



Room in the Inn Shoals is an emergency winter homeless shelter. We operate from November thru March, seven days a week. We operate a daily intake center during these months, and partner with different groups and churches to provide the shelter each evening. We distribute hygiene supplies, socks and winter clothing, as well as snacks while they are at the intake center each night. We are a 501c3 organization, with a volunteer Board of Directors. All of those that work with us are volunteers as well. We served 176 people last winter. In addition to our winter activities, we distribute food and water on a monthly basis during the summer months. We have a local doctor come on a weekly basis during the winter months to provide basic medical care for our guests. The majority of them have no health insurance and this helps keep simple coughs and colds from turning into severe illnesses. This is our fourth year in operation and we have sheltered over 510 people since we began in 2014. Together, we partner with over 400 community members, from church volunteers to intake center volunteers. Room in the Inn Shoals touches a number of lives each year, giving the power to make a significant impact in our community to many. By making the homeless less invisible, treating them with kindness and respect, and making sure their basic needs are covered, especially during the winter, we believe that our community is better because of what we do at RITI Shoals.

**Mission Statement:** Room in the Inn Shoals Inc. is an interfaith, community- based partnership that provides food and shelter to the homeless during the winter months. Room in the Inn Shoals does not and cannot fix homelessness; but it does change people. By offering radical hospitality, we can better understand the people who live in our community. All of a sudden, "those people" become real people – with names and stories. It is our mission to bring our community together to serve and provide dignity and respect to those in need. Further information about Room in the Inn Shoals, Inc. can be found on our website, [www.roomintheinnshoals.com](http://www.roomintheinnshoals.com)

**Current Needs:** Room in the Inn Shoals operates an intake center, where we provide hygiene supplies, basic over the counter medical needs, winter and rain gear, and sleeping bags for those who need shelter. We also provide a mailing address and a place for the local homeless to store their belongings during the winter. Costs to provide supplies and operate and secure the intake center are \$2,300 per month. Some items are donated, some have to be purchased. The space is large enough to keep the 20-30 people per day out of the cold during intake hours. We are also raising funds to be able to provide some transportation so that we can help the guests get to the intake center each day.