

CLIENT QUOTES

" I was beaten badly by my fiancé. I went to the hospital and then came to Doorways. This is a place for you to heal and bring your self-esteem back up. I cry every time I think about it. These people care. They really do care. Now I'm getting ready to go back to school and finish my degree. **"**

– A Safehouse Client

" After being homeless with my kids off and on for 15 years, I found Doorways. The staff stuck with me, even when I made mistakes, and kept on teaching me and helping me do things the right way. My daughters and I have been in our home for nearly three years now and have no intention of being homeless again. **"**

– HomeStart Mother

" This is not just a shelter; it's a home. That's exactly what families going through the things we are going through need. **"**

– A Family Home Client

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Awarded
Charity Navigator's
Exceptional
Four Star Rating

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**30 YEARS OF OPENING DOORS
TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE**



DOORWAYS

*Making a Difference
for Those in Need*

Doorways for Women and Families is a leader in ending domestic violence and homelessness in the Arlington and Northern Virginia area.

For 30 years, Doorways has opened doors to brighter futures through safe shelter and housing, life-changing support services, and community advocacy.

Beginning with one person, one family, and then reaching out to another and another, we end homelessness and domestic violence in our communities.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Homelessness and domestic violence are problems affecting people we know – family members, friends, co-workers. Problems that are getting worse. Problems that must be addressed.

HOMELESSNESS

- **Families make up more than half** of the homeless population in Northern Virginia.
- **Working families are not immune** from homelessness with unemployment rising and the cost of living increasing.
- **Homelessness breeds homelessness**, passing from one generation to the next, unless action is taken to break the cycle.

Nearly 85% of families leave our housing programs to move into safe, stable housing.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- **1 in 3 women are victims** of domestic violence, having been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused during their lifetime.
- **Domestic violence isolates victims** from social and financial help and leaves them no choice but to return to their abuser or become homeless.
- **Sons of violent fathers** are up to 10 times more likely to beat their own wives or girlfriends as adults.



Nearly 90% of Safehouse residents go on to stable and safe housing, refusing to return to the abusive partner.

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WHAT WE DO

There are solutions to homelessness and domestic violence, and we take resolving these problems to a whole new level and potential, providing the greatest opportunity for success.

After entering one of our two homes, our clients receive intensive counseling and support services

that meet the varied and profound needs presented by adults and children in crisis.

Each year, Doorways not only ends homelessness and domestic violence for over 250 families and individuals, we also focus on prevention through community education and awareness programs.

Ending Homelessness and Domestic Violence

- **Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home:** provides short-term housing for homeless families.
- **Safehouse:** offers a secure and confidential 11-bed home for adults and children who are in imminent danger.



Making a Difference

- **Financial Independence Track:** provides personal training in budgeting, saving, and debt management to help clients rebuild credit and restore confidence.
- **24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline:** provides crisis intervention, support, counseling, and immediate assistance to hundreds of victims of abuse and those seeking to help.
- **Child-Focused Services:** offers physical, emotional, and social support to help children heal from the traumatic effects of homelessness and domestic violence.
- **Court Advocacy Services:** helps survivors navigate the legal system to protect themselves and their children.

Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

- **HomeStart Supportive Housing Program:** offers housing and supportive services for families who leave Doorways shelters or are displaced from their housing.

Nearly every family who walks through our door will walk through another door into their own home.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Visit
www.DoorwaysVA.org
to learn more about
our work.

JOIN US as we work to end homelessness and domestic violence in our communities.

- Make a tax-deductible financial contribution
- Sign up to volunteer
- Sign a pledge
- Host a community education presentation
- Start a collection drive



Every year – 24 hours a day, 365 days a year – we ensure over 30,000 nights of safe housing for women and their families.