

PARTNERS ENDING
HOMELESSNESS



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Ending Chronic Homelessness in Guilford County



What is Partners Ending Homelessness?



Our goal is ending chronic homelessness* by 2016 and reducing all types of homelessness.

**A chronically homeless individual is defined as someone with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. In the 2007 Homeless Point in Time count, there were more than 200 people experiencing chronic homelessness in Guilford County. The Partners Ending Homelessness Initiative focuses on generating housing, strengthening prevention and supportive service efforts, and increasing coordination and access through the continuum of care in our community.*

Partners Ending Homelessness is an initiative that focuses on actively implementing, evaluating and updating Guilford County's 10 Year Plan to end chronic homelessness.

On June 4, 2007, Guilford County's 10 Year Plan, Partnering to End Chronic Homelessness, was unveiled to the community. This comprehensive plan has two major objectives: generating housing, and strengthening prevention and supportive services directed around the housing-first approach.

Implementation of the 10 Year Plan is conducted by the Leadership Council and the administrative staff who are working to identify implementation strategies, coordinate action teams to work on plan goals, identify community needs, and develop additional resources for Guilford County.

Family Service of the Piedmont — the largest private nonprofit agency serving children and families in Guilford County — serves as the lead agency to oversee Guilford County's 10 Year Plan implementation. Their mission is to empower individuals and families to restore hope, achieve stability, and thrive through quality support services, advocacy, and education.

The Partners Ending Homelessness Initiative works to provide effective solutions and accessible services to eliminate chronic homelessness and to strengthen Guilford County's effectiveness at addressing homelessness.

Connect

Connecting is one goal of Partners Ending Homelessness: we seek to connect volunteers to needs in order to make a difference for those affected by homelessness. In addition, we want to connect the homeless with the services they need, and to caring partners who can help integrate them back into neighborhoods and the community.

How can I help?

You can begin by educating yourself about the issue of homelessness and its impact on our community, as well as ways that you can become an advocate for those unable to speak out for themselves.

Our website is a great place to start. The site contains a wealth of information to help you stay connected to Partners Ending Homelessness . . . all types of volunteer opportunities are outlined there: advocacy, safe housing, educational and financial programs, community involvement, how to serve as a Partner yourself — and more. Visit *www.PartnersEndingHomelessness.org* to discover all the ways you can stay connected with us.

By becoming involved, you will become connected to others in the community who are helping and being helped by these valuable programs.

Who are the Partners?

No one person or agency can do it all. That's why partnerships are so important to our efforts. Partners are businesses and individuals who have pledged their support. Partners are the key to our success in reaching out to restore lives in our community.

Connect the homeless in our community with the people and resources who can help them . . .



Support

There are many ways you can support our efforts to eliminate chronic homelessness and reduce all other types of homelessness.

Volunteer: HOPE Teams

You might consider donating time by serving as a volunteer; being an advocate — a voice for change; asking your place of worship to form a HOPE Team, or joining a HOPE Team if your place of worship already participates in this valuable outreach. HOPE Teams befriend newly housed individuals.

A HOPE Team consists of four to six highly committed volunteers from local faith communities who focus on providing practical, emotional and spiritual support to friends, once homeless but now permanently housed, for a period of nine to 12 months.

In-kind donations

Perhaps you would like to donate a household item or personal item that you no longer use, but that would be of great value to someone else.

A new home comes with new aspirations and new beginnings. As people move into a safe place, a journey of restoration begins. New homes often require a bit of work to get everything in shape.

We ask for your support in helping us create housewarming experiences for our friends so that we can ensure a positive transition as they begin to connect to the community. Please see our website for housewarming gift ideas.

**Support
individuals'
physical and
emotional needs
as they make their
way toward
stable and secure
housing . . .**

Restore

What we hope to accomplish through our efforts at Partners Ending Homelessness is to restore lives that have been broken or fractured by unfortunate circumstances; by poor choices that appeared to be the easy way out at the time; by poverty and, often, depression that becomes a bottomless pit.

Neighbors helping neighbors

Partners Ending Homelessness seeks to reinstate individuals to their rightful place in a society that believes everyone should have an opportunity to succeed, to get up and try again no matter how many times they've fallen, to have a dream and see it come true.

By establishing HOPE Teams and building relationships based on friendships that honor the inherent value in each individual, people begin to see themselves with new eyes, as new creations. Suddenly any goal is achievable when shared with another. Past failures become stepping stones to greater promise. This is restoration in all its fullness.

We want to re-establish communities made up of neighbors helping neighbors, everyone looking out for one another, demonstrating human kindness and compassion as the norm. And we believe it's possible.

Our goal is to connect with the homeless in our community; to support the efforts to get them into stable housing and to restore their lives so that they might live healthfully and safely. Please consider volunteering, or making a monetary or an in-kind donation. No contribution is too small, and the need is great.

Restore lives that have been broken or fractured by unfortunate circumstances, poor choices, poverty, or depression.



How can I help?

There are many ways to assist Partners Ending Homelessness. You can help:

- donate household items or personal goods
- become a partner
- support the work we do
- create a HOPE Team at your place of worship
- help create a housewarming experience for our friends
- advocate for change in our community
- join a Community Partnership Action Team
- become a member of the Homeless Prevention Coalition of Guilford County
- learn more about the issue of homelessness in our community
- volunteer your time and talent with one of our partners (*complete our Time and Talent survey online*)
- make a monetary contribution

Every contribution is significant. Won't you join our team today and help us support the homeless in Guilford County?



Monetary donations

Checks should be made payable to Family Service of the Piedmont, and should reference the Partners Ending Homelessness Initiative. Please send care of:

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To learn more about the many ways you can help, please visit our website, www.PartnersEndingHomelessness.org, or call us at 336.889.6105, ext. 1116.

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