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Center for Employment Training Students Engaged with D.C. United Staff!

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Senior Services Program at SOME gets a big LIFT!

“Feeding our neighbors is the first step. Making sure that food is healthy is just as important.”

— STACEY HELLER, SVP, HEALTH SERVICES

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OUR GROWING IMPACT

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As cherry blossoms bloom and warmer temperatures return to our city, we are reminded that spring is a season of renewal and hope. When I stepped into the role of CEO at SOME at the end of 2025, a place I have proudly called home for more than two decades, I felt a deep sense of renewal.

I am grateful for your incredible support during this transition. With friends like you walking alongside us, I am honored to lead our organization forward, confident that our shared belief in SOME's mission will continue to inspire new beginnings for our community.

This year, as we faced harsh winter weather, your generosity enabled us to distribute coats, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and hand warmers, bringing comfort to our guests. Our dining room now serves an average

of 650 nourishing meals daily, and nearly 400 residents in our affordable housing program have engaged in financial education to build savings and repair credit. Each of these moments represents renewal for individuals and our entire community.

Looking ahead, I am energized by the opportunity to build upon the progress we've made together. The needs across Washington, DC remain great, but the momentum created in 2025 and the spirit of renewal this spring fill me with optimism for what we can accomplish together.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Troy Swanda
Troy Swanda
President and CEO



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE

Our 2025 Impact by the Numbers

<p> \$21.49 average wage of CET (Center for Employment Training) graduates</p>	<p> 319,370 meals served through our Dining Room, Residential Programs, and Senior Center</p>	<p> 14,415 clinic visits to a doctor, dentist, addiction counselor, or therapist</p>
<p> 149 students enrolled in CET</p>	<p> 1,400+ family, senior, and individual housing residents</p>	<p> 245 individuals received addiction recovery services</p>



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SUCCESS STORY

Just a Short Intermission

Flemming’s journey at SOME’s Center for Employment Training is a story of determination, resilience, and growth. When he first enrolled, he was unsure what to expect, but quickly embraced the opportunity to build new skills in the building trades with the support of dedicated instructors and staff.

Along the way, Flemming earned key certifications, including OSHA 30 and CFC, and reached a major milestone by earning his GED—reflecting both his hard work and the encouragement of the CET community.

Known for his positive attitude and willingness to support others, Flemming became a source of motivation among his peers, helping create a stronger learning environment.

Now preparing to graduate on October 9, 2026, he is taking the next step by applying to the Local 26 Electrical Union apprenticeship program.

“The support I found here made me believe in myself and what I can achieve.”



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SUCCESS STORY

Feeding Health, Not Just Hunger

At SOME, success means not only feeding our neighbors, but doing so in a way that supports their long-term health. Through our Supporting Wellness at Pantries (SWAP) program, we take a unique approach to food access by making nutrition a priority while preserving dignity and choice.

Using a simple traffic light system, healthier options are highlighted, empowering neighbors to make informed decisions about the food they take home. This innovative model sets SOME apart by addressing both hunger and wellness at the same time. With support from AstraZeneca, we have expanded this work, increasing access to nutritious foods and helping more neighbors build healthier futures.

Green food selection has increased by 400 percent, and 100 percent of surveyed clients chose at least one SWAP item at SOME.



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SUCCESS STORY

CET & D.C. United Partnership

Through a partnership with D.C. United, SOME’s Center for Employment Training is creating new pathways for success. Their Soccer and Soar program engaged over 60 trainees in workshops focused on teamwork, discipline, and career readiness.

Led by D.C. United staff, sessions built confidence and strengthened communication, leadership, and perseverance—skills essential for the workforce.



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Expanding our Footprint and Adding New Services

SOME participants—including CET trainees, affordable housing residents, and clients—completed an 8-week Financial Empowerment Program with Tzedek DC. Held at the Conway Center, the program covered budgeting, credit, investing, and financial protection. Participants also received one-on-one counseling, \$100 in seed funding, and hands-on learning. At SOME, we invest in the whole person to support lasting stability. Get involved at [SOME.org](https://www.some.org).

Giving Senior Services a Major LIFT!

At SOME's Karin House, seniors are gaining strength, confidence, and community through weekly fitness sessions led by UDC Bodywise instructor Horace Williams. With 18 years of experience and two years as a dedicated volunteer, Mr. Williams brings energy and expertise to every class. From seated movements to standing strength training, residents are encouraged to stay active at their own pace. These sessions build connection, boost morale, and remind every participant that it is never too late to invest in their health. Have a unique talent? SOME welcomes volunteers ready to make a difference.

📅 SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

SOME's TROT FOR HUNGER 5K

SOME's Trot for Hunger is November 26th. This family-friendly 5K and Little Turkey 1-miler is the perfect Thanksgiving activity, turning gratitude into action. **Registration opens this summer.**

SOME'S ANNUAL BREAK THE CYCLE GALA

SOME's Break the Cycle Annual Gala returns to the renowned Washington National Cathedral on October 17th. Tickets and sponsorships are available at [SOME.org/gala](https://www.some.org/gala).

CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Make a lasting impact in 2026 by partnering with SOME! Visit [SOME.org/newpartners](https://www.some.org/newpartners) to explore ways your company can support our mission through sponsorships, volunteer opportunities, and meaningful collaborations that help fight poverty and homelessness in D.C.



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SOME provides material aid and comfort to our vulnerable neighbors in the District, helping them break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through programs and services that save lives, improve lives, and help transform lives of individuals and families, their communities, and the systems and structures that affect them.



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Join Our Community

Stay connected with **SOME's life-changing work** by signing up for our monthly newsletter! Get inspiring stories, impact updates, and ways to support our mission to end poverty and homelessness in D.C. **Scan the QR code** to join a community dedicated to making a difference—one meal, one home, and one opportunity at a time. **Sign up today!**

