



FUND FOR
HOMELESS WOMEN

Endowment



SHELTER, SAFETY, COMMUNITY



“My hope is that
I get indoors ASAP.
My health is deteriorating.
We need immediate housing.”

— Survey Participant

Issues Affecting Homeless Women

- ◆ Limited affordable housing and job market
- ◆ Complex service structures with strict regulations and requirements
- ◆ Limited financial resources for service program capacity building
- ◆ Stigma of homelessness and community resistance keep women invisible

Who They Are

Approximately 500 women live without adequate shelter on the Monterey Peninsula.

- ◆ 48% of homeless women on the Peninsula are over the age of 50
- ◆ 39% have been homeless for less than 1 year; 65% less than 2 years
- ◆ 60% live in their vehicles
- ◆ 70% are single or unaccompanied
- ◆ 50% live on less than \$500 per month
- ◆ 23% have \$0 income

Source: Homeless Women in Monterey County Report. www.cfmco.org/FHW

The Need

Approximately 500 women live without adequate shelter on the Monterey Peninsula.

They are predominantly white, older and long-term residents. The challenges they face are complex and diverse, and there are very few options for housing they can afford. Women who are especially at risk of living in danger and without shelter are those who are single and have no children, do not have a mental illness, have no income, are undocumented, cannot work, have pets or are not in recovery from substance abuse.



About the Fund

The Fund for Homeless Women is a field of interest fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County established to support programs and services for unsheltered women on the Monterey Peninsula. Started in 2012 by concerned citizens who encountered homeless women living in fear and desperation, the fund has raised more than \$1,000,000 and granted more than \$800,000 to address this important issue.

Why Invest?

Build Capacity & Hope

- ◆ Robust funding is needed for preventing homelessness, reducing harm and creating shelter and safety for women who find themselves in this frightening situation.
- ◆ Sustained, long-term financial support is necessary for comprehensive approaches to ending homelessness among women.

The Fund for Homeless Women Endowment will continue to provide support for unsheltered women in need and work towards permanent solutions.

One Woman's Story

Rachel, age 51, lost her job, couldn't find employment and was evicted from her apartment. After sleeping on a friend's couch, she began sleeping in her car. This cancer survivor began to experience increased depression and hypertension due to improper nutrition, and circulation problems from sleeping upright. Rachel was traumatized and overwhelmed. After several visits to the program, she became more trusting and found help to work on a comprehensive plan to move closer to being re-housed. — *Gathering for Women*

Our Vision

Shelter, Safety, Community

Imagine a future where there are no unsheltered women in our region. Until that day the Fund for Homeless Women will insure access to support services and the pathway to a permanent home.

Creating Change

Financial support provided by the Fund for Homeless Women has been instrumental in increasing income for more than 50 women, providing housing for over 100, and serving approximately 1,500 women living without adequate shelter. With the inception of new service programs, there are now an additional 500 volunteers engaged in meeting this important community need.

Opening Doors

"Grant funding provides support in emergencies so that homeless women in the program can at worst, continue to remain stable in their vehicle and at best, find permanent and stable housing."

— *One Starfish Safe Parking and Supportive Services*

"Without the support of the Fund for Homeless Women, Gathering for Women would not have had the resources to open our doors."

— *Gathering for Women*

"Women who receive these services have had the opportunity to move forward with their lives and achieve their own goals which are otherwise obstructed by the boulders of homelessness and mental illness." — *Interim, Inc.*

Fund for Homeless Women Grantees

Programs and services include emergency assistance, lunch, clothing, safe parking, shelter and housing. Grants also support case management services for homeless women including seniors and those with mental illness.

- Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula
- Community Homeless Solutions (WIT)*
- Community Human Services
- Gathering for Women*
- Housing Resource Center (SOS)*
- Interim, Inc.
- IHELP for Women*
- One Starfish Safe Parking Program*
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church

**Programs started in part by support from the Fund for Homeless Women*

Fund for Homeless Women Accomplishments

- ◆ A leader for community education, advocacy and funding on behalf of women who are homeless on the Monterey Peninsula
- ◆ Raised over \$1,000,000 from approximately 800 community donors, awarded grants totaling over \$800,000
- ◆ Established an endowment fund of over \$200,000
- ◆ Provided grants to help start five new service programs, supported capacity building to facilitate the acquisition of safe, permanent housing
- ◆ Commissioned the first assessment of the status of homeless women on the Monterey Peninsula (www.cfmco.org/FHW)
- ◆ Convened monthly community meetings of the "Friends of Homeless Women" for community building, awareness, education and networking
- ◆ Exhibited the work of homeless women photographers at the Monterey Museum of Art (Spring 2017)



Survival defines all
decisions and relationships.

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“Although the needs of homeless women and the organizations who serve them may change, the importance of addressing those needs will remain.”

—Dan Baldwin, President/CEO

Community Foundation for Monterey County

Building Hope for Women in Need

Together, with your partnership, we will continue to prevent homelessness, reduce harm and create shelter and safety for women who struggle with housing insecurity in our communities on the Monterey Peninsula. When you invest your resources in the Fund for Homeless Women Endowment, you join hundreds of other donors who leverage their generosity with thoughtfulness and compassion, creating change for women in need, while leaving a legacy for generations of women to come.

The Power of Endowment

An endowed fund is a permanent resource to meet changing circumstances. A percentage of the fund's value is available to grant each year, while the principal remains intact and is invested to grow over time. This enables the fund to make grants in perpetuity. With your support, we will continue to make a difference today, while building the resources to make a lasting impact tomorrow.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE—JOIN US!

Your contribution to the Fund for Homeless Women Endowment will ensure support and programs for women who have experienced homelessness on the Monterey Peninsula. A pledge may be made over five years or as a planned gift through your will or estate.

The fund for Homeless Women is a field of interest fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

RECOGNITION LEVELS

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Supporter	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Friend	\$1,000 - \$4,999



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2354 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940

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- **Leave a Legacy Gift Through Your Will or Estate**
- **Contribute online at www.cfmco.org/FHW**

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