

- Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County (FOTH) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
- In collaboration with 11 local churches, Jack Ream established FOTH in 2003.
- Today, more than 65 churches have voiced support for the shelter.
- The shelter opened on October 31, 2005 with a 36-bed capacity in a building leased from the First Presbyterian Church.
- The FOTH receives funding through a combination of federal, state, and local grants; foundation awards; and business and private donations.
- FOTH operates on an annual budget of approximately \$475,000.

**Founded on faith, compassion, and hope we are dedicated to ministering to those who are hurting and impoverished, and promoting the dignity of the most needy in the Tuscarawas Valley.**

**“As Jesus told us: You will always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them.” (Mark 14:7)**

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**FRIENDS**  
of the Homeless  
OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

**Pathway To  
Wellness**  
RECOVERY CENTER



**Our Mission:**  
To assist families and individuals in a faith-based environment to achieve stability, sobriety, and permanent housing.

# What we do:

More than 4,100 men, women, and children have safely slept and received nourishment as guests of the shelter.

85% of shelter guests are from Tuscarawas County.

The shelter is staffed 24/7.

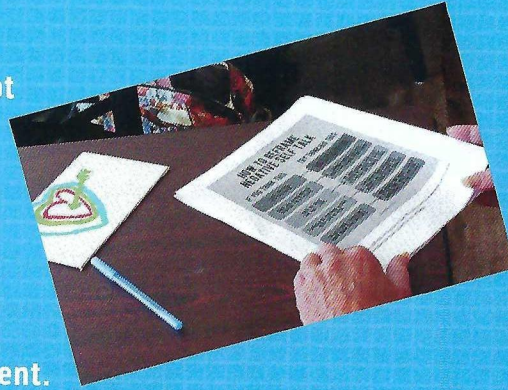
The shelter strives to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Background checks are performed on all potential guests. Sexual offenders and those convicted of violent crimes are not admitted. Guest belongings are inspected.

Guests observe a 10:00 PM curfew.

Each shelter guest meets with a case manager to develop an individualized housing plan.

Shelter guests are assigned light chores at the shelter. Occupational Therapy services are provided through Stark State University to develop life skills.

Counseling services are available through the Wellmore Center. Friends of the Homeless manages Pathway to Wellness, a 4-bed long term recovery sober living house.



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To provide guests as much assistance as possible, the shelter partners with many social service agencies including the New Philadelphia Health Department, Wellmore Centre, Metropolitan Housing Authority, Jim's Place clothes closet, employment placement agencies, legal aid, Harcatus Family Support, and local employers.

# Who we serve:

## Leading Factors for Homelessness:

- Lack of trustworthy relationships is one of the most common causes.
- Illness and/or disability
- Abuse; 90% of women experiencing homelessness attest to some form of physical or sexual abuse during their lifetime.
- Insufficient wages with no or limited benefits
- Unemployment: inability to maintain employment, lack of education and job skills, mental health issues.
- Lack of affordable housing and substandard housing
- Personal hardship
- Generational chronic poverty
- Addiction and mental health issues
- History of childhood trauma

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The Friends of the Homeless provides over 5,700 meals and 1,100 food boxes each year to area residents in need. Over 6,000 Tuscarawas County residents in addition to shelter guests have received assistance with food, hygiene supplies, household items, hats, gloves, socks, and transportation.

