



Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Community Members,

We have to talk about housing.

Homelessness is on the rise. Not just here, but everywhere. For the first time since counting began, the number of individuals sleeping outside is greater than the number using shelter beds.

We have to talk about housing, because housing is how we end homelessness.

The average individual in homelessness can be housed for less than \$15,000 a year. The average cost for someone who remains in chronic homelessness is more than \$40,000 a year.

Simply put, it costs us more when people remain homeless.

Assessment of data and previous projects puts the housing need at more than 300 units of low threshold affordable housing.

The need for these units is immediate.

In the coming months, we will be talking about housing and homelessness - what we know, what needs to happen, and how you can help.

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. If we're going to end homelessness,

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Contact us at talkabouthousing@commteam.org to find out how you can help.

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