

Spring – April 2011
A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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Single Mothers with Children

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New Initiatives in 2010

Community Service

Each resident who works less than 30 hours per week is encouraged to do community service.

Thanks to their efforts, we have qualified for the 2010 Presidential Award for service. In 2010, we logged 1,464 hours. WOW!

Living Skills Upgrade

Through a grant opportunity, we now provide the David Ramsey "Financial Peace University" course.

Aftercare Program

A true measure of success is the continued independent living of our former residents.

Through frequent contacts, we maintain a supportive relationship by reviewing current objectives and providing resources/referrals when needed.

Single Mothers with Small Children

Thanks to the community, we began a pilot launch of this program in November 2010. To date there have been five families served in this program!

STELLAR RESULTS

Thank you Stellar Blue Web Designs!
Please visit our new site:

www.appletoncots.org

You can subscribe to our e-newsletter and help us Go Green! There is a subscribe button at the top of the home page. When you receive the email confirmation, click into the link to be added to our electronic distribution list.

**Many thanks to
Stellar Blue Web Design!**

A Word from the Director...

As we celebrate spring we are reminded that before change, there are first cold hard struggles.

"It is not enough to want to change. It is not enough to need to change. In order to change we must experience change." Bob Brissett.

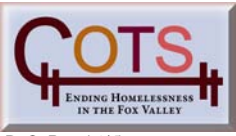
We look at transitional shelter programs throughout the country that have successful outcomes to see how we can implement best practices in our programs.

Our driving goal is to bring about positive change in the least amount of time moving someone to independent living.

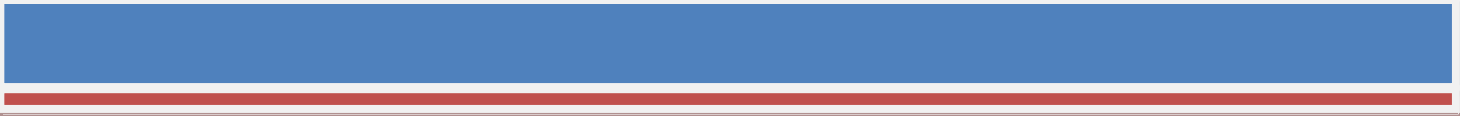
Sustained independence means continued follow-up. For that reason in 2010, we started an Aftercare Program.

I want to thank each one of you for your interest in COTS and support of our programs. There are few things more important than giving people "a place to call home".

Sincere Gratitude,



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HOW CAN I HELP?

If you would like to make a gift to COTS, here are some thoughts to consider....

The cost to provide shelter, food, case management and programming for one individual working to achieve successful independent permanent housing:

Cost per month	\$700	Cost for one week	\$175
Cost for two weeks	\$350	Daily Cost	\$ 23

Enclosed is a donation envelope for your personal gift!

If you would like to volunteer at COTS, we invite you to come tour our facilities and learn of the many opportunities to help. Some of the ways include:

- Mentor a Resident
- Office Help
- Join our Meal Ministry and cook a meal for 17 about 2-3 times per year
- Get a group of about six people together to cook a meal at COTS and provide social interaction with our residents

To schedule a tour date or learn more about our volunteer opportunities, contact Laura at 920-734-3609 ext 404 or email us at info@appletoncots.org

The following is a list of our immediate needs. Visit our website for a complete wish list.

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| Bikes (for men & women) | Twin mattresses (can be gently used) | Paper Toweling |
| Bus passes | Twin size sheet sets | Copy/Printer paper |
| Gas Cards | Pillows | Laundry detergent |