



Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

Mission Statement

Always Home believes that every child needs and deserves a safe place to call home. Our goal is Preventing Family Homelessness across Eastern Connecticut. Always Home works alongside low-income families, providing parents opportunities to improve stability and enhance well-being. By addressing the causes of housing insecurity, we strive to protect minor children from the trauma of eviction, homelessness or emergency shelter.

Always Home was founded in 1998 to address the needs of Eastern Connecticut's housing insecure families. We are the region's leading non-profit service provider dedicated exclusively to serving families with minor children. Our programs are designed to provide families with the support and resources they need to navigate a housing crisis. Our primary goal is to prevent family homelessness *before* it happens, ensuring that children are spared the disruption and trauma of losing their home. Always Home is an integral part of Connecticut's homelessness response system. As a recognized 2-1-1 social service agency and a designated Family Intake Coordinator for the Eastern Coordinated Access Network, we offer families who are homeless or within 14 days of homelessness alternatives to shelter and a path to better housing stability.

The Family Housing Support Services below form the cornerstone of our efforts to reduce the number of households being evicted and falling into homelessness.

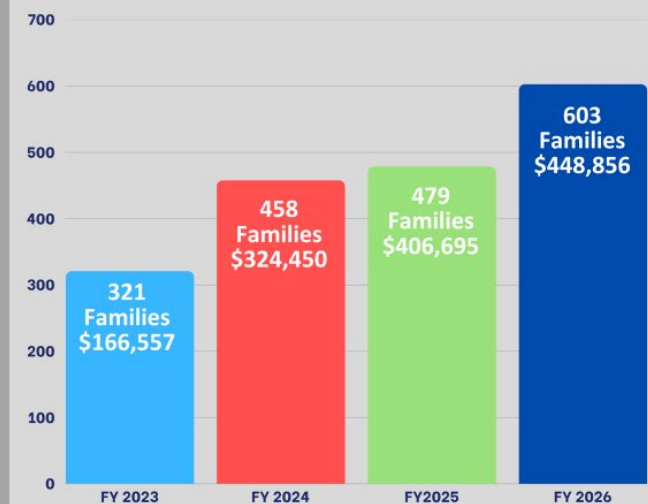


The United Way of Connecticut reports that 40 percent of Southeastern Connecticut's population are below the ALICE Threshold (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed). These working households do not earn enough to afford the cost of housing and other basic needs. For families who are housing cost burdened, one unexpected financial crisis can lead to an elevated risk of housing insecurity and homelessness. From July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, Always Home served 603 families in housing crisis (1,956 family members including 1,135 children under the age of 18); 75 percent of these families were single-parent households.

Always Home is responding to an increasing number of families in need.

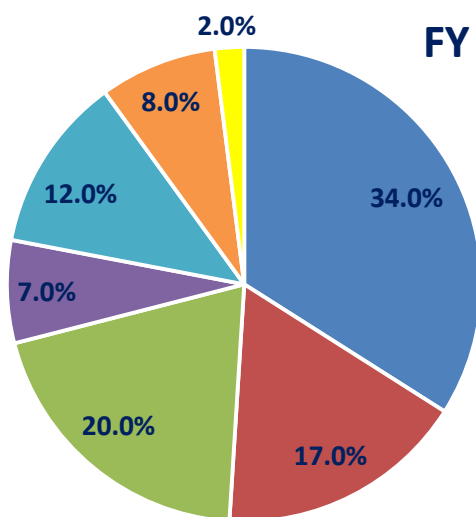
Our Fiscal Year 2026 service numbers marked the highest number of families served in a single year since our founding in 1998. Likewise, the cost of keeping families housed continues to rise.

Client Families Served



Note that the dollar amounts provided above reflect expenditures for emergency housing assistance and enhanced homelessness prevention services from Always Home along with any State housing assistance funds we accessed on behalf of our Shelter Diversion clients. The amounts, however, do not include the costs associated with staffing and program overhead.

Always Home's work would not be possible without the generous support of our community. We are deeply grateful to our volunteer Board of Directors, philanthropic individuals, businesses, foundations, state and local government entities, local Rotary and non-profit clubs, the faith-based community and countless volunteers. Together, they have helped raised nearly \$950,000 to further our mission in Fiscal Year 2026.



FY 2026 Support

- Individual, Business & Faith-based Giving
- Foundation & Non-Profit Grants
- Special Event Fundraising
- Local Government Grants
- Family Hub for 2-1-1/ECAN & State Grants
- Two-Family Properties
- Donated Facilities/Other Income

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