

Washington DC Young Adult Volunteers

Capitol Hill Group Ministries

The Youth Adult Volunteer program has been working with Capitol Hill Group Ministries (CHGM) for several years now. Over the year YAVs have participated in various aspects of CHGM's work. Most recently their YAV worked with their advocacy work. In the past YAVs have also worked with their outreach team.



Capitol Hill Group Ministries started in 1967 to respond to the growing issue of homelessness in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. There are currently twenty-eight congregational partners (including Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church) and many community partners and NPOs who help CHGM with their work.

The organization works not only with Homelessness individuals, but also folks who are at-risk of becoming homeless, working to keep them off the streets. Their programs include a breakfast program for people to come in and get a full meal, as well as find out about available resources. They also send out regular volunteers into the neighborhood to pass out blankets and warm drinks on cold nights, along with water and snacks on hot nights. They get regular volunteers from the area churches who have, over the years, developed relationships with many of the people who live on Capitol Hill's streets. The relationships have helped connect people to needed services, and offer an opportunity for some fellowship and friendship.



Another big outreach is the Shirley's Place Day Hospitality Center, which is another place for people to come in and learn about resources available to them, get a good meal, wash their clothes and take a shower, all in a safe place.

In 2015 CHGM their rapid re-housing program helped 70 families get housing, their street outreach team served 327 homeless individuals through 1,333 interactions while the Shirley's Place Day Hospitality served 1550 individuals with a total of 2,230 light meals, 1,637 loads of laundry, 1,107 showers, 432 computer lab session, 410 toiletry kits and thousands of referrals to various social and economic and legal needs. In 2016, through the Districts Family Homeless Prevention Program, CHGM provided housing stabilization services to 459 families at imminent risk of homelessness, including 459 adults and 723 children. 91% of the families we served could avoid a shelter stay.

Capitol Hill Group Ministries looks forward to another year of service from a Washington, DC based YAV and continues to transform the mission of the various faith communities that engage in the work.

To learn more about Capitol Hill Group Ministries, check out their webpage: <http://www.chgm.net/>

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