



In Brief

We are...

- A not for profit 501(c) 3 charity
- A point of entry human services agency that helps the poor, the homeless, and others in need lead and safe lives in the community.
- A resource for collaborative change.
- Celebrating 86 years of dedicated service to our community.

HATAS's core programs serve low-income families and individuals who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or living with disabling condition that create challenges to housing stability.

Homelessness Prevention

Our prevention programs help keep families and individuals from becoming homeless by either relocating households to more affordable housing or providing short-term emergency financial assistance that gives tenants "breathing room" while they get "back on their feet." HATAS also collaborates with other local agencies for tenant mediation and legal services.

Impact: Sheltering and re-housing a homeless family is 4 times more expensive than preventing their homelessness.

Emergency Shelter

For over 26 years HATAS has been the central intake, assessment, and referral point for the Albany County emergency homeless shelter system. This vital 24/7 program sheltered over 762 families and 2149 single adults last year. Homelessness in general has grown dramatically in the last decade, but local family homelessness has tripled since 2000! *In 2010 over 224 infants, 358 toddlers, and 1,102 school children passed through our door.*

Impact: Homeless people in our community have efficient, effective access to emergency shelter services every day or night of the year.

Housing

HATAS has developed 73 units of affordable and supported permanent housing for homeless people with disabling conditions. Utilizing "Housing First" best practices, rental subsidies keep housing affordable, and HATAS case management and support services help our tenants thrive in the community.

Impact: Permanent supported housing breaks the cycle of homelessness – families and individuals no longer ricochet between shelter, street, housing and hospital.

Mental Health

HATAS's mental health programs helps those recovering from and managing mental illness transition from hospitals and other institutions back to the community. We also provide other special services that help people manage their finances and stay connected with treatment and employment.

Impact: Community mental health services can be the difference between stability and hospitalization or homelessness.

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