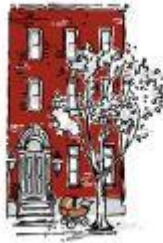


Sixth Street Shelter



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Serving Families Since 1984.

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Our Mission

Our mission is to assist families experiencing homelessness secure safe housing through family-centered services, in-house programming, and referrals to community resources while advocating that affordable housing is a human right.



About Us

The Sixth Street Shelter in Allentown is the largest family shelter in the region and has been providing housing and casework services to families that are unsheltered with children since 1984.



Understanding our neighbors, our community: Homelessness and Children

HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES

At the Sixth Street Shelter, we intervene in the crises in the lives of more than 100 homeless families per year, showing genuine love to more than 200 children who need all the love they can get. Our mission is to provide the opportunity and direction for all people to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community. Since 1984, the Shelter has been providing temporary housing for Lehigh Valley homeless families with children as well as transitional housing at two separate locations.



What Does Sixth Street Do As A Non-Profit Organization

Located in Center City Allentown, Sixth Street Shelter provides safe, short-term housing for families of any configuration (including those with fathers and teenage boys, multi-generational families, and those from the LGBTQ+ community) experiencing homelessness. The property has 25 private apartments, a Family Resource Center, playground, and full-choice food pantry for residents.

Our 18-to 24-month transitional housing programs in Allentown and Easton make it possible for parents to pursue educational or vocational training while working towards self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. We believe that education and job training play an important and valuable role in helping families thrive while also ending the cycle of generational poverty.



About the Apartments

- Ferry Street Apartments is a two-year transitional housing program designed for families who desire to pursue educational and vocational training while working towards self-sufficiency. The ultimate goal of this program is to create self-sufficient citizens who actively participate in their community.
- Turner Street Apartments is a two-year transitional housing program designed for families who desire to pursue educational and vocational training while working towards self-sufficiency. The 12-units are located in center city of Allentown on Turner Street



SSS Programs Provided

- Long Term Transitional Housing
- Short Term Housing
- Financial and Budget Classes
- Life Skills
- Parenting Classes
- Tutoring for Children
- GED courses for adults



How Does Sixth Street Shelter Help The Community

- We take in families off the streets no matter the circumstances
- We help people at their lowest point in life and provide them with goals and encouragement to succeed
- We help residents get a job and get them grounded
- One way to avoid homelessness is to take advantage of the community and the resources.



How Sixth Street Shelter Helps The Community

96 families

- 73 adults and
- 246 children
- 23 families stayed at our transitional housing

- Family Centered Services
- Access to mental health services
- Access to medical services
- COVID Vaccine Clinic
- Parenting Classes
- Nutrition Classes
- Financial Literacy Classes



How Does Poverty Affect People?

- Poverty affects people's
 - health -Poverty prevents people from paying for medicine, medical care, and health insurance
- Poverty affects education-families cannot afford education
- Poverty prevents the ability to pay for stable accommodations (Housing)
- People that are in Poverty have a higher chance of being victims of violence, sexual and child abuse



A Success Story: Nelisa

“ Sometimes,
even when you
do everything
right, things can
still go terribly
long”



Upcoming Event

Upcoming Events:

- Iron Pigs Philling the Need Food Collection May 12, 2022
- Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on June 4, 2022



- Iron Pigs Swing for Swine Game July 4, 2022



Volunteers are Special and Greatly Appreciated



Benefits of Volunteering

- Reduce stress level
- Helps people stay physically and mentally active
- Gives a sense of purpose
- Teaches valuable skills
- Helps you meet others
- Develop new relationships
- Being Involved in the community



How To Give Back

- Your Donation Makes All The Difference
 - Interested in providing a monetary gift to the Shelter?
 - Go to our website for more information
www.sixthstreetshelter.org
 - Donations are always helpful too!
 - Example: Bath Towels, Razors, Shaving Cream, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Comforters, Twin Size Sheets, Cups, Mops, Cleaning Supplies



Thank You

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