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Covenant House Greater Washington Celebrates 30 Years of Transforming Young Lives

Washington, DC – Covenant House Greater Washington (CHGW) proudly marks its 30th anniversary, celebrating three decades of unwavering commitment to providing shelter, support, and opportunity to youth experiencing homelessness in the DC metropolitan area. Since its founding in 1995, CHGW has helped over 52,000 young people find stability, safety, and a pathway to a brighter future.

Building on the momentum of its 20th anniversary, CHGW has significantly expanded its programs and services over the past decade, strengthening its impact in the region. Among its latest milestones is a partnership with OurFarm, which has revitalized CHGW's garden and introduced a hydroponic container farm that utilizes eco-friendly technology to produce fresh, sustainable food. This initiative not only provides nutritious produce for the community but also offers youth hands-on workforce training in urban farming and agricultural technology, equipping them with valuable skills for future employment opportunities.

To better serve youth in crisis, CHGW has expanded its residential programs. In addition to its existing programs—Sanctuary, the only emergency youth shelter of its kind in DC; Safe Haven, a 90-day residential program; and Rights of Passage, a transitional housing program—CHGW launched the SHINE program, a 90-day residential safe space for LGBTQ+ youth, providing affirming support and resources. Additionally, CHGW has expanded the Rights of Passage program into Prince George's County, increasing access to critical housing resources for more young people in need.

The recently renovated Dove Store—reimagined in partnership with Community Love Hub—now provides youth with access to brand new clothing at no cost, reinforcing CHGW's commitment to restoring dignity and self-confidence.

CHGW's annual Sleep Out has also seen remarkable growth, thanks to its partnership with the Wharf Association. Each year, more individuals and organizations join the movement, raising awareness and funds to combat youth homelessness. This expanding community support reflects the power of collective action in driving change for the region's most vulnerable youth.

To commemorate this historic milestone, CHGW is hosting its 30th Anniversary Pearl Gala Cruise on May 24th, 2025, a special event dedicated to celebrating the lives transformed over the years and the unwavering support of donors, partners, and advocates who make this work possible. More information to follow.

Looking ahead, CHGW remains committed to expanding its reach, increasing resources, and deepening its impact on the lives of youth experiencing homelessness. With the continued support of the community, CHGW envisions a future where every young person has access to the stability, sanctuary, and opportunity they deserve.



For more information about Covenant House Greater Washington, the 30th Anniversary Pearl Gala Cruise, or ways to support its mission, please visit www.covenanthousegw.org or call 202-610-9600.

About Covenant House Greater Washington

Covenant House Greater Washington's mission is to empower, safeguard and serve youth experiencing homelessness, disconnection, and exploitation in the Greater Washington region. Through comprehensive services, including emergency housing, workforce development, and holistic support, CHGW provides youth with the tools to build independent, successful futures.

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