



# **JOURNEYS | The Road Home**

Our mission.

Our message.

# Who are we?

JOURNEYS |The Road Home is a homeless services agency that provides shelter and **wrap-around social services** for people experiencing homelessness and people at risk of becoming homeless in our community.

We provide **individualized care** as we support people on their journeys towards more independent lives.

For more information on our mission and long-term goals, visit our [website](#).



# Terminology

Essential to our mission is emphasizing the humanity of our clients.

We prefer the term “**people experiencing homelessness**” over “homeless people/person” or “the homeless” because it defines them first by their humanity rather than their housing state.



# Types of Homelessness

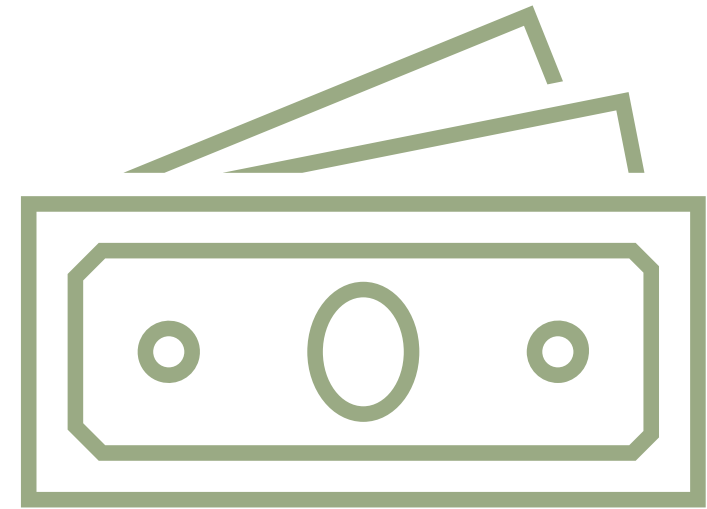
“Homeless” is an umbrella descriptor for many different experiences.

- **Transitional Homelessness** is temporary homelessness resulting from a major life event or catastrophe. Examples include sudden financial hardship or escaping domestic violence.



# Types of Homelessness

- **Episodic Homelessness** is defined as having experienced at least three periods of homelessness in a twelve-month period. People experiencing episodic homelessness are often struggling with addiction issues or have a disability that prevents them from achieving stable, long-term housing. It may also be that they have an unstable source of income.



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- **Chronic Homelessness** is defined as when someone has been homeless for at least a year. When people think of homelessness, it is chronic homelessness and its accompanying stereotypes that they are often thinking of.



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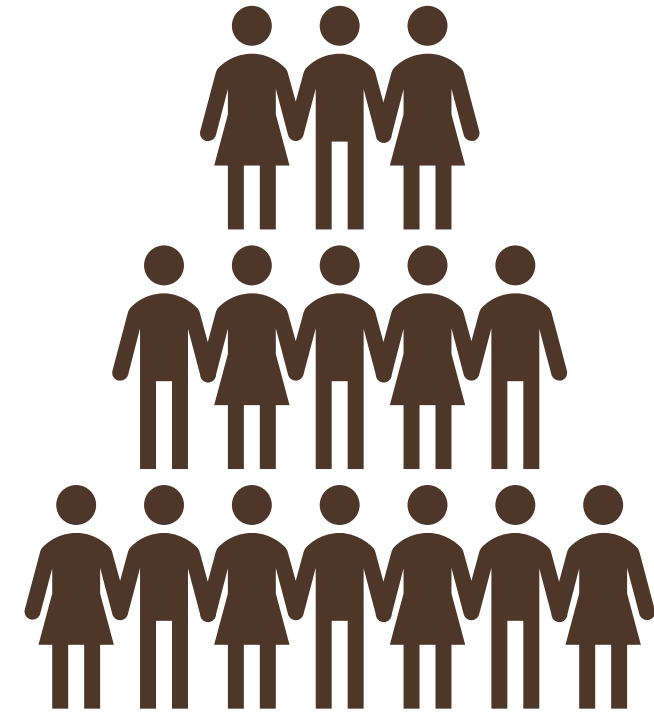
- **Invisible Homelessness** often cannot be represented in homeless statistics and data. Individuals or families may move in with friends or loved ones without establishing a permanent address because they cannot afford rent or housing payments.

Read more [here](#).



# Combating Stereotypes

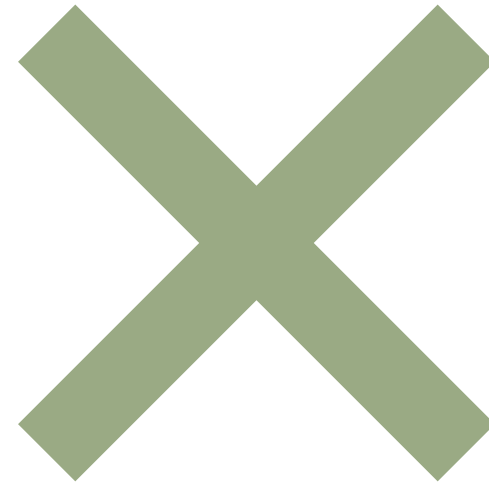
Perhaps the most ubiquitous image of homelessness is the urban panhandler, though **homelessness takes on many forms in different places.**





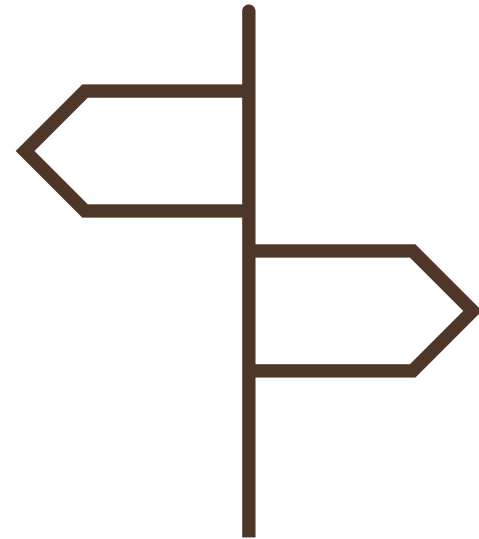
# Combating Stereotypes

People experiencing homelessness are often thought of as being at fault for, and even deserving of their situation because of addiction issues, mental illness, or a lack of desire to work.



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While many people experiencing homelessness do struggle with addiction and/or mental illness, **many also do not.**



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Likewise, the perception of a lack of desire to work is misleading, as many people are **prevented from maintaining employment because of chronic illness or disabilities.**



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*Regardless of why or how someone has become homeless, at JOURNEYS, every person is deserving of respect and care.*



# What are the main causes of homelessness?

According the National Alliance to End Homelessness,

**the number one cause of homelessness** is a [nationwide lack of affordable housing.](#)



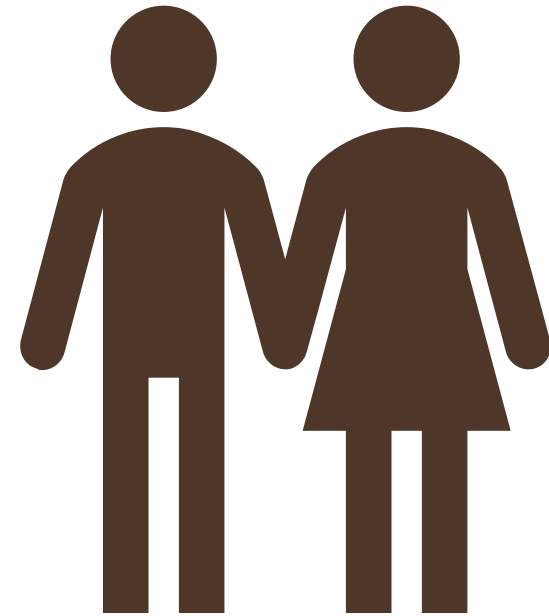
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There are [many other reasons people become homeless](#), ranging from escaping domestic violence, to a health event that wipes out savings, to systemic racial and class-based inequities that compound generational poverty.



# Who are our clients?

- Last year, 50% of our clients were **experiencing homelessness**, while 50% were **at risk**.
- 75% of our clients were **adults** and 25% were **children**.
- 56% of our clients were **male** and 43% were **female**.



# Who are our clients?

- Our top racial/ethnic demographics of our clients are **Caucasian** (45%), **African American** (23%), and **Hispanic/Latino** (22%).





# Who are our clients?

- 60% of our clients had a **disability**.
- 23% were **survivors of domestic violence**.



# How do we help?

- Our **HOPE Center** provides daily services.
  - Clients can receive a hot meal, clothing, food packages, do their laundry, shower, receive primary medical care, and meet with their case manager. Case managers help connect clients with the services they need and put them on a path toward shelter and long-term housing.



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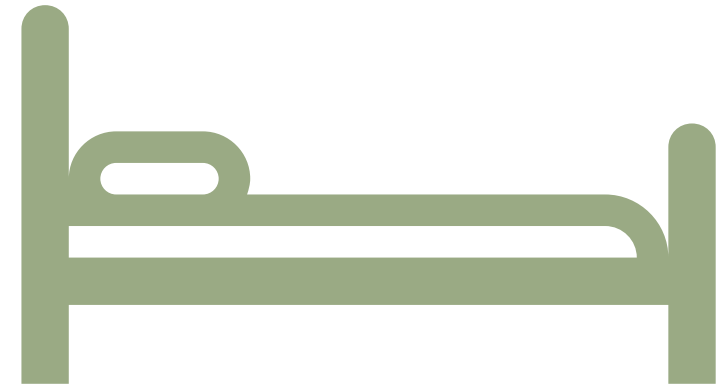
Here is a full list of all the services provided at our HOPE Center:

- Food Pantry
- Clothing Closet
- Hot Meals
- Laundry
- Shower Facilities
- Access to voicemail and email
- Mailbox
- Limited Transportation Assistance
- Onsite nursing care
- Professional referrals | doctors, dentists, lawyers
- Occasional travel and food vouchers
- Lockers
- Intensive case management
- Mental health counseling
- Housing assistance
- Vocational counseling
- Outreach services
- Budgeting and financial stability
- Resume design, interviewing, and computer skills



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- Our **PADS Program** provides overnight shelter for eligible clients at local faith communities.
  - These faith communities donate their time, facilities, and resources to provide shelter and a hot meal **six nights a week.**



# How do we help?

- Our **Pathways Housing Readiness Program** helps to fill the gap created by the shortage of affordable housing in our area while helping our clients become ready to sustain long-term housing.



**Thank you.**

