our growth and ambition to reach more people and have an even greater impact.

### WHY BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK?

The name "Beyond Shelter Frederick" was chosen to emphasize that our work goes far beyond providing emergency shelter programs. While these programs are a vital part of our services, they are just the beginning. Over the years, we've expanded to offer a wide range of wrap-around services designed to meet the evolving needs of our community. These include Homelessness Prevention programs and Healthcare Financial Assistance initiatives, which help our neighbors achieve stability and improve their overall well-being.

This name change underscores both our roots and our growth, ensuring that everyone—clients, partners, and supporters—understands the full scope of what we do to make Frederick County stronger.

# DEAR FRIENDS,

*We are the sum of our experiences.*

I remind myself of this as we have recently celebrated the first full year of Beyond Shelter Frederick. While the community and partners have embraced our new branding, it came at an unprecedented challenging time in our lifecycle.

Whether good or bad, every experience grows us in some way. When we evaluate the sum of Beyond Shelter's history, it's a conglomeration of faces and names, and hardships and successes. The raw impact of an organization that has always been there no matter where "there" may be, is sometimes difficult to put into words.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported us – both in the past and today. I've always believed that we couldn't do this work without you, and that was especially true last year. With no exaggeration, 2024 was the most challenging year of my professional career. Beyond Shelter Frederick faced unprecedented obstacles – we experienced both setbacks and comebacks, scarcity and generosity. Yet through it all, our mission remained unchanged. Just as we have for the past 40 years, we continued to confront the realities of homelessness in Frederick, day in and day out.

## ***And what does that look like?***

It looks like more senior citizens living on the streets, without access to respite care or adequate senior facilities. It looks like high school students trying to figure out, night after night, where they'll sleep. It looks like housing prices continuing to outpace what the working poor can afford. And it all points to a reality that seems to be getting worse.

The future for many nonprofits is subject to volatility and Beyond Shelter is not immune to this. The last few months have been particularly turbulent facing federal funding uncertainty. We cannot predict the outcome, but you have my assurance that we will continue to grow through our experiences, we will continue fighting for the impoverished, we will continue to be a respite for those experiencing homelessness.

Stay strong Frederick,



NICK BROWN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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## OUR MISSION

# ILLUMINATING PATHS TO HOPE

Beyond Shelter Frederick seeks to prevent and alleviate the effects of poverty on the residents of Frederick County.

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## IN FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, THE NEED FOR RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE IS UNDERScoreD BY SEVERAL KEY STATISTICS:



**High Housing Costs:** The average apartment rent in Frederick in 2024 was \$1,845 (924 sq. ft.)

*Source - RentCafe*



**Cost-Burdened Renters:** Approximately 47% of renter households in Frederick County face unaffordable housing costs, spending 30% or more of their income on rent.

*Source - Equitable Capital Region*



**Energy Cost Burden:** Statewide, income-eligible households pay an average of 14% of their income toward home energy costs prior to receiving assistance.

*Source - Maryland Office of People's Counsel*

These figures highlight the financial challenges many residents face, emphasizing the critical need for rental and utility assistance programs in the county.

## BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY

For decades, the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) has been a steadfast partner in our mission — a shining example of what it means to show up for your community. From opening its doors as the original host site for the family shelter, to generously offering space for meetings and events, to welcoming those in need into Trinity Chapel on the coldest nights, ERUCC's unwavering support has made a lasting impact.



Time and again, the congregation has responded with open hearts and open hands. They consistently say yes. In doing so, they reflect the very best of what community can be.

We are profoundly grateful for this continued partnership. ERUCC's kindness has been — and remains — a true blessing to Beyond Shelter Frederick and the neighbors we serve.



## ROLLING FORWARD WITH HEART: Art and Julane Anderson

Art and Julane Anderson have been incredible supporters of Beyond Shelter Frederick for over the past 17 years, making a real difference in our community. They've contributed generously to the Emergency Family Shelter campaign and other special fundraising efforts while also volunteering their time for programs like Backpacks for Bright Futures. During COVID, they stepped up to deliver meals for the Alan P. Linton Jr. Emergency Shelter when it was needed most. When they're not giving back, you'll likely find them on two wheels—they're both avid cyclists who love traveling the world on bike trips. Their energy, generosity, and adventurous spirit inspire us all!

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FISCAL YEAR 2024

EMERGENCY SHELTER

HOMELESS PREVENTION

ALAN P. LINTON, JR EMERGENCY SHELTER BY THE NUMBERS

335

Number of clients APL clients served

7

Average number of days in the shelter

Your gift provided clients with access to critical case management services.

A woman arrived at the shelter after experiencing difficult times and enduring several traumatic events. With encouragement and consistency, the case manager and the client worked together to achieve the client’s goals. She was successfully connected and approved for a government phone, Medicaid, and SNAP benefits. She received assistance in scheduling doctor and dental appointments. With employment assistance, she was able to secure a job.

EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER BY THE NUMBERS

The Emergency Family Shelter served:

39

families

52

adults

81

children

133

total people

Your gift provided families with stability and security during a time of crisis.

After nearly a year living in tents and hotels, a deaf family came to our shelter. Only the youngest child could hear—but he rarely spoke. In their first month with us, he told a case manager, “I want to go home.” When she asked if he meant the shelter, he said yes. It was the first time she’d heard him speak—and he called the shelter “home.” Despite everything they’d been through, the family found safety and belonging here, and the child found his voice.

Your gift helps keep people housed by providing financial assistance for emergency rental assistance, security deposits and energy bills.

HOMELESS PREVENTION BY THE NUMBERS

554

Households Received Emergency Rental Assistance

\$2359

Average Emergency Rental Assistance Provided Per Household

\$657

Average Security Deposit Provided Per Household

171

Households Received Security Deposits

117

Households Received Energy Financial Assistance

\$433

Average Energy Financial Assistance Provided Per Household

“I came to the Religious Coalition during one of the most trying times in my life and have been blessed to meet some of the most gracious and caring people who went above and beyond to try and help me with my owed rent and would advocate for me in regards to my rights when my landlord would push for eviction. The attitude displayed by staff was amazing and I felt the same caring and empathetic disposition from all of the people that work at the Religious Coalition office.”

– Client that received Emergency Rental Assistance

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRESCRIPTIONS AND EMERGENCY DENTAL PROCEDURES

Your gift provided access to life-sustaining prescriptions and emergency dental procedures for people 51 and over.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE NUMBERS

66

Clients Received  
Financial  
Assistance for  
Prescriptions



Seniors in pain  
found relief with our  
emergency dental  
program, helping restore  
health and relieve pain.

481

Prescription  
Vouchers Issued

Good dental health translates to good health overall. That's why Beyond Shelter Frederick provides emergency dental assistance for simple procedures such as tooth extractions or fillings—with support from our partners Frederick Health, Affordable Dentures, and Dr. Harvey Levy & Associates.

Local pharmacies, such as Whitesells, partner with us to ensure our clients get the life-saving prescriptions like Insulin.



THE GENEROSITY IN OUR  
COMMUNITY MAKES OUR  
WORK POSSIBLE.

**THANK YOU!**

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# BEYOND SHELTER FREDERICK

is here to ensure that individuals and families facing financial hardship remain housed or can return to stable housing and self-sufficiency.

## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:



### EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS:

- The Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter offers homeless adults a place to sleep, shower, and receive laundry assistance.
- The Emergency Family Shelter provides temporary housing for families facing homelessness and poverty to maintain family unity and support the transition to permanent housing.



### HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAMS:

- We help keep people housed. Our rental assistance program supports Frederick County residents at risk of eviction, helping them remain in stable housing and avoid the trauma of homelessness.
- We provide security deposit assistance to eligible residents who are currently homeless or on the verge of losing housing, giving them a chance to secure safe, stable homes.
- We help keep the lights on and the heat running. Through the Frederick Community Energy Fund—housed within our Beyond Shelter program—we offer emergency financial assistance to families facing utility shutoffs and urgent loss of essential services.



### HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

- Our partnerships with local pharmacies offer prescription assistance for life-sustaining medication costs.
- We offer emergency dental assistance to individuals 51 and over, for a range of procedures, from simple fillings and extractions to more complex treatments like root canals and dentures.



### CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT:

- Our staff works with clients to develop a plan and connect them to resources and services that support their goals.

## IN MARYLAND,

39% of households struggle to afford basic necessities. This includes 10% living below the Federal Poverty Level – households that earn above the poverty line but still cannot afford the cost of living in their communities.

*Source: "Unitedforalice.org and United Ways of Maryland (2024).*

## SUPPORT OUR MISSION BY GIVING TODAY!

Your generosity can help us stabilize the lives of those without homes, and rally against the obstacles to housing. We can ensure that those who want to remain housed in Frederick can do so. For more information about giving opportunities, visit our website, or contact Colleen Baldree at 301-631-2670 ext. 103.



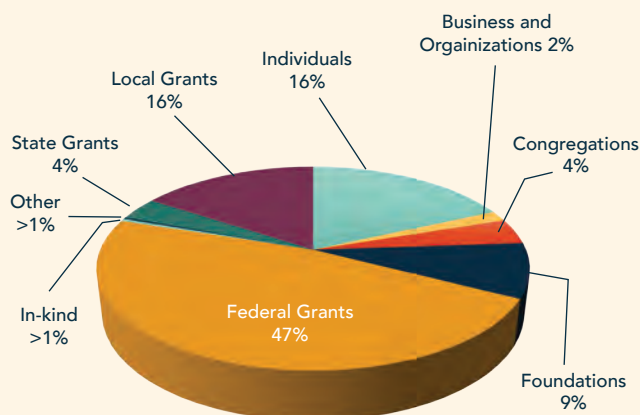




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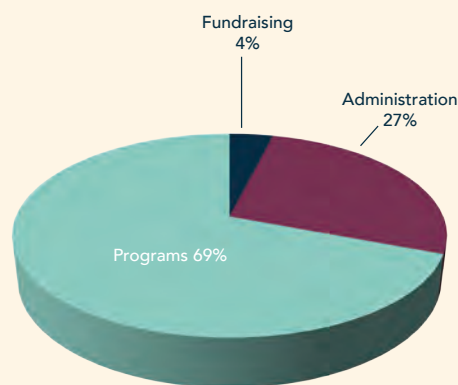
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# FY2024 INCOME



|                            |       |                |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Individuals                | 16.0% | \$633,762.14   |
| Businesses & Organizations | 2.0%  | \$57,037.08    |
| Congregations              | 4.0%  | \$140,420.23   |
| Other                      | >1.0% | \$13,668.52    |
| In-Kind Gifts              | >1.0% | \$8,696.22     |
| Foundations                | 9.0%  | \$301,397.14   |
| Federal Grants             | 47.0% | \$1,648,657.07 |
| State Grants               | 4.0%  | \$124,906.73   |
| Local Grants               | 16.0% | \$547,598.47   |
| Total Revenue              |       | \$3,476,143.60 |

# FY2024 EXPENSES



|                     |       |                |
|---------------------|-------|----------------|
| Fundraising         | 4.0%  | \$141,251.44   |
| Administration      | 27.0% | \$985,850.64   |
| Programs            | 69.0% | \$2,529,544.83 |
| Total FY24 Expenses |       | \$3,656,646.91 |

This financial information is unaudited (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024)

# FISCAL YEAR 2024 DONORS



**THE COMPASS ROSE** is a symbol of navigation that always points North. During the renovation of an 1890's farmhouse purchased by the Coalition to serve as a new Emergency Family Shelter, construction crews discovered a compass rose inlaid in marble in the front of the house. Like a compass rose, Beyond Shelter Frederick guides our clients North by providing them with the necessary tools and support to help them achieve permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Individual donors who contribute \$1,000 or more during the fiscal year (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024) are recognized as members of the Compass Rose Society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to members for their generous contributions and for supporting us in our daily fight to help clients retain or regain housing.

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DURING FISCAL  
YEAR 2024:

30%  
of APL residents were  
over the age of 55

28  
of those were over  
the age of 65

EMERGENCY  
FAMILY SHELTER  
TOTALS:

1  
Single Father

6  
Dual Parent

36  
Total Families Served

2  
The average family  
size of residents  
at the Emergency  
Family Shelter.



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