



Project Community Connections, INC.

DOING MORE WITH LESS — TO END — HOMELESSNESS



ABOUT US

Project Community Connections, Inc. (PCCI) is dedicated to permanently rehousing individuals and families experiencing homelessness to a decent, affordable place to live and thrive. PCCI provides housing options and collaborates to provide ancillary services that promote personal and economic self-sufficiency. Since 1999, PCCI has successfully ended homelessness for thousands of veterans, families with children, and others in need of a place to call home. Please join us as we continue to do this important work.



GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED



CITY OF ATLANTA



CLAYTON COUNTY
DEKALB COUNTY
DOUGLAS COUNTY
FULTON COUNTY
GWINNETT COUNTY
HENRY COUNTY
ROCKDALE COUNTY

WHY YOU SHOULD WORK WITH US

Approximately 20% of people in Atlanta live paycheck to paycheck and could easily lose housing from a single accident, illness, or layoff. This kicks off a vicious cycle that swallows lives, strains public resources, and slashes economic activity. Our model focuses on getting and keeping families housed by providing full wrap-around services and providing long term case management. We strive to help people move quickly towards independence so they can stay housed and contribute to the local community.

With 15 years of experience and lessons learned, PCCI knows how to deliver results in a cost conscious and effective manner. The average cost of moving a family out of homelessness and into permanent housing is only \$1,200 – about one quarter of the cost as compared to other emergency housing options or institutional care.





PCCI actively partners with over

85

organizations across the Metro
Atlanta Area.

COLLABORATION

PCCI knows that collaboration is the key to success. We work with a wide variety of property partners, corporate and private donors, government agencies, and other not for profit organizations to achieve results. In other words, we focus on our core competencies and leverage resources through relationships to maximize impact and reduce redundancies.

PCCI has been a founding service partner in several key initiatives and partnerships. In 2010, PCCI teamed with the Decatur Cooperative Ministry (DCM), First Step Staffing, and the DeKalb County School System to create the DeKalb Kids Home Collaborative. The collaborative allows families to receive blended, coordinated services promoting housing and educational stability while improving families' economic security by helping parents connect to steady employment. Since then, the program has expanded to the City of Atlanta and to Fulton, Gwinnett, and Douglas Counties.

PCCI coordinates closely with homeless veteran services through many collaborations and partnerships. To begin with, we work directly with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) through their many local programs and with the local HUD VASH (VA Supportive Housing) program. Additionally in March of 2013, PCCI began providing on-site supportive services at the Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center located at Fort McPherson in Atlanta. PCCI works directly with VA staff at Fort McPherson as well as 15 other providers from the state, city, and non-profit community. It is a fully functioning "one stop" shop for veterans experiencing homelessness and is the most effective and efficient means to provide comprehensive services.



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

With a focus on successful outcomes and innovative solutions, PCCI continues to be recognized nationally for the work we do to end homelessness. Simply put, we live our mission each and every day.

Awarded the **"Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Service for Homeless Veterans"** by the U.S Department of Veteran Affairs, (one of only 6 in the country).

The Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness (GAEH) presented PCCI with a **"Humanitarian Award"**. These awards recognize individuals and organizations in the state of Georgia that are outstanding models of service, collaboration and leadership.

Recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a **"best case practice"** for our work "scaling up" rapid rehousing and working collaboratively with private landlords, developers and owners of multi-family rental properties.

Selected by The White House, as one of 14 **"Champions of Change in the Fight Against Youth Homelessness"**.

What Is **Rapid Rehousing**?

It is the most cost efficient way to solve homelessness (HUD, Family Options Study), wherein those experiencing homelessness are placed into permanent housing, ideally within 30 days from intake.



Intake

- Receive Referral & Prescreen
- Assessment of Eligibility, Barriers & Goals



Housing Search & Placement

- Connection to Landlords & Properties
- Inspections



Support

- Temporary Financial Assistance
- Case Management



Permanent Housing

- Housing Stability
- End to Homelessness

Success **Stories**

It is impossible to share all of our success stories, but here are a few which are representative of the changes we are making on a daily basis.



Matthew J.

Matthew is an honorably discharged US Army Veteran who relocated to Atlanta, G.A. At that time, he was in recovery from alcoholism and living in a variety of local men's shelters. After applying for and receiving a housing voucher from the VA, Matthew was connected with PCCI, who helped Matthew cover move-in costs. After we found he was eligible for but not receiving Social Security Income, PCCI connected him with First Step, another non-profit focused on assisting the homeless, who were able to secure his approval. Matthew is now stable, and self-sufficient, living in his own apartment in Atlanta.



Debra W.

Debra is a 28 year old mother with an energetic 8 year-old daughter. Both she and her daughter have several health ailments that require significant care. Debra lost sight in both her eyes and the family's housing situation deteriorated to the point that they wound up sleeping on family members' sofas, staying in shelters, and living in places not meant for human habitation. A few months later, she came to PCCI after being referred by a case manager at Nicholas House.

Though Debra needed dialysis 3 times a week and faced severe health issues, she was determined to overcome these challenges. With the assistance

of PCCI, she was placed into permanent housing. Debra continues to be responsible with the limited income she receives and has been stably housed in her two-bedroom unit ever since. Unable to afford much that holiday season, she contacted PCCI for resources to get her daughter gifts for Christmas. PCCI was able to link her with donors who bought a bike, towels, bedding, dishes, coats, toys, and more for her family. Additionally, PCCI worked with the Atlanta Furniture Bank to get furniture in their home. Debra reports she has noticed a sense of pride and excitement in her daughter. She thanks PCCI for showing her "the light at the end of the tunnel" and helping her provide a future for her daughter.



1,315
INDIVIDUALS
RE-HOUSED IN
2016

Last year (2016), PCCI successfully re-housed 1,315 individuals experiencing homelessness. Of those individuals, 558 were children and 408 were veterans. In real life, that means we were able to make significant progress towards meeting the community's goal of ending homelessness.

OUTCOMES:

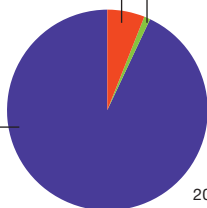
85% WERE STABLY HOUSED
AT PROGRAM EXIT **2015**

90% WERE STABLY HOUSED
AT PROGRAM EXIT **2016**

AN ORGANIZATION YOU CAN TRUST:

6% Management & General **1%** Fundraising

93% Program
Services



2016 Functional Expenses



NEXT STEPS & CONTACT INFO:

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK. Your contribution truly makes the difference between homelessness and permanent housing for an individual or family. We appreciate your support as together we connect our clients with a place to call home.



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