



## ROOM SPONSORSHIP YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

It costs \$600.00 to provide shelter, food, utilities and additional services, per resident, per month. Residents are responsible for monthly fees of \$260.00, leaving a balance of \$340.00 needed for each resident.

As a Room Sponsor, you ensure that **one individual** for a period of 3 years, receives all COTS services that will make a life-changing difference and have a positive impact on the quality of life for our entire community.

Sponsoring companies, organization and individuals have the opportunity to receive public recognition with their name and/or logo displayed on outdoor signage at our College Ave facility, publication and website recognition, and a plaque mounted on a resident's door, if desired.

For more information on how to become a Room Sponsor, contact COTS, Inc. by calling us at 920-734-3609 ext 404, or you can email us at [info@appletoncots.org](mailto:info@appletoncots.org) or visit our website at [www.appletoncots.org](http://www.appletoncots.org) under the tab, "How to Support COTS".

## ABOUT COTS

COTS, Inc. was founded in 1999 by the Reverend Orville Janssen to assist those in poverty who are homeless.

COTS, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides temporary transitional shelter (up to two years) for homeless people in Outagamie, Winnebago and Calumet counties. We operate three facilities in Appleton that serve up to 41 single men and 17 single women on a daily basis.

Our goal is to provide homeless individuals an affordable place to live, food, household needs, and training on basic living skills in an effort toward increasing their ability to become self-sufficient.



Community Outreach Temporary Services

Mission:  
Ending Homelessness  
in the Fox Valley

*Please help COTS continue our  
mission and make a difference in  
these people's lives!*

**Men's Facility** – Pioneer Haven  
913 S. West Ave, Appleton, WI 54915

**Women's Facility**  
1003 W. College Ave. Appleton, WI 54914

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# ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE FOX VALLEY

## COTS, INC. HELPING PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1999.

There are very few affordable housing options in our community for men and women in poverty. Many people in poverty have a difficult time moving from crisis/emergency shelters, incarceration, or AODA residential treatment programs to independent community housing at fair market rates. Our organization exists to meet this growing need for housing and services in our community. In 2005, COTS served 98 individuals. In 2009, we served 197 individuals. COTS staff tracks the rate of successful program completion per individual and calculates the

overall percentage of successful program completion. Past success rates have been approximately 30% and those rates increase to 40% for those that remain in our program for longer than 60 days.

In 2010, with the implementation of a holistic approach to services, we have increased our success rate to 64% for the successful transition to independent housing for former residents.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q** How big is the problem of homelessness in our area?

**A** In 2009, COTS served 197 individuals in need of temporary transitional housing - up from 122 serviced in 2006. In our men's program, we have operated with a waiting list continuously since June 2008. Our partners in housing are experiencing similar increases in demand. At printing (Sept. 2009), the Housing Partnership had a wait list of 120 for its transitional and affordable housing programs and Appleton Housing Authority had a wait list of 940 for the voucher rental assistance program. There simply is not enough affordable housing for the "working poor".

**Q** How is COTS different from other housing providers like the Emergency Shelter and Harbor House?

**A** The Emergency Shelter and Harbor House are crisis intervention shelters that provide short-term services at no cost to individuals. COTS can be a "next step" for many of these people. We require residents to pay a monthly fee for services and residents may stay for a maximum of two years. COTS facilities have single-occupancy rooms, so we are unable to shelter families with children.

**Q** How are your programs funded?

**A** Approximately 40% of our annual revenue is generated through the collection of resident program fees. The remaining 60% is secured through a combination of individual/corporate donations and competitive grant applications.