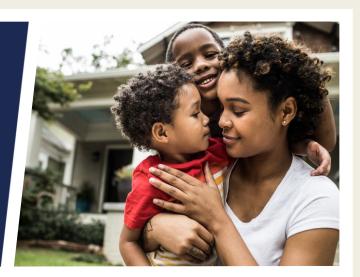# Enterprise®

Advancing Solutions to End Homelessness

Housing and services is the most effective way to prevent and address homelessness.

No matter who we are, where we've come from, or the challenges we've faced, we all want the opportunity to live enriching lives in places that keep us healthy, connected, and safe.

Yet too many Americans are facing sky-rocketing housing costs. Wages have not kept up with rents, housing supply has not kept up with demand, and healthcare access and quality often falls short. These pressures are felt by many of us and have the biggest impact on people at risk of homelessness or already experiencing it.

But we know what works. Providing housing and supportive services is the most effective way to prevent homelessness and address it quickly when it occurs. Communities across the country implementing these solutions continue to see successes every day.

With more than 40 years of experience making a good home possible for the millions of families without one, Enterprise is advancing a strategy to address homelessness by scaling proven solutions in partnership with the communities, advocates, and people with lived experience doing this work daily.

If we prevented homelessness,

259K

Children and their families would have had stable housing in 2024.

It would take:

7.3M

Affordable rental homes to ensure communities have enough housing to meet the need.

Since 2009, veteran homelessness declined

55%

Scaling these proven solutions is the most effective way to end homelessness.

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SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

When communities work together effectively to deploy a range of solutions at scale for people who need them most, they see reductions in homelessness. That's why we support the following:

Expanding Access to Housing

- Invest in vouchers and other forms of rental assistance that expand access to affordable housing.
- Build and preserve permanent supportive housing to meet the growing need.
- Expand, strengthen, and enforce source-of-income protections to prevent housing discrimination.
- Incentivize and engage landlords to expand housing options for individuals transitioning out of homelessness.
- Expand and strengthen the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Deepening Partnerships with Health Care and Other Systems

- Partner with hospitals, health and behavioral health centers, and other community-based health providers to provide supportive services co-located with housing.
- Leverage opportunities through Medicaid to unlock services that support housing stability.
- Offer respite care and nursing services for people who need them, especially for older adults and people with health and behavioral health needs.
- Partner with employers and Workforce Investment Boards to connect people to employment services and opportunities.

Responding to Homelessness with Dignity

- Scale and improve outreach and identification efforts that offer a range of supportive services.
- Provide safe interim housing options like hotels or shelter while permanent housing is being secured.
- Partner with community leaders, faith-based organizations, and people with lived expertise to champion humane, effective solutions.
- Improve coordinated entry systems by streamlining processes and modernizing systems to connect people to housing quickly and equitably.
- Expand access to Continuum of Care and other resources.

Strengthening Prevention Efforts

- Connect eligible households to rental assistance and other safety net services.
- Advocate for the right to counsel for tenants at risk of eviction.
- Partner with health and behavioral health systems to provide integrated services to identify and support patients at risk of homelessness.
- Coordinate with schools to prevent homelessness among students and support families.
- Work with the criminal legal system to prevent individuals from exiting incarceration into homelessness and address housing discrimination.

Join us.

Partner with us as we advance these strategies to build a future where everyone has a place to call home.

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