

Housing Services

Helping 2,000 neighbors each year

We believe in helping all people reach their full potential. For over 120 years, our work continues to touch the mind, body, heart – and ultimately the spirit – of those we serve. As a national, non-profit, faith-based organization, Volunteers of America helps nearly 2 million people across the country – more than 20,000 in Ohio alone.

Emergency Housing

Men and Women

Safe and temporary shelter for homeless men (Cleveland, Columbus*, Sandusky); Shelter for women (Sandusky)

Our goal for each individual is achieving stable housing and employment. Men's services include: basic needs such as a warm bed, hot meals and clothing; case management; securing benefits and budgeting. Women's services additionally include nursing clinic and referrals to community resources.

Permanent Supportive Housing Families**

Permanent housing for homeless families with a disability (Columbus)

We provide affordable housing for homeless families with disabilities and offer our supportive service as well. Our goal is to offer families stable housing with the opportunity to move into independent housing and obtain meaningful employment. The Columbus program serves 30 families, the Toledo program 5. Columbus program is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Temporary Housing

Men

Long-term, structured environment with supportive services for homeless men working towards self-sufficiency (Mansfield, Sandusky): Housing for women (Sandusky)

Our program offer a long-term structured environment for homeless men and women working towards self-sufficiency. Services include: case management, employment counseling, life-skills training, securing benefits and referrals for substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling. The Mansfield program has 26 beds. The Sandusky program has 24 beds available for males and females.

Ex-Offenders

Short-term, structured environment designed to meet the unique needs of ex-offenders (Toledo)

Temporary, short-term housing for ex-offenders who are returning to the community and need a place to stay until permanent housing is secured.

Individuals with Chemical Dependency

Stable, safe temporary housing for homeless chemically dependent men and women (Sandusky)

We provide safe, stable housing for 16 men and women struggling with drug and alcohol dependency as they work toward recovery. Our goal for each individual is stable housing and employment. Services include: case management, life skills training, and referrals to community resources.

Families

Long-term, safe housing for homeless families (Sandusky) We provide safe, stable housing for individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis and help move them into independent housing through our supportive services. Services include: case management, life skills training and referrals to community resources.

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