

## OUR MISSION

**To help get the homeless Off The Streets, one person at a time.**

**Off The Streets Bridgeport provides support to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in the greater Bridgeport area, operating with:**

**- 100% volunteers – no paid staff**

**- No office space**

**- 95% of funding goes directly to supporting the homeless**

## TRANSFORM LIVES TODAY

Imagine being homeless in Fairfield County, where security deposits have skyrocketed to \$1,800 — a shocking 60% increase since 2022. For our neighbors in need, this barrier to housing is the difference between a roof over their head and another night living on the streets.

We can break through this barrier by providing security deposits directly to landlords, along with donated furniture and other essential household items to those we place into housing. With your generosity, as well as various grants awarded to us from local and corporate businesses, charitable foundations, and fundraising events, **we have placed 569 individuals into housing since 2014.**

Will you be the reason someone sleeps safely tonight? Visit our website to learn more and see the lives you've already helped transform.



OFF THE STREETS IS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION  
(EIN: 27-0979787).  
ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.



**GETTING THE HOMELESS OFF THE STREETS IN THE GREATER BRIDGEPORT AREA**

[offthestreets-bridgeport.org](http://offthestreets-bridgeport.org)

## HISTORY OF OFF THE STREETS

Deacon Michael Oles - founder and president of Off The Streets and author of two books about homelessness - is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel with over 34 years of experience as a volunteer and coordinator working with the homeless.

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 another homeless woman. Later, Oles - with another homeless person - spoke to students at a local school about homelessness, inspiring them to raise money for the homeless person to help get them off the streets and into housing. The students' generosity and energy inspired Oles to form Off The Streets.

Since its inception in 2009, Off The Streets has grown from a handful of volunteers to 10 chapters across the U.S. With two chapters in CT - Bridgeport and Danbury - we continue to live out Oles' mission to get those experiencing homelessness off the streets and into housing.

### **Connecticut's homeless population is growing, latest count shows**

Connecticut's population of people experiencing homelessness has been growing for the past few years. This year's count, a one-day census in January, showed a 13% increase over last year.

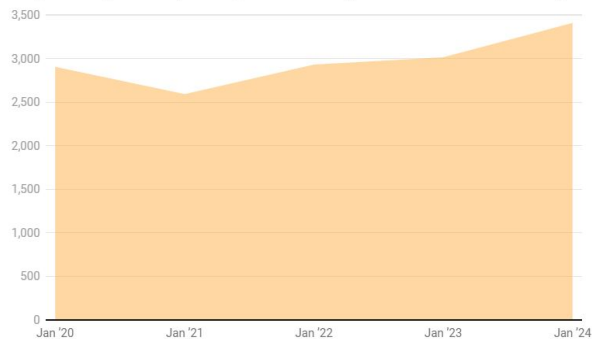


Chart: Ginny Monk / The Connecticut Mirror • Source: CT HMIS • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **Financial Support**

Off The Streets Bridgeport is a 501(C)(3) organization (tax ID: 27-0979787). **All donations are tax-deductible.** You can donate:

- A one-time or recurring monetary donation (online or by mail)
- Personal property
- Marketable securities
- A charitable gift annuity or remainder trust
- A life insurance policy naming Off The Streets beneficiary

### **Apartment Space**

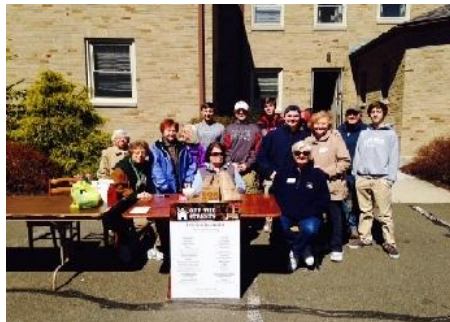
Off The Streets works with landlords and property managers who deal with low-income clients to place the homeless into rooms/small apartments. If you know of available space for our clients, please contact us.

### **Donate Items**

- Gift cards from Costco, Stop & Shop, BJ's, Target, CVS, etc.
- For household goods donations, please visit our website for more information about how you can donate to Catholic Charities, who provides items to people recently placed into housing.

### **Volunteer Your Time & Support**

We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers! For more information, please visit our website



## WHO WE ARE

Off The Streets Bridgeport was founded by Deacon Kevin Moore in 2014. Moore was dedicated to helping those in need and treasured the work he did in helping secure homes for those experiencing homelessness. He often met with our homeless clients to help move furniture and household items into their new apartments.

Following his passing in 2019, Off The Streets Bridgeport continues to help place those experiencing homelessness into housing under the leadership of Gerard Agoglia.

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to place **569** individuals into housing since 2014. As of 2025, the average security deposit we have provided is **\$1,800**



*Elaine Foley (center) and Gerard Agoglia (right) receive a donation from 100 Women Who Care.*

### **Deacon Kevin Moore Memorial Fund**

In honor of Moore's vision, Off The Streets Bridgeport has established the Kevin Moore Founder's Memorial Fund. For more information about this fund, as well as how to contribute, please visit our website.