

A program of OurCalling



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WHAT CAUSES HOMELESSNESS?

Over the past 15 years, OurCalling has served more than 25,000 people experiencing homelessness in Dallas County. As we've helped our neighbors walk with Jesus and get off the streets, we've learned that the root cause of homelessness is broken community.

There's always material poverty and a crisis event that pushes someone over the edge into homelessness, but ultimately, lack of healthy community is what causes people to become—and stay—homeless.

When we meet individuals on the streets, they are isolated, don't know where to turn, and have given up hope that their lives can be any better than the trash heap that often surrounds them.



WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

As we've developed strategies to address homelessness in our city and helped thousands of people restore healthy community in their lives, we've learned that there's a segment of the homeless population who cannot successfully transition off the streets.

They are your elderly parents, your brother with a cognitive disability, your cousin's daughter who was trafficked and abused for 20 years, and your friend in a wheelchair—except they have no money and nobody to care for them.

Representing a quarter of those we serve, they are the most vulnerable among us.

While well-intentioned, the government solution amounts to a voucher for an isolated apartment, a monthly visit from a case manager, and access to services via a bus pass. It is not sufficient for someone who needs daily support services.

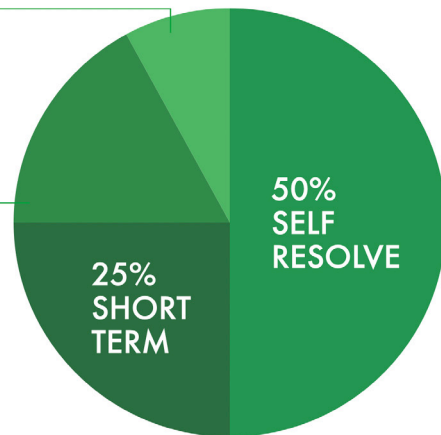
So, with no viable options and no community able to support their needs, they are dying alone on the streets.

In our extensive nationwide research, we have not found an adequate solution.

So we must build it.

10%
HOSPICE

15%
LONG
TERM



While 50% of homeless individuals will self-resolve their situations with minimal assistance, another 25% will require a short-term support in the form of a rehab, a discipleship program, or shelter. 15% need long-term care and the remaining 10% are at risk of dying on the streets.



THE SOLUTION IS OURCOMMUNITY

Sparked by the loss of countless friends who've died on the streets over OurCalling's 15-year history, we are pioneering a residential community with all-inclusive on-site services for our most vulnerable homeless neighbors.

Situated on 280 acres just south of Dallas, OurCommunity is designed to provide long-term, comprehensive, and relational care for our most vulnerable homeless neighbors who need a final earthly home.

When fully built out, it will feature 500 homes nestled into neighborhoods and a support service building featuring a number of on-site services.





SUPPORT SERVICE BUILDING

OurCalling will reproduce the entire litany of services offered at our downtown outreach center in the 24,000 sq ft service building. Services will include a cafe serving three meals every day, a medical clinic, mental healthcare, counseling, mentoring, clothing distribution, laundry services, a library, a coffee shop, a Church, and spaces for Bible Studies and addiction recovery classes.

OurCommunity will be staffed with Care Ministers, operations staff, and full-time security. There will be ample opportunities for volunteers and groups to serve at OurCommunity in resident care and services.

ON-SITE SERVICES

OurCommunity is designed to provide a comprehensive ecosystem of care, bringing medical care, mental health services, addiction recovery programs, spiritual care, and more than a dozen other critical services to a single, on-site location.

In contrast, other housing solutions for this population are scattered, with little to no on-site services forcing individuals to navigate disconnected systems scattered across the city.



Medical/Mental Health Services



Pharmaceutical Services



Counseling/Mentoring/Peer Support



Case Management



Life Skills Class



Addiction Recovery Support



Weekly Bible Studies/Church Service



Daily Meal Service



Laundry Services



Clothes and Resources



Access to Technology



Planned Community Activities



Veterans Affairs Support



Trauma Support



Specialized Partner Services



Grocery/Convenience Store



Coffee Shop



Library



Volunteer Opportunities



Transportation Services



Security Team



COMMUNITY IS THE KEY

The road to healing and stability for someone living on the streets must include permanent housing, but more fundamentally, it must address the ravages of the underlying causes of homelessness: the catastrophic breakdown of relationships with God, family, and community.

To facilitate the life-giving relationships needed to bring holistic healing, 20% of the residents will be missional: seminary students, former missionaries, retirees, and families who will live on-site to serve and love their formerly homeless neighbors.

Our vision is for all neighbors to be in healthy community, cared for with dignity, and connected intentionally to the body of Christ and the services they need.

Each neighborhood will feature 25 tiny homes, with a combination of 1br/1b and 3br/2b homes. Neighborhoods are intentionally designed around a courtyard and include a clubhouse that will serve as a community gathering space.



THE INVITATION

OurCommunity—the largest capital project for housing the homeless in North Texas’s history—will serve as a first-of-its-kind model for the nation.

A project of this magnitude requires extraordinary investment to become a reality. We are incredibly grateful for the generous families, churches, and foundations that have pioneered with us in supporting this project thus far.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help this transformational vision become a reality.

Learn more:





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