

In 2009 I moved to Easton, MD to be closer to my grandchildren. I am 81 years old, mother of 5, grandmother of 6, former high school math teacher, had 22 yrs in computer system development in banking, before retiring and then becoming an interfaith minister. In 2010 I became involved with the Talbot Interfaith Shelter, becoming a Board member when we were housing 5 people at a time in churches and the synagogue, when we purchased our first shelter in 2014 and then our second shelter in 2021, both in historic residential Easton. Now, one shelter is for families and one is for singles. While this was going on we were fortunate to be gifted with 400 volunteers who do all sorts of things for us, including bringing a hot meal to each house every night and signing up every day to answer the door and the phone. For us to receive the outstanding community support that we have, we had to promise to background check all potential guests, all volunteers and all staff. We promised to not take in folks who are currently drinking or addicted to drugs. We have helped so many folks through our S4 program before they could move into our transitional housing. These Shelters are outstanding. I do not want any government policies to disrupt what we have done and continue to do. We need our community to continue to support us. If policies all change, we would not be keeping our promises to our community, taking the risk of alienating them and their support.

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