

HOMELESSNESS



TERMS

Home vs House

Home is where you live and where you have an emotional attachment; homelessness is a misnomer; unhoused or houseless is a more accurate

Housing Insecurity

Not having a secure shelter due to various factors like low income, high housing costs, unstable neighborhoods, etc.

Unsheltered

Refers to the lack of physical shelter, even temporarily. 'Homeless' implies a lack of permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing

An alternative solution to end homelessness that focuses on accessible permanent housing and coordinated services such as financial assistance and mental health treatment.

Hostile Architecture/Defensive Design

Features implemented into city and town planning designed to deter homeless people from sleeping in that location.



VALUES

Charitable Giving



Kindness

Visibility

Dignity

Resilience

TIMELINE

1640: The first recorded instance of homelessness in the land that is now the U.S.

1955: Release of *Lady & The Tramp*, providing a 'positive' representation of homelessness for children.

1965: Department of Urban Development (HUD) created to provide public housing under Johnson's *Great Society Plan*.

2020: COVID-19 pandemic creates instability and oversaturation of an already failing system.

2022: The Federal Strategic Plan *All In* is created, laying out a strategy for everyone having access to a home.

STATISTICS

\$31,000

Cost of incarceration for homeless people in FL

\$31,000

Cost of a \$15/hr full-time job

580,000

of Homeless in the United States

21,000

of Homeless Children in New York City

Likelihood that a person who is homeless will be a crime victim compared to a non-homeless person

10x

Top 3 Causes

- #1 Lack of affordable housing
- #2 Unemployment
- #3 Mental illness

Over 40%

Approximate percent of people in homeless shelters or unsheltered who held a job in the same year they were homeless



PEOPLE



Chris Gardner



Ella Fitzgerald



Robin Williams



Ali Forney



Jimmy Carter

ACTION

- Share our infographic.
- Commit to a weekly act to raise awareness about the unhoused.
- Help a homeless person today!
- Volunteer and donate items that centers need (call ahead for maximum impact!).
- Research local candidates and their positions on funding homeless services and affordable housing.



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