



Compassion Outreach Ministries of Ohio fights to end human trafficking, drug addiction and homelessness by creating a path of restoration, wholeness, health, dignity, and hope one life at a time. C.O.M.O., a local non-profit, accomplishes this mission through a residential drug recovery program and respite centers for the homeless in Central Ohio.

We believe that all human beings are worthy of love and basic needs.

C.O.M.O Fighting Homelessness & Human Trafficking



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The Need: the homelessness situation in our community is widespread and increasing each year. The economy, pandemic and housing shortage are contributing factors to homelessness in Franklin County. Following stats provided by Community Shelter Board:

- 20% increase in homelessness in central Ohio (January 2022 to January 2023)
- 17% increase in people staying in shelters or transitional housing.
- 46% increase in people living outside or in other areas not meant for living.
- 150 new people are forced into homelessness every year in Franklin County.
- 51,000 units short for renters who make minimum wage in central Ohio.
- 30 homes are available and affordable per every 100 residents seeking housing.

2024 Drop-In Centers Impact:

- 8,225 people served, operating six days a week on Sullivant Ave. in Franklinton
- 6,269 outfits of clothing, 3,127 hygiene items, 355 loads of laundry, 7,994 meals, 1,506 showers
- Men and women were afforded either: emergency medical treatment, addiction treatment referral and/or transportation to emergency treatment and medical care.
- Connected men and women to full-time employment.
- Connected men and women to community services or harm reduction services.

Drop-In Centers Impact since inception:

Women's Respite Center

- 41,546 visits to the center since opening in 2017
- 18,514 *critical access* meals served since 2021

Men's Respite Center:

- 31,149 visits to the center since opening in May 2019
- 18,204 *critical access* meals served since 2021
- 348 pieces of furniture/appliances provided through the C.O.M.O. Furniture Bank



THREE - Women's Respite Center: a drop-in center that provides a safe environment to build trust with women that are sexually exploited.

Who we are:

- Open Tuesday 4-6 p.m.; Thursday 4-7 p.m.; Saturday 12-4 p.m.
- Provides clothes, showers, laundry, a hot meal, and a safe place to rest.
- Women's Crisis Room (transition space from the streets to recovery/safe living)
- Provides Case Management and Weekly Counseling

TWO - Men's Respite Center: a drop-in center that provides a non-judgmental place where men can come and receive basic needs and resources to cultivate life change and a path out of their current environment.

Who we are:

- Open Sunday 2-5 p.m.; Wednesday 4-7 p.m.; Friday 5-7 p.m.
- Provides clothes, showers, a hot meal, and a safe place to rest.
- Men's Crisis Room (transition space from the streets to recovery/safe living)



BITE BACK– Concession Trailer: the C.O.M.O food truck offers a unique and delicious dining experience that is perfect for customers on the go.

Why We Do It

- Provide a primary source of occupational training and employment for transitional living residents.
- Expand and diversify C.O.M.O funding base with social enterprise income.
- Serve food through our mobile kitchen to locations we are unable to serve at the drop-in centers.
- Grow public awareness and gain attention from a broader audience.

C.O.M.O. Transitional Housing: Provides a secure, supportive place to live while individuals rebuild their lives.

What we do:

- **Short- to Mid-Term Housing:** Temporary residency, typically 6–24 months, designed for stability and recovery.
- **Supportive Services:** Includes case management, trauma counseling, addiction recovery support, legal advocacy, and medical referrals.
- **Life Skills Development:** Offers training in financial literacy, job readiness, education, and daily living skills.
- **Personalized Transition Plans:** Tailored goals and support to help residents move toward permanent housing and independence.
- **Holistic Care:** Addresses physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in a trauma-informed, compassionate setting.
- **Community Reintegration:** Builds social connections and helps residents reintegrate into the workforce and community safely.

