

Yesterday

1981

- **Founded in 1981** after three homeless men in Charlotte died of exposure
- This tragedy sparked the development of an Emergency Winter Shelter to be open from December through March to house homeless men when all other community shelters were full

1985

- **Founded in 1985** as a day shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Charlotte
- Evolved into a comprehensive service provider that specialized in helping homeless men

Today **The Magic of the Merger**

- On October 1, 2009, the two agencies **merged to become Men's Shelter of Charlotte.**
- Our goal is to be the safety net for homeless men by identifying and filling service gaps, ensuring an adequate supply of emergency shelter beds, and offering a continuum of supportive services that help men move beyond homelessness.
- The combined agencies will be able to assist over 500 men, with capacity for growth and the flexibility to meet the needs of homeless men throughout the year.
- Homeless men have access to immediate emergency shelter, three meals a day, enhanced programs and basic needs assistance, 365 days a year.



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