

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

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Dear Friend,

There's nothing like being there when a homeless person moves into his or her first permanent apartment. Over the years, I've seen every reaction, from tears of joy to loud, excited shouts. Still, every time, the inward feeling is the same: immense gratitude at being able to witness this emotional part of someone's journey home.

But so much has to go right behind the scenes before that special moment can happen, and most of it depends on people we never hear about. In every community, there are tireless advocates who have dedicated their lives to helping their homeless neighbors move home. At Community Solutions, we are committed to supporting those people and helping them succeed.

"If we had met the Community Solutions team ten years ago, we might have ended homelessness by now. They helped us realize there was a better way to use our resources."

-Will Connelly, Director of Nashville's Metropolitan Homeless Commission



[Can you support our work this holiday season to help local teams end homelessness in over 200 communities?](#)

This spring, we invested in a team of unsung heroes in Nashville, TN. The city had recently joined our 100,000 Homes Campaign, and local advocates wanted our help to improve the way they worked together. At zero cost to the city, we helped Nashville host a registry week, where hundreds of volunteers were trained to find and identify every one of their homeless neighbors by name. Then, we guided a team of line staff from city agencies, nonprofits and the VA through a rigorous, 100-day challenge to radically reorganize the way they work together and share resources. In just three months, this new team created a high performing, collaborative system to move homeless people into stable homes quickly and permanently.

When we began our work with Nashville, about 15 local homeless residents were moving off the street and into permanent homes each month. Today, just five months later, that number has quadrupled to nearly 65 per month, including 15 veterans on average!

[Can you donate \\$25, \\$50, or \\$100 right now to help us continue investing in communities like Nashville?](#)

In my 30 years of working to end homelessness, I have never seen a better chance than right now to turn the corner and dramatically reduce homelessness in our country, but we have to seize this moment!

We count on your financial support to help us move closer to a world without homelessness. Would you consider making a holiday donation today?

Sincerely,

Rosanne Haggerty
President

P.S. I also invite you to [learn more about the 100,000 Homes Campaign](#), our team that has already helped Nashville and +200 other U.S. communities house more than 70,000 homeless Americans in three years!