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Let Us Build Up the Kingdom and Shelter the Homeless
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God source of all, we thank you for bringing us together today.
Give us your light of faith as we continue to work together
To provide the warmth of a home to our neighbors in need.
Let us be strong stewards of your will through heart, mind,
hands and spirit.

We pray that the Holy Spirit dwells in the homes where
Our neighbors live, laugh, and learn of Your caring grace
through

The mission of the work entrusted to us because,
In shelter there is security;
In security there is comfort;
In comfort there is peace;
In peace there is faith; and
In faith there is You.

In the name of your Precious Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.



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“There is no place like home.”

-Dorothy (Wizard of Oz)



Decent, safe and affordable housing is a pillar supporting economic self-sufficiency and a greater sense of well-being for families and individuals.



That foundation is weakened because we do not have enough affordable housing to meet the need.

THE PROBLEM:

The U.S. has a shortage of more than **7.2 MILLION** rental homes affordable and available to extremely low income renter households.



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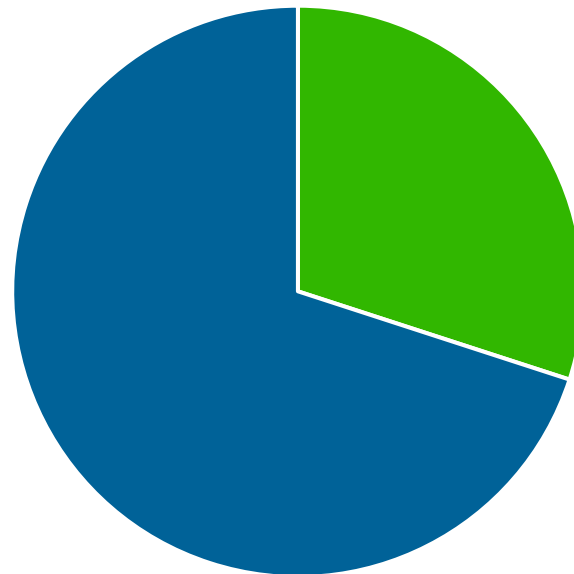


In Texas, there are only
29 affordable and available
rental homes
for every **100**
extremely low-income
renter households.



Affordable Homes = 30% of Income

Expenses v. Income



■ Housing ■ Other



Households in the City of Houston

Income level

16.5%

0-30% of median (127,120)

49.1%

0-80% of median (377,920)

22.5%

Pay >50% income for rent (92,435)

7.1%

Overcrowded (54,770)
(75% severely overcrowded)



Higher housing costs =

**Less \$ for food
clothing
healthcare
transportation
childcare
savings**



Do you know someone who lives on a limited income and feels squeezed by housing costs?

- A grandmother who relies primarily on Social Security
- A neighbor who is receiving disability income
- A friend who is unemployed or under-employed
- Someone in a lower-paying occupation (i.e., pre-school teacher, classroom aide, retail sales, clerical support, caregivers, grocery clerks, maintenance workers, hair cutters, manicurists, and entry level public employees)



“...we see the emotional, physical and financial toll being levied upon millions of families and individuals as a result of America's affordable housing crisis.”

-Catholic Charities USA



**“Let me be clear.
There is no social or moral
justification,
no justification whatsoever,
for the lack of housing.”**

-Pope Francis



The housing crisis and its impacts have only been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Job loss
- Hours reduced
- Schools and childcare closed
- Personal and family illness
- Community resources strained
- Social isolation



What help is available?



Catholic Charities Program Areas

Stable Homes

Women Veterans Program

Rapid Re-Housing



Program Services



Housing assistance



Case management



Food support



Employment services



Mental health



Referrals to community partners



Stable Homes Program

Homeless Prevention

Imminent risk of homelessness due to sudden reduction of income

HOPWA

Living with HIV/AIDS and at risk of homelessness

Emergency Rent Assistance

One-time assistance for low-income families



Women Veterans Program

Villa Emergency Shelter

Women veterans and their children experiencing homelessness

Permanent Supportive Housing

Chronic homelessness with a diagnosed disability

**Must be referred through CoC Coordinated Assessment*

Pathways to Hope

Women veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk

CJD Crime Victims

Basic needs, emotional and legal support for crime victims



Rapid Re-Housing Program

Experiencing homelessness and very low income

**Must be referred through CoC Coordinated Assessment*

Navigation

Assistance securing housing for eligible clients

Case Management

Working with clients toward economic self-sufficiency and increased sense of wellbeing



Get connected



Women Veterans Program

Intake Line: 713-351-6915

Intake Online: catholiccharities.org



Stable Homes

Housing Info Line: 713-874-6724



Rapid Re-Housing

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“My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try and make a difference.”

-Jimmy Carter



Questions?



Thank You!

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