

Community Solutions & Built for Zero

An illustration of a person with dark hair, wearing a yellow shirt and dark pants, sitting on a pink mat on a grassy area. A white dog with brown spots is sitting next to them. In the background, there is a large tree, rolling green hills, and a stylized city skyline with various buildings and a street lamp. The sky is a solid orange color.

History

Our Story



Rosanne Haggerty founds **Common Ground Community**.^{*} Over the next 20 years, the organization creates nearly 3,000 more homes, assisting more than 4,500 people. But despite the success of these buildings in ending homelessness for their residents, **overall homelessness continued to rise** in New York City.



The group that would become the Community Solutions team launches the **Street to Home Initiative** in NYC, rallying organizations to reduce street homelessness in the 20-block Times Square area by 87% in two years.



The **100,000 Homes Campaign**, (2010-2014) was launched to help U.S. communities find homes for 100,000 of the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. 186 communities helped 105,580 Americans find housing. Yet, at the Campaign's end, no community has ended homelessness.



Creation of **Community Solutions**.

**Community Solutions is not affiliated with Common Ground, which now operates under the name "Breaking Ground."*

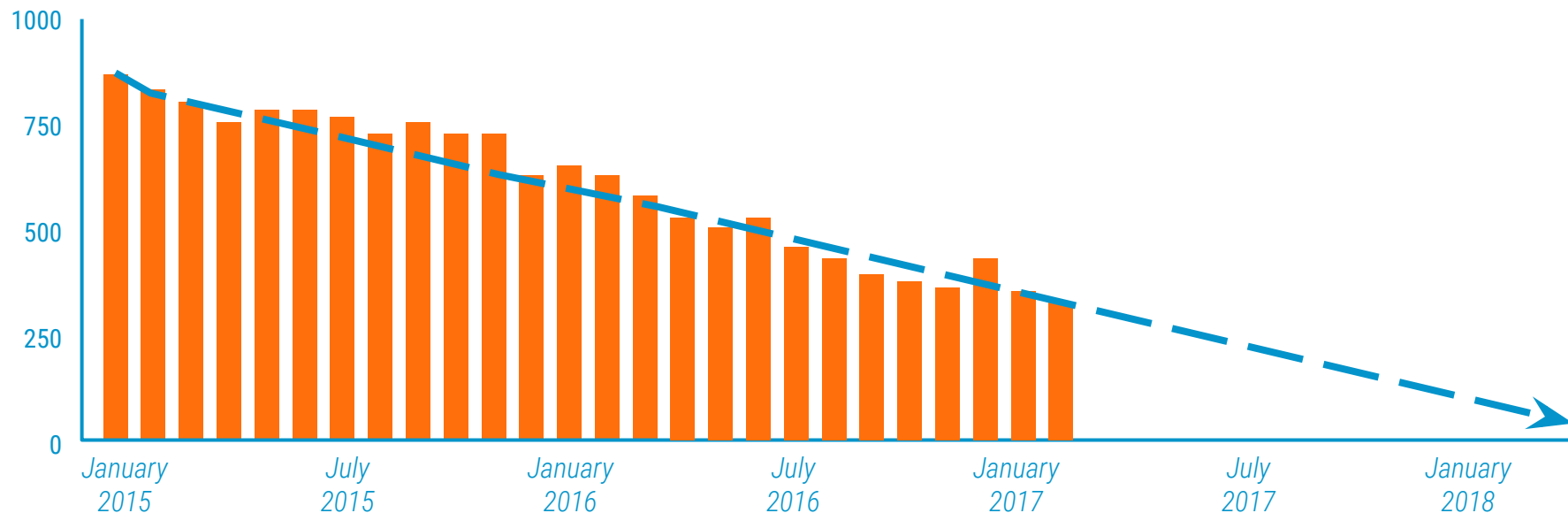


Launch of **Built for Zero**, that asks a new question: what does it take to count down to zero people experiencing homelessness?

12 communities have reached milestone for ending homelessness known as functional zero.

The Challenge of Counting Down

Built for Zero is designed to help communities **count down to zero** — a more complex challenge that requires a clearly defined end state for communities to shoot for.



HOMELESSNESS IS SOLVABLE

Communities in the Built for Zero movement are proving it.

98

communities are
participating
in Built for Zero

139,000+

individuals housed
by Built for Zero
communities since 2015

14

communities have
functionally ended
homelessness for a
population

62

communities have achieved
quality real-time data

44

communities have achieved
a measurable reduction

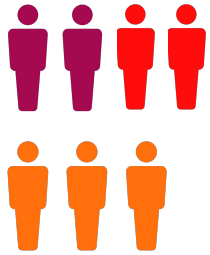


[SEE OUR INTERACTIVE MAP >](#)

Areas of Focus

Data

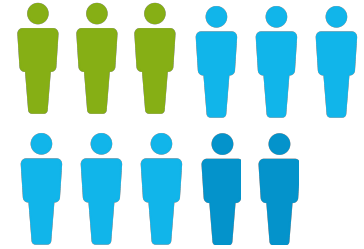
INFLOW



ACTIVELY HOMELESS



OUTFLOW



INFLOW:
Newly identified



INFLOW:
Returned from housing



INFLOW:
Returned from inactive



OUTFLOW:
Housing placements



OUTFLOW:
Moved to inactive



OUTFLOW:
No longer meets population criteria

By-Name Lists

Real-Time Data Designed for Improvement:

Data collected and tracked in a consistent, timely fashion (*as often as possible!*) to help you understand and improve *today's* landscape.



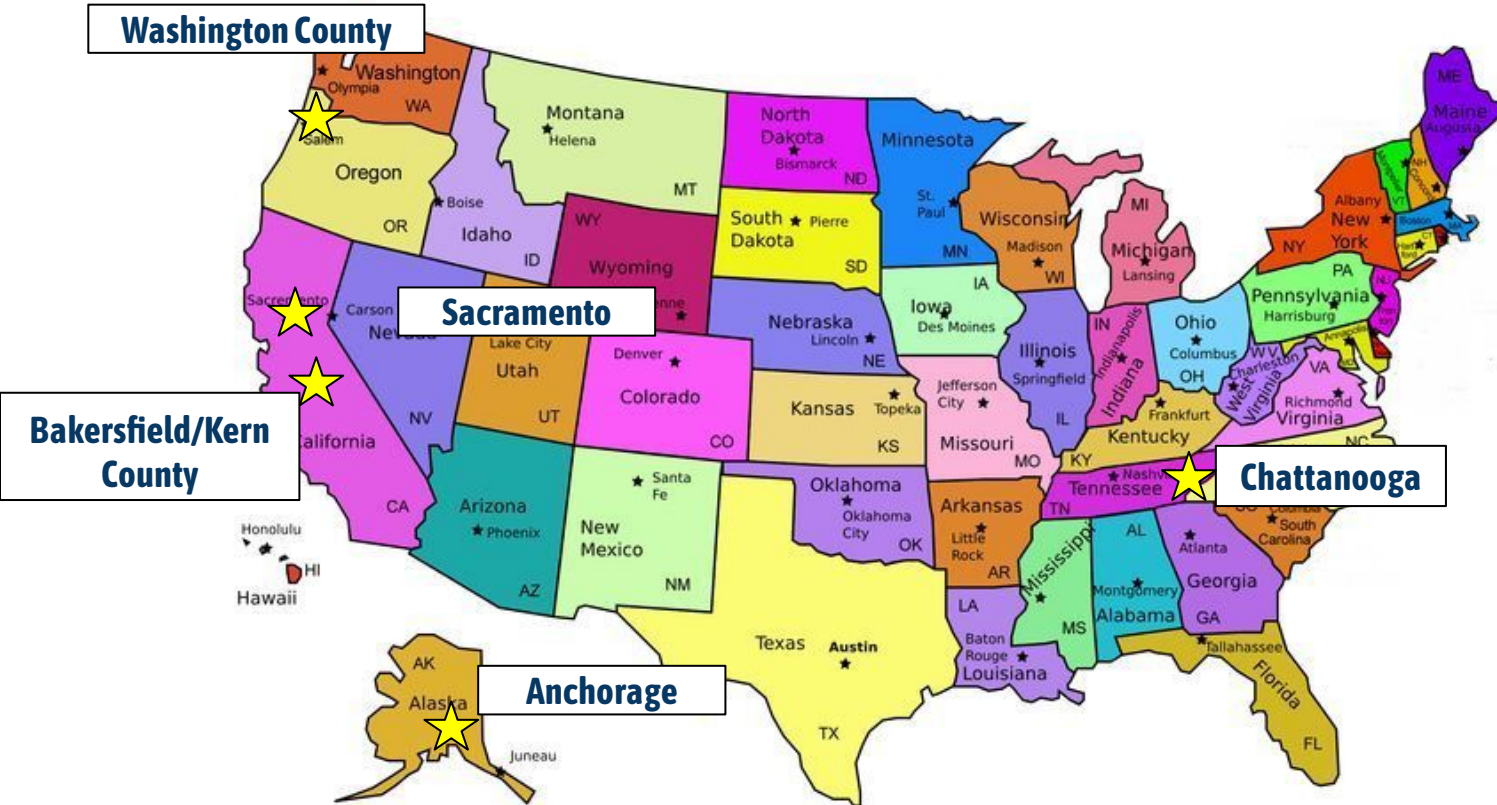
Healthcare x Homelessness Pilot

What is the Pilot?

In December 2020, [Community Solutions](#) and the [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#) launched a pilot seeking to answer this question and lay the groundwork for spread and scale of solutions nationally. Building on an increasing awareness by health systems that they have an “anchor mission” to better support and invest in the overall health of communities they serve, this pilot brings together local health systems and homeless response systems from 5 communities involved in the [Built for Zero](#) initiative.



Participating Pilot Teams



Pilot Initiative Aim

Over the course of the 2 year initiative, Pilot Teams will have made measurable progress toward ending chronic homelessness, with a focus on building racially equitable systems.

PURPOSE: Health care organizations will make a meaningful, measurable, and transformative contribution to end chronic homelessness across a community with a focus on building racially equitable systems.

COMMITMENT

Build Sustained Belief in and Commitment to Ending Chronic Homelessness at the Population Level

GOVERNANCE

Establish shared language and mechanisms for collaboration, measurement and governance

HOUSING PLACEMENTS

Increase housing placements and retention rates for those experiencing chronic homelessness

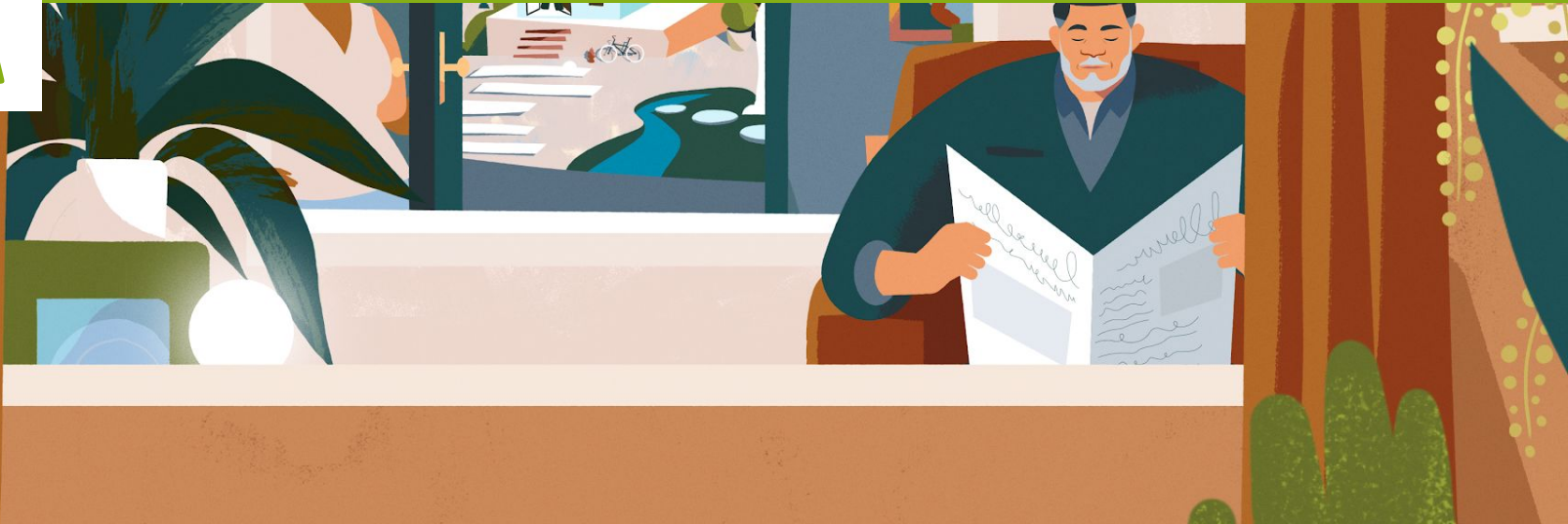
INFLOW

Prevent the inflow of individuals into chronic homelessness

FINANCING

Establish and build upon financial mechanisms aligned to reducing and ending chronic homelessness

Q&A



A stylized illustration of a sky with a sun, clouds, and a cityscape. The sun is a bright orange circle with rays, positioned in the upper center. The sky is a light blue color, and the clouds are white and pinkish. In the bottom right corner, there is a stylized cityscape with buildings in shades of blue and white. The overall style is flat and modern.

Thank You

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