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'Transitions' Homeless Facility Preps For Grand Opening

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Columbia, SC (WLTX) - Next week the Midlands Housing Alliance will open their door to their brand new Transitions Center to [help](#) rehabilitate our city's homeless.



It's been almost ten years since the idea was proposed, but aid for our cities homeless now is almost here.

"These are the restrooms for the day center and on the other side are the laundry facility and showers," said Larry Arney, the Executive Director of the Midlands Housing Alliance, when pointing to some of the amenities.

In a behind the scenes tour. Arney says the shelter that cost almost \$11 million will [enroll](#) homeless in programs that stabilize their lives.

"Behind these windows are two rooms, one is a [computer](#) lab where you can do job searches housing searches, prepare resumes," says Arney.

On the tour, Arney says Transitions will be to house and accommodate about 214 homeless. The primary goal, however, will be much more.

"Is to engage people in longer term services, to help deal with the root causes of homelessness, so those people can transition from homelessness into a life of permanent housing and self-reliance."

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Along with offering a recovery plan, the facility will have a respite center with 26 short-term beds. A recuperative place for homeless individuals, who have been released from in-patient care at a hospital.

"They can come here it's much more [affordable](#), and there will be a nurse on duty but we will not be providing medical care," Arney says.

While the facility has taken almost ten years to open, Arney says the real work begins after it opens.

"This will bring us all together in a way that the people can be served [more efficiently](#)."

Public and private funds help build the Transitions Center; however, all the furniture inside was donated. The facility will open its doors to the homeless next Wednesday June 15.