



AUSTIN STREET CENTER

COMMUNITY NEED

The 2016 Point in Time counts showed that the total number of **homeless individuals in the Dallas area increased by 25% over 2015**. The unsheltered count, such as those who were in “Tent City,” **more than doubled to 739**.

“The average **chronically homeless person costs taxpayers \$40,000** — the price of jail, mental institutions, emergency rooms. And after that \$40,000 is spent, they are no closer to having a home. **It’s less expensive to solve the problem than to perpetuate it** (Teaming Up to End Homelessness, September 2012).

Some homeless populations face proportionately higher risks than others. Studies show that **elderly homeless persons are more prone to victimization**. In a study of 737 homeless women, **78.3% of the women had been subjected to rape, physical assault, and/or stalking** at some point in their life.

The 2016 Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance (MDHA) Point in Time Count, a count and survey of homeless individuals on a single night in January, showed that the average age of the homeless person in Dallas County is 47.

AUSTIN STREET SOLUTION

For more than 30 years, Austin Street Center has provided emergency overnight shelter to the most vulnerable of the homeless population in the Dallas area. Each night, 411 men and women find safe shelter with us. **Austin Street Center is the only area emergency shelter with a focus on the older homeless population; 85% of our guests are 46 and older. We serve more chronically homeless individuals than any other shelter in the area.** To provide support and comprehensive resources, Austin Street Center created a Women’s Day Resource Program – “The Sisterhood” - to meet the unique challenges and needs of female homeless adults. The breadth and quality of our programs and services enable us to provide the care that chronically homeless individuals truly need.

MISSION

Austin Street Center provides safe shelter and meets the basic needs of the most vulnerable homeless.

PROGRAMS

Basic needs: safe place to sleep, meals, showers, and clothing

Additional programs and services

- **Intense Case Management.**
- **Women’s Program.**
- **Veteran’s Program.**
- **Transitional, extended stay shelter.**
- **E² (Education and Employment) Program.**
- **Other on-site partnerships provide:**
- **Substance abuse support.**
- **Mental health support.**
- **Spiritual support.**
- **Clothing/hygiene products.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past twelve months we provided shelter and services to 2,647 unduplicated individuals

Increased capacity from 377 to 411, increasing total nights of shelter provided this year by 12,410.

Women's dorm room We converted a large storage room in the main shelter into a women's dorm room with reserved beds that sleeps fifteen guests.

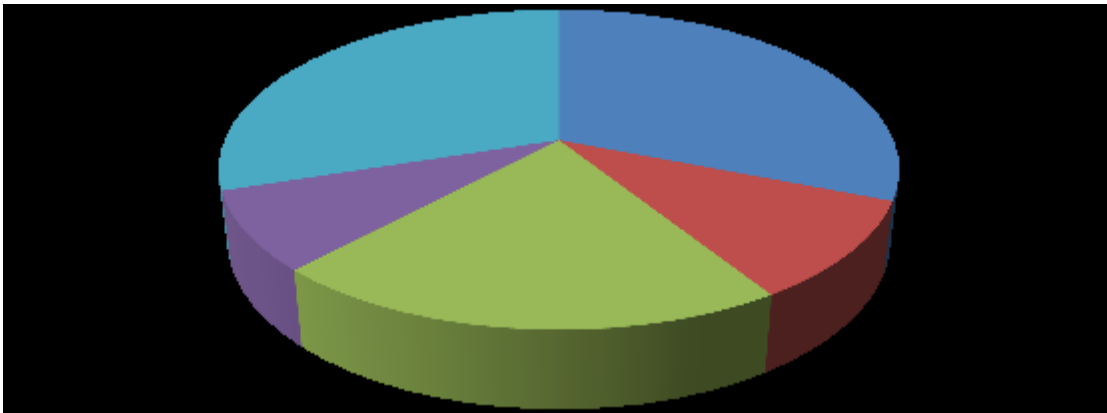
Women's Day Resource Program To provide safe surroundings, support, access to resources, and intense case management to homeless women. We accept the most vulnerable women into the program, providing them with intense case management, therapeutic intervention, and psychosocial individual counseling.

Work Readiness Program - E² (ESquared – Education and Employment Assistance), helps remove barriers to employment. The Program Manager has developed partnerships with a number of companies in the Dallas area that hire guests with felony convictions.

First aid training – all staff Austin Street Center purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED) and provided training to all staff members. All employees received Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training provided by Red Cross.

Purchased adjacent warehouse facility as a part of long term strategic plan to increase services and space for our program.

Financial



31% Individuals 10% Churches 21% Foundations 8% Corporations 30% Events

Ways to Invest

- Bring a group, Donative Drive, Serve a meal for our shelter clients
 - o <http://www.austinstreet.org/volunteer/groups/>
- Become a regular volunteer at our front desk, clothing room, front desk, or computer lab
 - o <http://www.austinstreet.org/volunteer/individuals/>
- Become a Partner - \$60/month provides for the average stay of one client
 - o <http://www.austinstreet.org/give/donate/>
- Sponsor or attend February 23rd "No Place Like Home" Annual Vacation Home Silent Auction
 - o <http://www.austinstreet.org/events/noplacelikehome/>