

CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Some people are homeless for a few weeks before they are taken in by family or friends or find a way to support themselves. Others, however, face a number of barriers to self-sufficiency that lead to long-term homelessness.

A chronically homeless person is an individual with a mental or physical disability experiencing homelessness for more than a year.

The chronically homeless are three times more likely to die from treatable illnesses. They are exposed to many dangers on the streets, and the stress and discouragement drain them further.

“Chronically homeless means constantly homeless; it means repeatedly homeless.”

Linda Lingle

“I always wondered why somebody didn’t do something about that. Then I realized I am somebody.”



Want to help end chronic homelessness?

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Housing First Ending Chronic Homelessness in Lake County

We’re doing it—and we need YOU!

“Housing First” is a highly-effective plan working throughout the U.S. - and can happen in Lake County, too!

Working together with other organizations that serve the homeless in Lake County, we can provide homes for *all* the chronically homeless in Lake County.



“HOUSING FIRST”

Housing First ends chronic homelessness by providing people with permanent homes right away, then offering supportive services to ensure sustainability. Nationally, 319,000 individuals have been successfully housed through Housing First programs.

Numerous studies show that getting people into housing, then helping them with other problems like finding a job, caring for health problems, and getting childcare, is the most effective way to make permanent changes.

An average of 85% of tenants do not return to homelessness. Surrounded by stable neighbors and heartened by a home atmosphere, people are in a better position to benefit from other paths to self-sufficiency.

The community benefits because the program dramatically lowers taxpayer costs through less reliance on expensive public programs including police intervention, hospitals, shelters, courtrooms, and jails/prisons. Permanent supportive housing costs far less than these services, with an average price that is THREE times cheaper (\$10,051 vs \$31,065) - *Central Florida Commission On Homelessness*.



HOW IT WORKS

- Organizations in Lake County coordinate housing with local landlords. They negotiate rates and renting terms.
- Funding for housing comes from Federal programs and from financial donations.
- Long-term homeless people are offered the rental home, based on available funding and a prioritized list. Lake County agencies, churches, organizations, and citizens provide home furnishings, food, and other necessities.
- A caseworker is assigned to the household to help the person or family make the transition and get other necessary services.



HOMELESSNESS BY THE NUMBERS

1. As of September 2019, all but 6 people experiencing chronic homelessness have, or likely will be, housed with Federal or charitable funds. Those 6 apartments need to be funded through outside sources.
2. It costs about \$900 per month to provide rent, utilities, and case manager support for each person/family through Housing First.
3. If 540 people in Lake County each gave only \$10 a month (10 To End), we could provide homes and support to *all* of the people suffering long-term homelessness in our county.

WE CAN DO IT—TOGETHER!

Our goal of **ENDING** chronic homelessness is possible - but we need your help.

A coalition of churches, charity groups, and public aid organizations are working to end chronic homelessness. Join us in any/all of these ways:

- Commit to a monthly donation through our “10 To End” campaign
- Give your time to help spread the word, help the committee, or work with the homeless
- To stay up to date on our progress go to: TenToEnd.com

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