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OUR TOPLINE MESSAGE

Caritas of Austin believes that when every person has a stable place to call home, they can realize their full potential and contribute to our community. We build wellbeing by making sure that people have a safe home, access to healthy groceries, jobs that provide a reliable living wage, and educational opportunities to learn life skills.

MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission
We prevent and end homelessness for people in Greater Austin.

Our Vision
We aim to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring in Central Texas.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Ensure funding sustainability

Lead the community in ending homelessness

Expand hub and spoke system

Provide housing – Get in the housing business
OUR VALUE

Over 55 years of proven leadership

Comprehensive housing, food, education, employment, and mental health services

Housing first approach
Housing is always our first intervention with clients, and there are no pre-conditions to housing people. We go to extreme efforts to keep people housed and prevent a return to homelessness.

Using proven methods
Our Rapid Rehousing and Supportive Housing programs employ methods with proven national and local data to reduce homelessness.

Highly trained social work professionals
Our professional staff treat the people we serve with the utmost respect and dignity.

An individualized approach
Case managers work as partners with clients to develop a personalized plan that’s unique to each person’s situation and goals.

Housing everywhere
We believe in fully integrating people back into the Austin community and housing them in any part of town that fits their life and goals.
OUR PROGRAMS

Supportive Housing
Long-term housing and support services for adult individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and have a disabling condition.

Rapid Rehousing
Short-term housing and financial assistance with case management support for families who have more recently become homeless.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families
Rapid rehousing services for veteran families experiencing homelessness.

Community Kitchen
Daily lunch service Monday – Friday to anyone who is hungry.

Pantry
Groceries for families currently enrolled in one of Caritas’ programs.

Education
Cultural orientation, life skills, and workforce development classes offered to all clients.

Employment
Resume and interview assistance, job placement, vocational training, and career development for current clients.

Youth
Caritas of Austin works collaboratively with SAFE and LifeWorks to provide a stable home for youth currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

ImpACT
Pay-for-success is an innovative funding model where a private investor provides upfront money to fund a program focused on addressing a community problem to save community resources. If the program is successful in saving resources, public entities will pay back the investor.
THE COST OF HOMELESSNESS

The annual Point in Time Count estimates around 2,255 people are experiencing homelessness on any given day in Austin. People experiencing homelessness are often the highest users of public resources — jail, emergency room, court, and ambulance — and can cost on average $70,000 per person per year. In contrast, Caritas of Austin's Supportive Housing program can house that same person for a year for around $20,000, with a 98% success rate. Success means someone remains stable after 12 months and does not return to homelessness.

As Caritas of Austin grows its capacity to serve more people in Supportive Housing, the Austin community can save thousands, or millions, of dollars while reducing homelessness.

2018 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

58,351 Meals served in the Community Kitchen
20,295 Meals provided in groceries
874 Education classes offered
147 Individuals placed in new jobs
526 Total people housed
1,290 Households served by Best Single Source Plus Collaborative
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Over $3 million from donations raised annually

$10.8 million annual budget

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer in the Community Kitchen

Host a food drive

Have a benefit event

Donate Wish List items

Become a monthly donor

Volunteer directly with clients
TERMINOLOGY GUIDE

Don’t Use
• Soup Kitchen
• Self-sufficiency
• Continuum

Use
• Stable home
• Build wellbeing
• Prevent and end homelessness
• Help people reach their full potential
• Community Kitchen
• People experiencing homelessness
• Stability
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