



We are on the Home Stretch Home!!! Be a part of ending homelessness for someone in Lake County by giving \$10/month. Get involved! October 10 (World Homeless Day) – December 22, 2019

The Facts

- Chronic homelessness = homeless one year or more + a physical or mental disability that prevents someone from regaining and sustaining housing on their own.
- Our solution is “Housing First”. It is permanent housing paired with supportive services (mental health, finance management, transportation, community inclusion...) that help ensure long-term success.
- On average 85% of Housing First tenants do not return to homelessness.
- Housing First dramatically lowers taxpayer costs by reducing people’s reliance on expensive services like emergency rooms, shelters, and jails/prisons.

Our History

- Our private funding campaign started in 2015. At that time there were over **120** people experiencing chronic homelessness in Lake County.
- Remarkably, federal, private and other agency funding has housed, or is expected to have the capacity to house, all but **SIX** of these individuals.
- In 2019, Lake County became the 10th US county to reach “functional zero” veteran homelessness!
- If we can house these **SIX** individuals, we can get on the path to end chronic homelessness. Only four U.S. communities (Lancaster County, PA – Rockford, IL – Bergen County, NJ – Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care) have done this so far!

Our funding effort is called “Ten To End”

- You can participate by committing \$10 per month for three years.
- **If 540 people make this commitment between October 10 and December 22, 2019, Lake County will have the ability to end chronic homelessness.**

One of Lake County’s many Housing First Success Stories

- When A.D.’s father passed away, he moved in with his mother to provide some financial support. Shortly after, she was able to move to Minnesota where she had more family support, but A.D. struggled to find work in a new area and eventually ended up homeless. When he received housing, he said “It felt like I was in heaven. My heart felt full when I got my key and walked in my apartment. It’s crazy to think that yesterday my bed was the street.”

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