

St. Joseph's Shelter Relocation²⁰²⁵

From 77 Winter St. to 460 W Main St.

“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself” (Book of Matthew 22:36-40)



**Catholic Charities
Diocese of Fall River**
Service Anchored in Faith



Homelessness is on the rise in 2024. In the United States, the Point in Time Count reported that 771,480 individuals in the US are homeless. On Cape Cod alone, unsheltered homeless individuals have increased from 32 to 76. Demographics of individuals that participate in our shelter consist of 89% from Cape Cod. A third of our participants are employed full-time. With St Joseph's House Shelter the only shelter serving Hyannis, this relocation will continue to provide vital service to the community in a more efficient and improved manner.

This relocation will result in improved housing services that will relieve the impact of homelessness. This new facility will have the following features:

- Increase in space
- Increase in services
- Localization of services
- Increase in case managers

These improvements that the relocation provides, will result in reduction of public resources spent on homelessness.

WHO

- Catholic Charities will be responsible for the operations and protocol
- Duffy Health Center will be present on site and will provide medical respite and other services such as 24-7-hour nurse on call

WHEN

- Relocation is expected to take place during the second half of 2025. Dates to be finalized.

WHAT

- Duffy Medical Clinic (more information inside)
- Catholic Charities will provide enhanced day programs at the new site. We will provide workshops relating to budgeting, financial management, housing, and resume writing.

WHY

- Improved living arrangements with more space
- Single floor plan which is more accessible, especially for our participants with mobility issues
- Localization of services and case managers

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Economic Snapshot

Relocating St. Joseph's Shelter away from the Main St. shopping district moves vital services away from schools, businesses, and tourist attractions

Within a 20 Minute Walk



5x

more
businesses by
77 Winter St.¹



9x

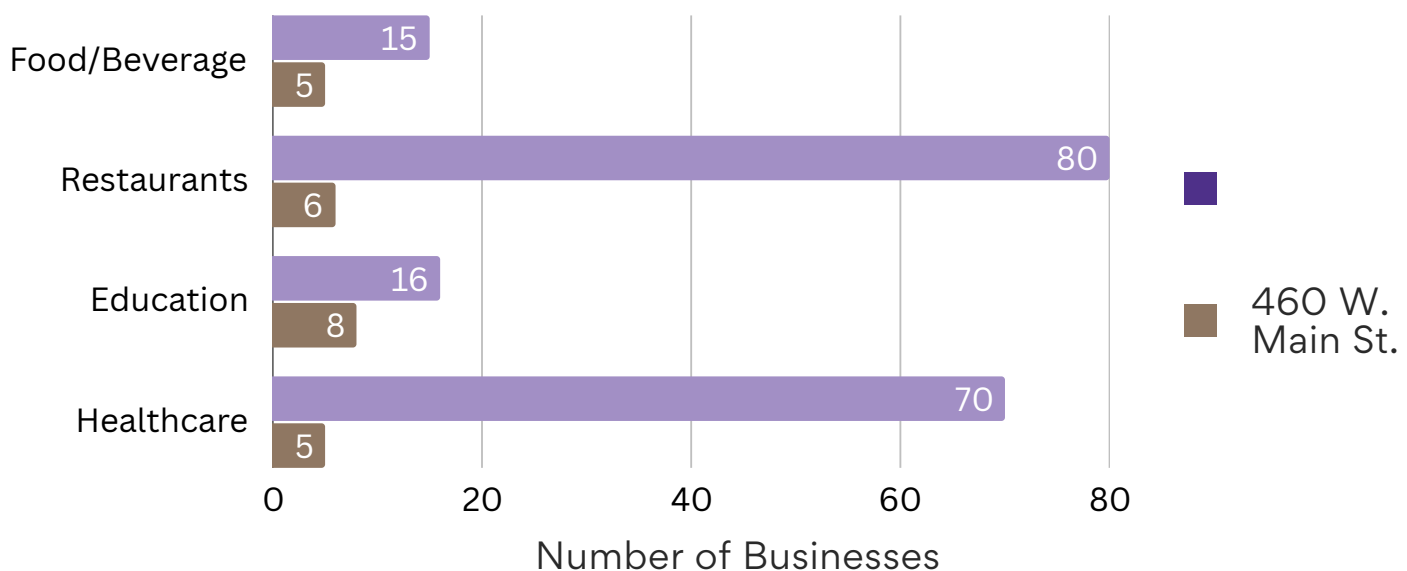
more
employees by
77 Winter St.¹



2x

larger
population
by 77 Winter St.¹

Types of Businesses Within a 20 Minute Walk of Each Site²



Sources:

1. Data Axle, Inc. (2024). Data aggregated with ArcGIS Esri.

2. Foursquare (2025). Data aggregated with ArcGIS Esri.

Relocation

Current Location – 7,000 sq ft
77 Winter St.

Cramped Communal Spaces

Commercial Kitchen

Shelter Located in the
Downtown Hyannis Business
District

Limited Food
Preparation

No Medical Center

Accessibility Challenges

Dormitory-Style Sleeping
Quarters for Men, up to 16
People Per Room

New Location – 23,000 sq ft
460 West Main St.

Larger Common Rooms
Accessible to Everyone

Professional Kitchen

Convenient Location, Short
Walking Distance from the
Downtown District

Purpose-Built Accessibility

Duffy Health Center

- 12 Respite Beds
- Primary Medical Services for Residents
- 24-Hour On-Call Nursing Services
- Behavioral Health Services

Improved Sleeping Quarters
and Bathrooms

- 12 Bedrooms (Capacity of 4 People per Room)
- 4 Women's Bathrooms, 6 Men's Bathrooms

Next Steps



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About St. Joseph's Shelter

Anchored in faith, our mission is to embrace the dignity of every individual by fostering empowerment, resilience, opportunity, and hope.

St. Joseph's Shelter is an emergency shelter in Hyannis, Massachusetts that offers a safe place to sleep for men and women experiencing homelessness. In addition to shelter, we offer:

- Job and housing search assistance
- Case management
- Legal clinics
- Substance abuse and mental health counseling

Why Relocate?

In order to better address the homelessness crisis in Hyannis, we will be relocating our shelter from **77 Winter Street** to **460 West Main Street**. This relocation gives us the facilities and space to provide a dignified experience for our shelter participants, including:

- Larger, more accessible common areas and bedrooms
- Better medical care through the addition of the on-site Duffy Clinic
- Fewer businesses and tourist attractions near the site

Connect With Us

**Together, we move forward—
supporting you, strengthening
Hyannis and Barnstable!"**

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learn more, ask
questions, and
support our work!



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Testimonials

Shelter Participant

"Last winter was the hardest time of my life. Battling injuries and homelessness, I felt like I was at my breaking point. During a snowstorm, I was sent to St. Joseph's Shelter by the emergency room. I was welcomed in from the cold with smiling faces and a warm meal– my favorite white rice and orange chicken. St. Joseph's cared for me when I was weak, and supported me as I grew stronger, always with love and acceptance. A year later, I'm revitalized and full of hope. I'm making plans for the future by seeking a rental apartment, something I couldn't have imagined before St. Joseph's. I thank God and everyone at the shelter for giving me a second chance."

Shelter Participant

"Just months ago, I unexpectedly found myself homeless and out in the cold, a truly frightening experience. Thankfully, I had faith in God who led me on the path to St. Joseph's Shelter. This temporary home gave me hope when I felt lost and alone. I am incredibly grateful because everyone there became "my family", making me feel safe and warm inside. It's clear that it takes a lot of love and hard work to create such a supportive environment, and they truly are quite a team. It's hard to express all the love and gratitude I have for them. God Bless you all from the bottom to the top of my heart. Thank you, St. Joseph's!"

Shelter Participant

"Before St. Joseph's, I was homeless and unemployed, unsure of what to do. St. Joseph's provided me with a bed, meals, and a sense of stability I desperately needed. The caseworker I was provided, was instrumental in helping me with housing applications. Now, I'm happy to say I've gained full-time employment and have a positive outlook on life."

Shelter Participant

"The staff at St. Joseph's are amazing; they made my stay wonderful. I never missed a meal, and the routine of showers kept me clean. The daily learning sessions were also very helpful. Dealing with the other residents feels like being part of a big family. It's heartwarming to be here."

Duffy Health Center

Mission

“Provide equitable, integrated healthcare for persons with complex health and social needs on Cape Cod”

Duffy Patient, In From the Streets Program (2022)

Duffy transitioned the individual from homelessness to housing in a sober house after he expressed to case managers that “he did not feel comfortable returning to an unsafe situation where he knew he would restart unhealthy behaviors”

Brittany, Duffy Patient

"I basically tear up every time I'm there because it's how everything should be; everyone should be treated with kindness and dignity."

Positive Impacts of Relocation on Hyannis Healthcare System

The relocation of the shelter will help Duffy fulfill its mission with the creation of an on-site medical clinic. Potential benefits include:



Cost Savings for Local Healthcare System



Fewer Emergency Room Visits by Homeless Population



Reduction in Emergency Calls



Stepping Block To Permanent Housing through Integrating Medical Care and Dignified Housing

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