



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. Recovery:** a long-term faith based, residential recovery program offering a minimum 18-month process of healing for people struggling with addiction or those hopeless in spirit.

**Who we are:**

- Men's Recovery House
- Women's Recovery Houses
- Family (NA) Meeting (weekly - led by a parent of a graduate)
- Bite Back Concession Trailer - vocational training and job placement.

**Our Impact:**

- 75% retention rate (75% of the people who come into the program and stay beyond stage 1, will graduate)
- 90% of graduates are still sober five years post-graduation.
- 100% job placement or college enrollment

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

**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.



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## 2023 Drop-In Centers Impact:

- 9,138 people served, operating six days a week on Sullivant Ave. in Franklinton
- 10,061 outfits of clothing, 3,919 hygiene items, 572 loads of laundry, 8,953 meals, 1,536 showers
- Over 100 men and women were afforded either: emergency medical treatment, addiction treatment referral and/or transportation to emergency treatment and medical care.
- Referred men and women to case management for HIV treatment/prevention.
- 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

- 41,091 visits to the center since opening in 2017
- 18,126 *critical access* meals served since 2021

### Men's Respite Center:

- 29,531 visits to the center since opening in May 2019
- 16,732 *critical access* meals served since 2021
- 298 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)

**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 5-7 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 recovery residents.
- Expand and diversity 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.