

OUR MISSION

“OTS Bridgeport serves the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in the greater Bridgeport area by providing much needed security deposits directly to landlords, as well as basic furniture and living needs, for eligible individuals and families.”

Despite difficulties arising from the COV-19 pandemic, Off The Streets-Bridgeport continues to place men, women and children into housing. If you or someone you know is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and looking for help to get off the streets, please call 211 (select option 3, then option 1) and they will direct you to a social worker who will determine if Off The Streets-Bridgeport can help you.

Off the Streets Bridgeport is an all-volunteer, 501(C)(3) charitable organization. All donations are fully tax deductible (EIN: 27-0979787). The organization funds its operations from private donations. No government funds are involved. Approximately 95% of all donations fund security deposits on behalf of the homeless.



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Getting the homeless
Off The Streets in Bridgeport



one at a time!





WHO WE ARE

Deacon Michael Oles is founder and president of *Off The Streets*, and author of *Help the Homeless Off The Streets One Person at a Time*. He is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel with over 34 years of experience as a volunteer and coordinator working with the homeless.



“The only possession he had was a bed, and he gave it away. That was a total eye-opener for me.”

The life-changing event for Oles happened when he saw a homeless man, on a cold winter's night in one of the local Connecticut shelters, give up his bed to a homeless woman. Later, Oles, with another homeless person, spoke to students at a local school about homelessness. The students were inspired to take action, raising money for the homeless person to get off the streets. The students' generosity and energy inspired Oles to form *Off The Streets*.

Homelessness is closer than we think and can occur at any time as well as for a variety of reasons. Various statistics show that millions of Americans live paycheck to paycheck and that many are unprepared for an unexpected expense.

For up to date statistics on placements, please visit our website at: <http://otsbridgeport.com>

We continue to increase the number of qualified candidates placed into secure housing due to generous grants awarded to Off The Streets-Bridgeport from various local and corporate businesses, charitable foundations, Rotary and Lions Clubs, The Knights of Columbus, private donations and fundraising events.

Please spread the word on social media or place a continuous free advertisement in your church bulletin about our charitable program!

HOW TO HELP

Financial Support

OTS is a 501(c)(3) charity. Tax ID #27-0979787.

All donations are *tax deductible*.

You can donate:

- A monthly fixed dollar amount
- Personal property
- Marketable securities
- Artwork, antiques
- A charitable gift annuity or remainder trust
- A life insurance policy naming Off The Streets beneficiary
- <http://otsbridgeport.com>

DONATE

Household Goods or Gift Cards from Costco, Stop & Shop, BJ's, Target, CVS, etc.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Please visit our website or contact Gerard F. Agoglia at 203-590-1501 to discuss your giving options.

DEACON KEVIN MOORE MEMORIAL FUND



Deacon Kevin Moore founded the Off The Streets (OTS) chapter in the greater Bridgeport area in 2014. He was dedicated to helping those in need and treasured the work he did in helping secure homes for those experiencing homelessness. His quiet manner, genuine concern, and ready smile reassured both clients and staff. Kevin continued his ministry until his death in June 2019, helping over 250 men, women and children get into homes of their own. The Off The Streets ministry continues to serve God's people in the spirit of Deacon Kevin under the leadership of Gerard Agoglia and Deacon Don Ross. Our placement numbers grow monthly as we assist those in need with a security deposit. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we are helping the homeless.

In honor of Kevin's vision of working to end homelessness, OTS Bridgeport is pleased to announce the establishment of the Kevin Moore Founder's Memorial Fund. This fund represents a special opportunity to pay tribute to Kevin's goal of giving back hope to those in need in the Greater Fairfield County community. Our goal for the Memorial Fund is to build an investment portfolio of sufficient magnitude so that the earnings will provide sustainable revenue to support our mission of placing those experiencing homelessness into apartments.