

Celebrating 40 Years of Hope



A Legacy of Support and Growth

Community Hope is excited to celebrate its 40th anniversary on March 20, 2025. From our modest beginnings, we've grown into a powerful force for change, supporting individuals in need across New Jersey. What started in 1985 as a vision from a group of families seeking permanent supportive housing for their adult children with mental illness, has blossomed into an organization that serves over 1,100 people annually across 10 programs.

"We are proud of how far we've come," says Jenn Stivers, Managing Director of Community Hope. "Mental wellness is the foundation of everything we do, and we're honored to help so many people each year. Our programs provide safe housing, access to critical services, and support for individuals as they work toward independence."

At the heart of our mission is the belief that every person deserves dignity and respect. Through our work in mental health, housing, and veterans' services, we focus on meeting each individual's unique needs. From those living with mental illness to veterans overcoming the challenges of homelessness, we create personalized service plans with each person, ensuring they receive the right level of care and support.

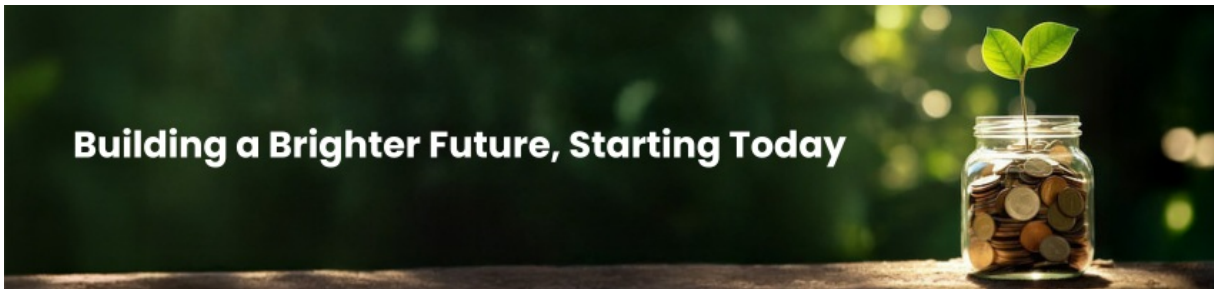
Our veterans' programs not only address the root causes of homelessness, but also provide the tools and support needed to regain independence. "We focus on helping veterans obtain and maintain permanent housing, working with them for up to two years depending on the program," explains Stivers. "For our mental health consumers, some have lived with us for years – even decades. We ensure they have a safe, stable home for as long as they need it, and that they are supported every step of the way."

Community Hope is proud to partner with the Veterans Administration in the SSG Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Program, providing crucial outreach and services to veterans, active duty service members, and their families. This initiative works to prevent suicide, offering both local and VA-based resources.

From our humble start with just five individuals, Community Hope has become one of the

largest nonprofits in New Jersey, dedicated to helping some of our state's most vulnerable individuals. For 40 years, we've given the gifts of home, stability, and hope to tens of thousands of people.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded that when someone has hope, anything is possible. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey with us. Here's to many more years of building hope together!



At the Community Hope Foundation, we create a better tomorrow by strengthening our communities today. We are dedicated to assisting Community Hope in providing supportive services and specialized housing to military members, veterans, their families, and individuals with serious mental illness. The Community Hope Foundation has been established to carry forward this important work and legacy.

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The mission of the Community Hope Foundation is to ensure the ongoing community impact of Community Hope, Inc. by promoting permanence, strategic growth, and expanded reach. The Foundation is committed to empowering the organization's support of military members, veterans, their families, and individuals with mental illness, allowing them to rebuild and to thrive.

Together, the Foundation and Community Hope will expand housing and recovery opportunities for some of New Jersey's most vulnerable and low-income citizens.

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This is a unique opportunity for donors to create a meaningful, lasting legacy while making a real difference in your community. There are several impactful ways you can support the longevity of our mission and help us build a foundation for a brighter tomorrow:

- **Major Gift Donation:** A major gift provides immediate and long-lasting support.
- **Monthly Recurring Donations:** Every month, your commitment builds a stronger foundation for hope.
- **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs):** A grant from your fund is an easy way to support our mission.
- **Planned Giving:** By including us in your estate plans, you leave a legacy that will benefit future generations. Here are some planned giving options to consider:
 - **Bequest in Your Will or Trust:** Leave a lasting legacy by naming Community Hope Foundation in your will or trust.
 - **Endowment Gift:** An endowment gift supports our mission in perpetuity, providing

ongoing funding for programs and services.

- **Donation of Property:** Property donations help provide critical resources such as housing and services for those in need.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT):** With a CRT, you can receive income during your lifetime, with the remainder supporting our mission after your lifetime.

Get Involved

If you're interested in learning more about how you can help, visit our website or email: mferreira-psych@communityhope-nj.org. Your support today helps ensure a better tomorrow. Thank you for being part of our vision for a brighter future.

Visit our Website

Every year Community Hope helps:



support **895 households**



provide **535 families** with housing security



serve **1,231 individuals**



When someone has hope, anything is possible!



Our mission is to be a beacon of hope in our community, connecting individuals and families with life-changing support, services, and housing that foster the independence and resiliency to live their best lives.





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