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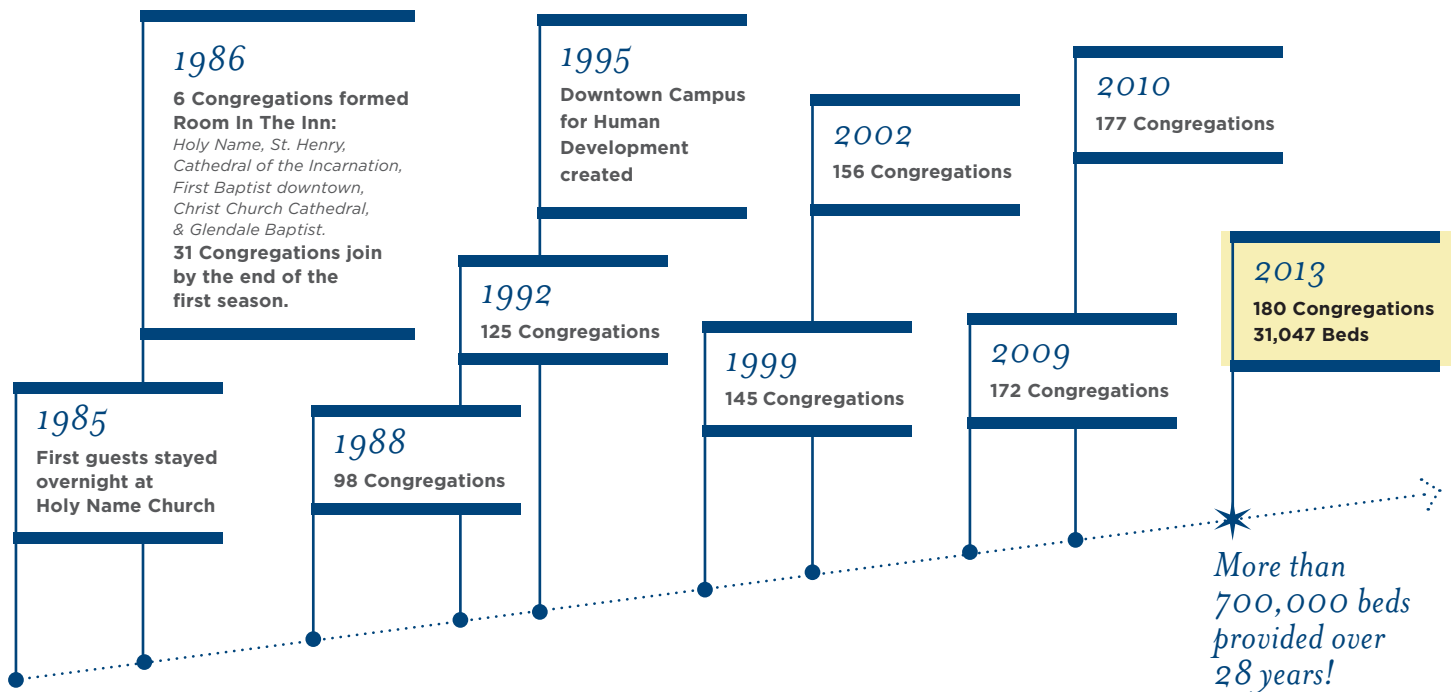
A small act of hospitality nearly thirty years ago gave birth to what has become a nationally recognized model for providing shelter to those without housing. Offering so much more than shelter, Room In The Inn represents an opportunity for people to participate in a wide array of programs that point them to recovery, health, education, employment, and housing. However, the sacred experience of 180 congregations opening their doors on cold winter nights still remains the heart of all we do. It is time to invite more people to join us in this transforming opportunity.

As our other programs have expanded, our winter shelter has seen modest growth. Although hundreds are housed each night, dozens are turned away because we do not have the space. Thus we have begun a campaign to recruit additional congregations to host.

Those who are struggling with homelessness often feel invisible. Our congregations give them an experience of respect and rest, which opens the doors for us to invite them into the programs of long-term support and recovery we have worked so hard to build. Everyone on the streets deserves the opportunity to find shelter, food, and loving human relationships.

As our first board president, Jim Olive, used to say, when you ask someone to join Room In The Inn you are sharing a blessing not a burden.

- Rachel Hester



ROOM IN THE INN ASSISTS BETWEEN 300 AND 400 PEOPLE DAILY

"THANK YOU FOR THE MANY NIGHTS YOU KEPT US FROM THE COLD AND FED US GOOD FOOD AND TREATED US AS THOUGH WE MATTERED."

GARY,
ROOM IN THE INN GUEST



ONE OUT OF EVERY THREE HOMELESS MALE ADULTS IS A VETERAN.

AWARDS



180 ROOM IN THE INN CONGREGATIONS

Finalist
Civic Volunteer Group Award

Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Awards

BAKER, DONELSON, BEARMAN, CALDWELL & BERKOWITZ

H.E.L.P. Legal Clinic at Room In The Inn
Finalist
Corporate Volunteerism Award

Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Awards

JAMES L. JOHNSON

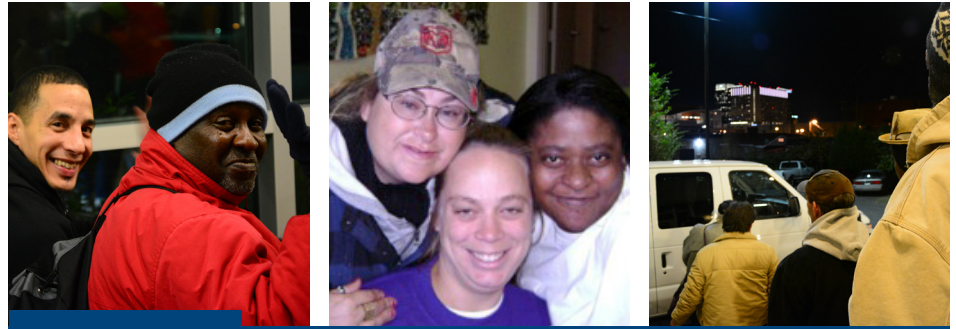
Finalist
KraftCPAs Board Member of the Year

Salute to Excellence Awards, presented by Center for Nonprofit Management

ROOM IN THE INN

Heart of Hospice Award

Presented by Alive Hospice



PROGRAMS

- **Room In The Inn Winter Shelter** in partnership with 180 congregations, provides shelter for more than 1,000 men, women, and children from November 1 - March 31. Last year our congregations provided more than 31,000 beds and 90,000 meals to their homeless guests.
- **Congregational Support** works to grow our winter shelter program. We provide consultation to congregations interested in participating and programs to educate people around issues related to homelessness.
- **Hope University: Education Program** offers classes in literacy, high school equivalency preparation, computer skills, spirituality, recovery, and creative expression. Last year, nearly 2,000 individuals participated.
- **Hope University: Support Services** provides homeless individuals access to vital daytime services. In the last year, nearly 600 people obtained identification, and we provided 10,000 bus passes, more than 23,000 meals, and around 10,000 showers. Nearly 200 participants found employment, and almost 1,200 hours of on-site job training were provided through our café and bike shop.
- **Guest House** in partnership with the Metro Police Department, provides a safe alternative to jail for the publicly intoxicated and shelter for those seeking to recover from addiction. More than 35,000 beds were provided last year for those in various stages of recovery.
- **Recuperative Care** provides medically fragile homeless individuals a safe place to recover from illness or hospitalization. In partnership with HCA/TriStar, St. Thomas Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville General Hospital at Meharry, Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute, and several other agencies, around 370 individuals had the opportunity to connect with vital social services this year.
- **Veterans Program** in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, provides 32 beds and focuses on employment, education, sobriety, and permanent housing, all in the context of a supportive community.
- **Permanent Housing** programs feature 38 efficiency apartments and ongoing case management for residents. This program offers an uninterrupted on-site path from the streets to permanent supportive housing. During the last year, an average of 3 people each week moved from the streets to permanent housing through our case management program.



The average life expectancy of a person experiencing homelessness is 48 years.



"ROOM IN THE INN IS NOT ABOUT GIVING; IT IS ABOUT RECEIVING. IT IS ABOUT EVERYONE, BOTH GUESTS AND HOSTS, RECEIVING A BLESSING— AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING, HARDSHIP, PAIN AND GRIEF."

CHARLES STROBEL,
FOUNDING DIRECTOR

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CITIES HAVE ADOPTED THE ROOM IN THE INN MODEL OF SHELTER, INCLUDING CALGARY, ALBERTA, FORT WORTH, TX, JACKSON, TN, LEXINGTON, KY, MARSHALL CO., AL, AND MORE!