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The National Alliance to End Homelessness [reported](http://endhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2016-soh.pdf) more than half a million people in the United States were homeless on a single night in 2015. CORT is proud to work with [Shelters to Shutters](https://shelterstoshutters.org/), a nonprofit that connects property management companies with situationally homeless individuals, to take a stand to combat this national issue.

“This is a natural alliance, as we are in a unique position to offer a hand up,” said Pete Regules, director of multifamily products and services at CORT. “Shelters to Shutters does fantastic work finding sustainable housing situations for its participants, and we look forward to helping make those new houses a home.”

Founded in 2014 to provide a pathway for those facing homelessness to regain their economic independence, Shelters to Shutters connects participants with property managers, to provide employees for the property management companies and housing for participants within the property management company at a dramatically discounted rate.

The goal of Shelters to Shutters is to see more companies in the industry join their efforts. It’s an opportunity to come together as an industry to make a material impact on the issue of homelessness in local communities across the country.

Property management companies like [Equity Residential](http://www.equityapartments.com/corporate/), [Waterton](https://www.waterton.com/), Freeman Webb, Middleburg, Kettler and [Avalon Bay Communities](https://www.avaloncommunities.com/about-us) have partnered with the non-profit to help more than 100 individuals transition out of homelessness since the program’s inception in 2014. If you would like to partner with Shelters to Shutters, please visit [shelterstoshutters.org/get-involved](https://shelterstoshutters.org/get-involved) for more information.

Thank you to the CORT community for the generosity and passion to support this cause.