I was able to keep my job for about 14 months while I lived in my car. Then I was in and out of shelters. Now I volunteer and feed the homeless because I know how much of a difference it makes.”

- Candace, CaringWorks Client
The highlight of a year full of firsts was the announcement in October 2019 that CaringWorks was named Georgia’s regional “Outstanding Behavioral Health Provider” by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. We set an agency record for new program launches (5) and for new hires (14). Although these are achievements of which we can be proud, what really mattered is that we were there for 1,000+ individuals who needed us for their housing and behavioral health services.

Homelessness remains an urgent issue in the metropolitan Atlanta area. In the City of Atlanta alone, more than 3,000 individuals experienced homelessness in 2019. Many of these individuals are also coping with behavioral and physical health conditions that compromise their daily functioning. CaringWorks has been a reliable and competent community partner, providing housing and relevant support to the metro area’s chronically homeless, yielding the kind of results that changes lives (see Expanding Impact section).

Homelessness will present an even greater need as the community struggles to cope with the effects of COVID-19. Not only will there be economic pressures for many, there will also be increased physical and behavioral health needs that must be met. CaringWorks will be there to respond. Our new ASPIRE program will offer thoughtful and relevant services designed to improve the health and well-being of those we serve, even those without health insurance.

At CaringWorks, growth means more than just serving more people; it means increasing our commitment to pursue better ways to do the work, to advocate for the vulnerable among us, and most importantly, to care.

Mission & Services

CaringWorks’ mission is to reduce homelessness and empower the marginalized by providing access to housing and services that foster dignity, self-sufficiency, and well-being. CaringWorks offers chronically homeless clients access to housing, case management support, comprehensive mental health treatment, and substance abuse services “all under one roof.”

Message from the President & CEO

A Year of Milestones

The ultimate respect that we show our clients is to do our best for them every single day.

Carol S. Collard
PhD, LMSW

No One Should Be Homeless. Homelessness remains an urgent issue in the metropolitan Atlanta area. We rely on your generous support to enable and expand our work - and our work has shown that through supportive housing and individualized care, men and women can escape homelessness and lead healthy, productive lives. Please consider a donation to help end homelessness.

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Expanding Impact

Founded in 2002, CaringWorks has come a long way. The agency initially served 70 men at Hope House. In 2019, the agency helped over 1,000 people at over 20 sites throughout six counties in metropolitan Atlanta. The statistics below show the expansion and growth from 2018. Despite rapid growth, the goal has never changed – CaringWorks enables individuals and families to reach their goals, one person at a time.

599
INCREASE 16%
Household/Families Served

1,028
INCREASE 24%
People Served

24%
INCREASE 41%
Homeless Community Served

60%
Uninsured Provided With Treatment

93%
Our Clients Remained Stably Housed

62%
Who Left Our Housing Programs Had Stable Income At Exit

WHO WE SERVE

PEOPLE WITH:
Mental Illness
HIV/AIDS
Substance Use Disorders

PEOPLE WHO ARE:
Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Veterans
Returning Citizens
Single Mothers

I remember getting out of jail and walking past the Hope House. I was hungry and tired and motivated for a change.”
- Alvin, CaringWorks Client

DEMOGRAPHICS

Individuals with disabilities 88%
Chronically homeless 47%
Female 50%

Children (under 18) 26%
Adults over age 45 47%
Adults over age 62 7.3%

Number of Homes Served up 37%
Counties served – up 20%
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CaringWorks - Programs for the Homeless

CaringWorks provides integrated housing, health, care coordination, and education for men, women and children throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area. The agency serves individuals who are living with disabilities such as mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

ASPIRE  
Integrated health and wellness for residents

MOVE  
Supportive, affordable housing and services for women and children

RISE  
Supportive, affordable housing and services for adults

DeKalb Veterans  
Supportive affordable housing and services for male and female Veterans

DeKalb Bridge  
Transitional housing and services for DeKalb families

Clayton PSH  
Supportive, affordable housing and services for Clayton residents

Behavioral Health  
Outpatient psychiatric services, individual and group counseling for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder

Hope House  
Residential treatment and services for men

Deaf Services  
One of only three residential treatment programs in the country for men who are deaf or hard of hearing

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The Cost of Homelessness

The bonus of CaringWorks’ solution to end homelessness is not just a cost savings but ultimately the addition of contributing members of the community. CaringWorks’ residents work, pay taxes, rent apartments, purchase groceries, volunteer, and join faith-based organizations. They learn to be good neighbors and good friends. Many try to help and inspire others who are still working their way out of homelessness.

Don’t do anything
$40,000 annually

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$21,000 annually

CaringWorks
$13,725 annually

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$0 annually

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I lived a life of drugs, domestic violence and fear. Sober now for 3 years, I sing in the church choir and am writing a book in the hope of inspiring others.”

- Kim, CaringWorks Client