



Last year 348 people were housed in Grassroots shelter programs. Another 650 people were served at the Day Resource Center. Grassroots counselors met face-to-face with 1,421 people and answered 23,950 crisis calls from men, women and young people, including some who were considering harming themselves.

You can help children and adults in crisis by holding a collection for Grassroots, Howard County's only shelter and round-the-clock crisis intervention center.

Participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring," a campaign to alleviate hunger and poverty and educate our young people about those less fortunate than themselves.

To host a "Souper Bowl of Caring" event at your faith community, just put together a team of youth (and adult) volunteers to serve on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1, 2015.

Provide them with big soup kettles or buckets labeled "Souper Bowl of Caring" or "Help the Homeless."

Ask someone to tell the congregation about the "Souper Bowl of Caring" and the collection for Grassroots.

(Some faith communities invite young and older congregants to wear the jerseys of their favorite teams to services on "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday as an incentive to remember to bring money for the collection. Other churches encourage donations by having activities and items for purchase. This is an adaptable event.)

Ask the volunteers to collect money before, during and/or after services.

Send the donations to Grassroots, Souper Bowl of Caring, 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD, 21044.

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