



Spring for Housing

*ending homelessness
for 31 people
in spring 2015*

donate household goods,
furniture and supplies to make
housing feel like home!



a project of the Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless

A Housing SURGE

What in the world is a housing SURGE?

- Concentrated, short-term effort to house as many people as possible
- Chance to work outside the rigid parameters of our individual jobs or organizations to impact something BIG
- Opportunity to test a new way of working together, without committing forever
- Demonstration that housing is the solution to homelessness...*crazy, right?!?*

It *Worked!* in Other Communities

- In 100 days from October 2013 to January 2014, 33 service providers in Virginia housed 545 families as part of a Rapid Re-Housing Challenge.
- Fairfax, Virginia successfully housed 18 families and 25 individuals between July and September 2014.
- Fredericksburg, Virginia housed 55 families in their 2013 'Home for the Holidays' campaign.
- New Haven, Connecticut has housed 97 people in their 100-day Homeless Challenge in 2014.

It Really Does Take a Village



Spring for Housing 2015 SURGEONS!

City of Charlottesville

The Haven

PACEM

Charlottesville Department of Social Services

Albemarle County Department of Social Services

Region Ten

On Our Own

Thrive

Piedmont Housing Alliance

Salvation Army



How do 31 people get housed?



- People experiencing literal homelessness were screened and ranked based on vulnerability and number of housing barriers.
- Food & furniture gathered by volunteers in the City and County office buildings and through social media.
- Volunteers created a housewarming registry on Bed, Bath & Beyond.
- The Housing Navigator reached out to local landlords to provide information and advocate for these housing clients.
- Now, we SURGE!