

Addressing Homelessness in Greenville

SOLUTIONS FOR A COMPLEX ISSUE



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Where We Stand By the numbers

Active Persons Experiencing Homelessness Demographics Report
HMIS/CES Persons on Priority List for Housing: 443

Reported Gender		Reported Race		Reported Age		Reported Income		Reported County	
Male	195	White	195	< 30	64	\$0	134	Greenville	252
Female	247	Black	242	31-50	190	Low	\$105	Spartanburg	57
Other	0	Other	5	51-70	180	High	\$1,200	Greenwood	6
				> 70	9	Avg	\$850	Tri-County	91
								Unidentified	37



1st Quarter Calendar Year 2022 - January - April

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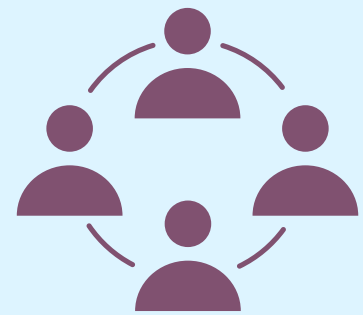
Barriers to Housing



- Women with Children - even with income cannot afford housing
- Low-wage earners/fixed income - move from hotel stays to sleeping in the streets
- Service workers - employed but cannot afford housing
- Many refuse to go to Shelter due to - required sobriety, rigid rules, strict curfews and required program participation
- Criminal Records - Re-entry without housing or support services

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Our 4-Pillar Approach



HOMELESS TASKFORCE

OUTREACH PROGRAM



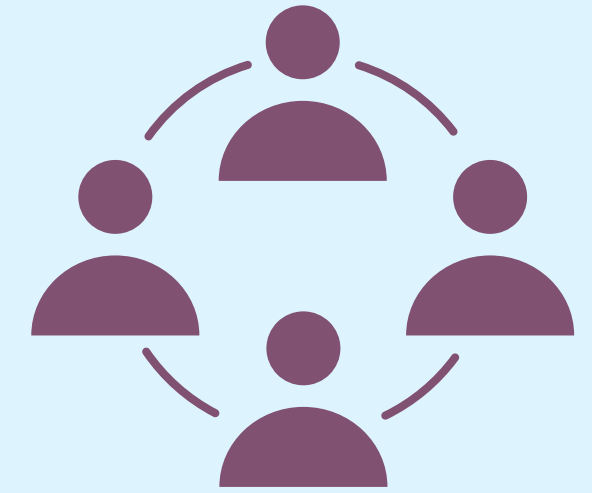
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DAY SHELTER OPTION



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Pillar One



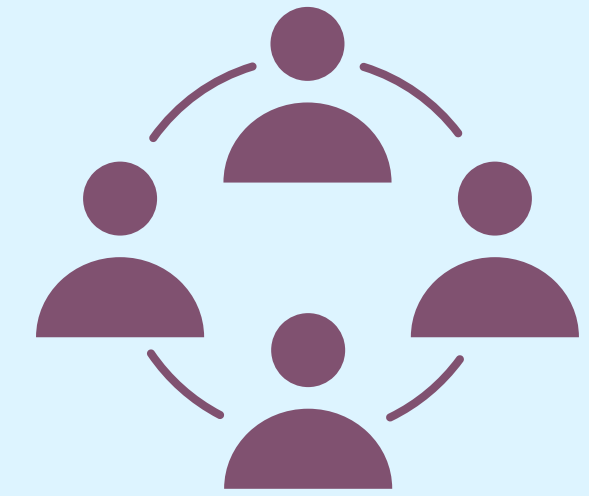
HOMELESS TASKFORCE

Monthly Taskforce Meetings - 2nd
Monday, 8:30am - Zoom
Email outreach@uhcsc.org to join

Learn about the work and positive
ways to help.

Share concerns with the Taskforce & The
Outreach Team.

Help provide resources and find out
how your support is making a
difference.



Is Homelessness a Crime?

- Homelessness is Against the Law
- Panhandling is Against the Law
- Sitting, Standing, Sleeping on Public Property is Against the Law



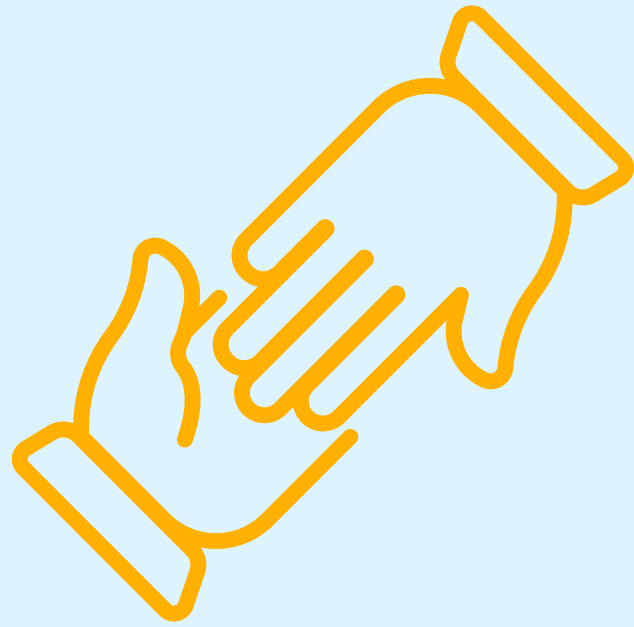
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When to Call the Police...

- When you are concerned for your safety
- When you are concerned for the safety of others
- When someone is creating a disturbance
- When someone is trespassing and refuses to leave
- When you witness illegal activity
- If there appears to be a medical emergency

When to Contact Outreach at UHC



When someone experiencing homelessness...

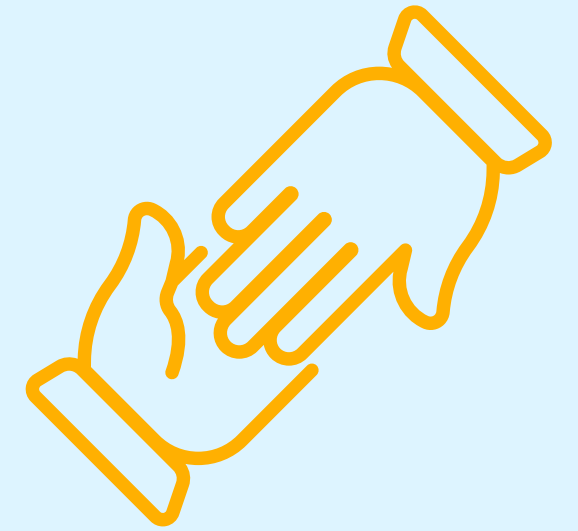
- asks you for help
- is NOT in immediate danger or distress, but may need connection to services

Send an email to: outreach@uhcsc.org with the following information:

- last know location
- description of the person, including clothing and other distinct identifiers

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Pillar Two



OUTREACH PROGRAM

Personal Connection & Building Trust -
It takes 5-7 interactions before many will accept even small gestures of support.

Provide a Hand-up & Connection to Housing -
Not fixing the problem but walking alongside them through their journey toward healthy living and stability.

OUTREACH PROGRAM



Interactions Report 1st Quarter 2022	#
Client Interactions - (not unduplicated)	395
Clients moved from the streets to shelter	39
Clients moved from the streets to treatment	18
Clients connected and engaged in services from outreach	89
Clients connected to permanent housing	7
Clients connected to the 30/60/90- Day Program	10
Clients graduated 30/60/90- Day Program	6

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Pillar Three



PANHANDLING PROGRAM

Funds for more support services

A long-term way to support those who are on the street

Education on Panhandling
Adverse Effects

Educate the public on the success
of outreach

PANHANDLING CAMPAIGN



Signs



Flyers/Posters/Table Tents



Videos



Street Canvassing



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Pillar Four



DAY SHELTER OPTION

Low-barrier Shelter as a Place
to Gather off the Streets

Food, Showers, Laundry,
Storage, Address

Access to Support Services:
Physical/Mental
Health/Treatment

A Safe Place to Rest Without
Fear

Why is a Day Shelter the Answer?



THERE IS SIMPLY NO PLACE FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO GO.

- Current Shelter System does not allow for daytime stays
- Many roam the streets all night (especially women) and sleep during the day
- City streets are crowded and policed - safer than encampments
- Panhandling is a way to make money
- No place other than public restrooms to "bathe"
- No place to store belongings
- No address or ID to apply for a job, school or other income

What Will a Day Shelter Cost?



PROPERTY ACQUISITION/UPFIT

- Property Acquisition - 600 - 800K
- Property Upfit - 300 - 600K

Upfit includes - interior demo, systems replacements, bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, storage, services area, mailboxes, outdoor community space, landscaping, fencing, lighting.

ANNUAL OPERATING COST

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| • Staffing | \$289,000 |
| • Security | \$180,000 |
| • Facility Operations | \$189,000 |
| • Food/Supplies | \$83,000 |
| • Support Services | <u>\$64,000</u> |

Total	\$805,000
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QUESTIONS?

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