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**SOME** (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that has been serving the homeless and poor in Washington, D.C. for 40 years. Beginning as a small soup kitchen, SOME has evolved into a comprehensive social service provider that meets the emergency needs of the people it serves and provides services to help them break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

## **SOME's programs include:**

**Dining Room:** SOME serves more than 800 meals each day in our Dining Rooms and nearly 400,000 meals a year in our Dining Room and rehabilitative programs combined.

**Clothing and Shower Rooms**: Recognizing the critical role that hygiene plays in both health and self-esteem, SOME offers clothing and shower facilities for the homeless. Approximately 35 men and women come to SOME for hot showers and free, clean clothing each day.

**Medical Clinic**: SOME provides care to 30 homeless patients each day. One doctor and several RNs and Nurse Practitioner deliver general care, provide lab work and dispense medication. The Medical Clinic also houses the Eye Clinic, which is one of the District's only free eye clinics.

**Dental Clinic**: SOME treats 15 patients each day in its Dental Clinic, providing emergency and comprehensive care. Most clients require more extensive procedures such as restorations, root canals, extractions and dentures.

**Mental Health Services**: In addition to outpatient services provided by psychiatrists in SOME's Clinic, SOME operates three programs to serve mentally ill homeless adults. Isaiah House is a day program for homeless adults with chronic mental illness, Jordan House offers 14 days of care for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and Mary Claire House provides transitional housing for clients who have stabilized at Jordan House as they search for long-term housing.

Center for Employment Training: The Center offers low income students six-months of job training in one of three high-growth fields: Medical Administration, Building Maintenance and Customer Relations. The Center equips students with the hard and soft skills needed to find and maintain living wage employment that provides benefits.

**Addiction Recovery**: SOME provides a comprehensive addiction recovery program that includes a 90-day treatment program in West Virginia, a safe house for individuals preparing to enter treatment and transitional housing for women and men who have completed residential treatment and are seeking housing and employment.

**Affordable, Long-term Housing for Families and Single Adults**: SOME provides 314 safe, affordable single rooms and apartments for homeless and extremely low-income families and single adults. Providing housing since 1989, in 2005 SOME redoubled its efforts with the creation of the Affordable Housing Development Initiative with a goal of creating 1,000 new affordable units to meet the needs of more than 2,000 homeless and low-income individuals.

**Elderly Services**: Vulnerable elderly from Wards 7 and 8 receive services, companionship and meals at SOME's Dwelling Place Senior Center, Dwelling Place Shelter for Abused and Neglected Elderly and through its Caregivers Program for homebound elderly. SOME also offers an annual Senior Summer Camp for elderly who need but cannot afford a vacation.

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