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Crisis looks different for everyone: rock bottom, lost, hopeless. This can lead to homelessness, addiction, or worse.

Our case managers, recovery specialists, and workforce development staff help our residents and students reconnect with their sense of purpose and become self sufficient again, full of hope and possibility.



More Than Just a Shelter

Ted and his family have been connected to CARITAS for 20 years. The Linharts have supported CARITAS and its evolving programs through the changing landscape of homeless and recovery services in our community. The CARITAS shelter had a pivotal year in 2018. The men's shelter began operating from a fixed site, co-located at The Healing Place and we are pleased to see measurable positive outcomes in housing and employment. Congregational partners will continue to host the CARITAS women's shelter until the permanent location is opened at the CARITAS Center in 2020. Providing trauma-informed care and greater access to community resources are top priorities.



55% more men are

employed while in shelter than were last year.

"There are few other nonprofits that I feel deserve our investment more than CARITAS. Its leaders are always forward-thinking and in-tune with the most fundamental problems facing our community."

- J. Theodore Linhart, President, The Linhart Foundation

Building the Future

Dr. Rao and his family spent a week volunteering in the CARITAS Furniture Bank last summer. CARITAS depends on volunteers to leverage and increase capacity in all our programs. Last fiscal year, we distributed 1,364 beds you donated or built. Volunteers also helped us provide 222,400 meals at The Healing Place. And, of course, the CARITAS Shelter depends on the invaluable engagement from our congregational family.

For every volunteer hour, every dollar and every piece of furniture, CARITAS provided big impact in our community. The value of your volunteer support was equivalent to \$1,925,500.

"As a family, we believe our neighbors in the community and region should live lives that are healthy, safe and worthy of respect. Be it physical labor or financial contributions, we are confident that CARITAS is an organization focused on thoughtfully equipping diverse populations with the skills needed to achieve their version of the American dream."

Michael Rao, Ph.D.,
President of VCU and
VCU Health System

90% of students are employed within 30 days of graduation.

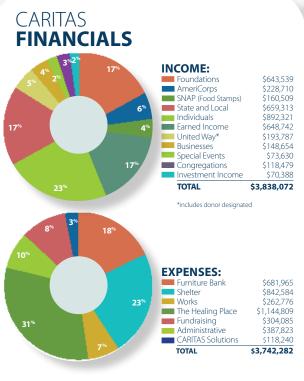
Getting To Work

In CARITAS Works, we help men and women discover their strengths, learn basic interview and workplace skills, and even help them get dressed for the big interview. After our intensive five-week workforce development program, men and women hold their head high and unfold bright futures with their own two hands.

"I've been a volunteer educator in the CARITAS **Works program for** over 5 years. You can physically and spiritually watch the men and women transform during the course of the class. They emerge as confident, empathetic, and skilled team players excited to take on the world and be an asset to any employer."

> -Jennifer McCluskey, CARITAS Works volunteer and donor





Donors and supporters like you keep our momentum going. Because of your belief in our vision and trust in our success, we have been able to map out a road to the future that will, for the first time, allow us to reach women suffering from a substance use disorder.

Thank you for your continued sipport.

