

Housing Houston's Heroes Initiative

Housing Houston's Heroes is a collaborative effort to house homeless veterans and keep them housed. Begun in May 2012 as a project titled "100 in 100," more than 20 partner agencies housed 101 homeless veterans in 100 days. This successful effort then expanded, and by May 2013 had housed 488 homeless veterans.

This summer, the partnering agencies housed 357 veterans in 100 days, 195 of whom were chronically homeless, surpassing the goal to house 300 homeless veterans in 100 days. This is part of a larger goal to house 4,500 homeless veterans by January 2016.

Through the Housing Houston's Heroes effort, Houston's Homeless Service agencies have developed an effective and compassionate response to housing homeless veterans. Working collaboratively allows the agencies to quickly respond to a homeless veteran's needs without duplicating efforts and resources.

Agencies participating in Housing Houston's Heroes:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	CSH
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Goodwill Industries
City of Houston, Office of the Mayor	Harris County Housing Authority
Baxter Trust	Harris County, Office of Housing and Community Development
The Beacon	The Housing Corporation
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.	Houston Housing Authority
Catholic Charities	Houston Food Bank
City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department	Houston Police Department – Homeless Outreach Team
City of Houston, Office of Veteran's Affairs	Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority
Cloudbreak Communities	Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Salvation Army
Compassionate Houston	SEARCH Homeless Services
	U.S. Vets

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