



CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA

HEALTHY HOUSING INITIATIVE

WHAT WE KNOW:

- Safe and affordable housing is the anchoring social determinant of health and well-being.
- There is a critical shortage of affordable housing across the country.
- Those suffering from mental and physical ailments are the most vulnerable.
- Hospital readmission rates for the chronically homeless are a significant factor in escalating healthcare costs for nonprofit health providers.

The CCUSA Healthy Housing Initiative (HHI) battles chronic homelessness on multiple flanks:

- A. Supply** - developing permanent supportive housing projects with embedded (or nearby) primary care, behavioral health and case management/social services;
- B. Programmatic** - connecting chronically homeless clients to other permanent affordable housing and bringing case management and primary care to those households; and
- C. Advocacy** - pursuing local and national policies, resources and solutions to chronic homelessness.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Encourage conversion of vacant church properties into permanent supportive housing units.
- Seek collaborative relationships between CCUSA and corporate partners to fund affordable housing-development and project related social services.



OUR GOALS

ONE

Reduce chronic homelessness by **20%**



TWO

Decrease hospital readmission rates for homeless persons by at least **25%**



THREE

Connect 35% of newly housed persons to primary care and behavioral health services



Five Pilot Cities

- Detroit
- Las Vegas
- Portland
- Spokane
- St. Louis

