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Open Table Ministry seeks out and guides people experiencing homelessness and poverty toward long-term health and wholeness by building ongoing trusting relationships, meeting practical and personal needs, making connections to community resources, and bridging critical gaps in the social services system.

We strive to foster a community where everyone is valued and all people’s spiritual, physical, and emotional needs are met.

Open Table Ministry is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
From Our Executive Director

We have done good work with the help of many friends and volunteers. In 2018, Open Table Ministry provided emergency shelter for vulnerable adults and children, helped our homeless friends obtain permanent housing by paying deposits and application fees, assisted in the housing process, moved clients into their new homes, and provided furnishings. We also reunited folks with their families in other cities, ending their homelessness.

We served 6095 hot meals at our Monday lunches and our Free Store gave away more than 900 items per month including coats, jeans, blankets, shoes, hygiene kits, and thousands of pairs of socks. In keeping with our mission to help our clients become self-reliant, we provided the equipment and clothing necessary to gain permanent employment. The need is great and we greatly appreciate your partnership in helping to meet that need. Please visit us at one of our lunches that we hold at noon every Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church (215 N. Church Street in Durham), or contact us about volunteering. We’d love to help you find your place in serving this community!

With gratitude,
Carolyn Schuldt, Executive Director

2018 By the Numbers
23 individuals given emergency shelter
40 individuals helped into permanent housing
56 individuals diverted from homelessness
6095 lunches served
53 community partners (13 new)
250 volunteers gave their time
6500+ volunteer hours worked
42 apartments furnished
900+ items distributed per month at the Free Store
1 paid staff member

Financials

2018 Donations totaled $178,975

2018 Program Expenses

Homelessness diversion 23%
Weekly lunches/food 17%
Emergency shelter 13%
Medical 3%
Clothing/furnishings 44%

Homeless No More

338 people are homeless in Durham according to the 2018 Durham Point in Time Count. Of those, 16% are unsheltered.