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HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

A PROPOSAL

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- MODERATE:** Talk about homelessness with your family, friends and neighbors
- DIFFICULT:** Find out who on your city council works with people experiencing homelessness.
1. Get to know them and come alongside in leadership and support
 2. Promote temporary and humane legal encampments and emergency shelters as a path to permanent, affordable and integrated housing with wrap around services

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A PROPOSAL FROM CAMBRIDGE, FRIENDSHIP SHELTER

EASY: Examine your own mental attitudes about homeless people.

MODERATE: Talk about homelessness with your family, friends and neighbors

DIFFICULT: Find out who on your city council works with affordable housing. Get to know them and come alongside to increase affordable housing and permanent supportive housing in your city.

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JAMBOREE, ORANGE COUNTY	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
2-8-2019 Jamboree Housing Corp. 25 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Diamond, Anaheim	Previously Homeless People & their families*	EMERGING LEADERS: Anne Sivley. Janet Tipllett. Diane Roper. LESSONS LEARNED: 10 year success story of PSH without increase in crime or decrease in neighborhood property values NEXT STEPS: Attend North OC Cities Hearings on shelters. Jamboree presented at Canyon Hills Presbyterian, Anaheim
4-12-2019 Jamboree Housing Corp. Workforce Housing + 18 PSH units Doria, Irvine	Previously Homeless People & their families*	EMERGING LEADERS: Varies from city to city LESSONS LEARNED: Affordable and PSH units seamlessly blend into neighborhood. Residents pay \$500 - \$1500 /Mth in rent. NEXT STEPS: Advocate to South OC Cities to build workforce & PSH

* In keeping with **Housing First** national best practice, these are previously homeless people with chronic mental illness.

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WISEPlace, SANTA ANA	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
<p>2-13-19 • 3-1-19 • 3-21-19</p> <p>WISEPlace - Transitional Housing Single room occupancy, 30 rooms for 30 women</p> <p>SAFEPlace - Emergency Shelter 60 beds in the gym for 60 women</p>	<p>Unaccompanied Women</p>	<p>EMERGING LEADERS: Anne Sivley. Kathleen Julian. Virginia Tibbetts.</p> <p>LESSONS LEARNED: Volunteers to lead meaningful activities needed.</p> <p>NEXT STEPS: Volunteer regularly e.g. Christmas wrapping June 25, 2-4 pm. Support Embrace Capital Campaign to build 30 PSH units.</p>

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CENTURY VILLAGES @ CABRILLO	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
<p>3-15-19</p> <p>Century Villages @ Cabrillo - Long Beach 26 acre campus. Integrated housing of PSH and affordable housing, full services, children's clinic, community centers, and activities.</p>	<p>Previously Homeless People & families, Veterans, Seniors</p>	<p>EMERGING LEADERS: Anne Sivley. Diana Law.</p> <p>LESSONS LEARNED: 20-years of success. Partnerships are critical. Lifespan of previously homeless people has improved. Community development is a critical to homeless housing infrastructure.</p> <p>NEXT STEPS: Recommend the CVC model to city council members and OC Board of Supervisors. Visit CVC.</p>

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FRIENDSHIP SHELTER	CATEGORY	OUTCOMES
4-26-19 1) ASL - Laguna Beach Emergency shelter - 45 beds for 45 adults. 2) Bridge Shelter - Laguna Beach Transitional shelter. Unaccompanied adults - double occupancy 3) PSH apartments - Dana Point	ASL and Bridge Shelter - Unaccompanied Adults (vulnerable populations) PSH - Previously Homeless people & families	EMERGING LEADERS: Various. LESSONS LEARNED: Housing-first and housing-focused shelters that seamlessly blend with the community are feasible. Bridge shelter has been in Laguna Beach for 30 years. At the ASL, men's clothing and hygiene supplies are needed. NEXT STEPS: Locate properties for affordable and PSH. (e.g. convert old motels, build on empty lots etc)

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A LEARNING BY VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE - FEB. 2 - MAY 4, 2019

Designed to offer mobile career development services and understand OC homelessness

I4E CAREER DEVELOPMENT PILOT	DETAILS	OUTCOMES	PRODUCTIVITY
<p>A team of 5, often only 3, people volunteered career development services from 5 - 8 pm on 8 Mondays at The Link, an emergency shelter on Red Hill and Warner.</p> <p>Trained in The Works, a system by CareerWise (Fullerton), we spoke with homeless clients, and helped create chrono functional resumes and job applications.</p>	<p>TEAM LEADER: Anita Coleman</p> <p>PARTNER: CareerWise (Fullerton)</p> <p>HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER: Mercy House</p> <p>TYPE OF HOUSING: Emergency Shelter</p> <p>TYPE OF HOMELESS PEOPLE: Family, Single parents, unaccompanied adults, including seniors</p>	<p>EMERGING LEADERS: Lynn Redmann. Dorie Solinger.</p> <p>LESSONS LEARNED: Training of volunteers takes a lot of time. Most of the people we served are very low-income. They may not qualify for permanent supportive housing.</p> <p>NEXT STEPS: Lynn and Dorie in training to lead their own teams. A new I4E/CareerWise team led by Dorie will continue at The Link. Lynn has added details to CareerWise Training. He will train a team of volunteers for The Lighthouse, a new shelter in Costa Mesa.</p> <p>Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos awarded \$750 grant for CareerWise.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 234 volunteer hours » 124 hours in contact with homeless people at The Link » 18 clients met » 16 resumes created » 2 or 3 resumes created for some clients » 20 job applications » 4 to 6 emails set up » 1 client, that we know of (possibly 2 more), found jobs within the 8 week pilot

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CREATIVE CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE

HANDMADE BACKPACKS AND COMPASSION KITS FOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Transforming knowledge into action by helping us connect with people experiencing homelessness.

DESCRIPTION	PARTNERS	OUTCOME
<p>4-26-2019 Cypress Community Park, Irvine Seamstress team lead Suzanne Kameya designed the sturdy, lightweight, drawstring bags. At a pre-event, Regents Point friends helped Suzanne assemble the ready to sew bag kits. On the day of event, Suzanne, Mary DeBar (Canvas) and Judy Bell (Laguna Beach) stitched some bags. 30 drawstring bags were pre-made. Attendees filled the bags with hygiene supplies and wrote 30 compassion notes. Experts and newly housed couple gave tips on how to connect</p>	<p>InSight Magazine - <i>I4E Planning partner, sewing supplies & refreshments</i> High School Youth Action Team - Irvine Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos - <i>\$1,250 grant for hygiene supplies.</i> Regents Point - Irvine</p>	<p>EMERGING LEADERS: Helena Carlson. Orb Portillo. Bay Shambow. Bobby Austin. Garrett Dunbar. 30 people who took 30 kits. LESSONS LEARNED: » Making an authentic and meaningful human connection is a very difficult and overwhelming task » Homeless people develop sensitivities and allergies from being exposed to the elements. Critically needed hygiene items that are hypoallergenic and natural are best e.g. moisturizers like virgin coconut oil » A note of compassion inspires change and action NEXT STEPS: People who took the kits will connect with homeless people in their neighborhood and share their stories.</p>

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LEGAL ENCAMPMENTS SAFE ORGANIZED SPACES (SOS)

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Safe Organized Spaces is a community integrated village model that meets CA state codes for emergency shelter buildings and service standards. Legal encampments or sanctioned campsites adapting SOS can help end OC homelessness.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

1. **3,961 people in OC are living on the streets** as of January 2019 can get **immediate and essential services**, thereby reducing the biological, psychological trauma of homelessness, **improving public health, safety and limiting environmental impact**
2. **Privacy and dignity** for the people experiencing homelessness, along with **fiscal responsibility**. Operating costs for a 15 residents village costs \$164,800/yr. (includes 15 private emergency sleeping cabins, and 2 full time staff), set up costs \$335,200 (includes trash, recycling, set up, cooking and garden supplies, water hook up etc. for a total \$500,000 (1 year pilot costs of Stewardship Village and Community Wellness Hub, June 2019)
3. Under utilized private or public land is operated in **coordination with city services**, developed by **multiple stakeholders from the local communities, costing taxpayers far less** than law enforcement and clean-up of homeless camps. OC spent \$23 million on law enforcement without housing people. **Temporary and humane legal encampments like SOS** place 'service resistant' people on a **pathway to permanent housing**

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