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*Experienced
homelessness for 2 ½
months; Moved into
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**We see a future where
everyone has a safe,
stable place to call home.**

 HERETOGETHER

The Supportive Housing Services measure is a historic 10-year investment in the wide range of services needed to help our unhoused neighbors transition indoors — and stay housed for years to come.

The work voters approved is underway now — and already providing life-changing support to thousands of unhoused and housing-insecure people across the Portland Metro region.

In just the first year of this 10-year program, investments helped 1,600 people move from homelessness into housing, and prevented 9,200 people from entering homelessness.



Salma
Housing Case Worker,
Transition Projects

Progress in the first 12 months:

1,600

People moved from homelessness into housing

514

Shelter beds were created

9,200

People received support to avoid homelessness

HereTogether's mission is simple: thousands of unhoused people in our region need a safe place to live and sleep. Our response needs to match the scale and urgency of the problem.

250+ HereTogether Coalition Members

In 2020, HereTogether brought together over 250 organizations, businesses, service providers and community leaders to pass a ballot measure addressing our region's homeless crisis. The Supportive Housing Services measure is a historic 10-year investment to meet the need in our region by scaling up homeless services across Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties.

Our work didn't end in 2020. HereTogether continues to work year-round as an advocate for our unhoused neighbors and our communities who want to see our region's homeless crisis come to an end.

HereTogether brings together a wide range of voices in our community and those working on the front lines. Our goal is to improve communication, coordination, and implementing efforts to bring our unhoused neighbors indoors. We've built on this work by serving as a watchdog for the historic new funding, and adding communications efforts to highlight both successes and areas for improvement in a public forum.

HereTogether's Top Priorities:

Region-Wide Effort: We will only be successful if we work together. HereTogether is focused on fostering cross-county collaboration among organizations, businesses and jurisdictions with a commitment toward centering justice and equity.

More Affordable Housing: It's difficult to address mental health problems or hold a steady job without a safe, stable place to live. HereTogether is advocating for new and creative ways to open more housing on a shorter timeline, such as converting unused commercial space into residences and streamlining rental opportunities in the private market.

Improve Access & Streamline Services: For far too long, jail and hospital beds have been our society's answer to homelessness. Decades of disinvestment in mental health and addiction treatment have left far too many people with nowhere to turn for help. This historic investment must improve access to these critical services while streamlining systems like healthcare and the criminal justice system to match the right solution to each person's needs.

Public Accountability: The first 12 months of funding saw successes and highlighted areas for improvement. HereTogether is working as a front-line advocate to ensure that progress in Year 2 results in more of our unhoused neighbors moving off the streets and into safe housing with services.

Boost Service Provider Workforce: Homeless service providers work on the front lines of our region's crisis. The challenges of the job, coupled with historically low pay, have created a workforce shortage. HereTogether is supporting efforts to recruit new employees and help build a strong, skilled workforce to help more people access the services they need.



“Homelessness is not a cookie-cutter situation. Everyone is different, but we all need caring help and kindness.”

Kathryn

*Experienced homelessness for 7 months;
Moved into housing December 2021*

We are more alike than we are different.

Whether you sleep in a shelter, tent, apartment or house, there's one thing that ties us together: we all call the Portland metro region our home. And each of us have been impacted by the growing housing and homelessness crisis.

Solving this region-wide crisis isn't just about numbers. It's about providing life-changing help for our most vulnerable neighbors.

HereTogether's advocacy work includes sharing real stories from our neighbors who are transitioning out of homelessness and people working on the front lines to help them. Personal stories are a powerful reminder that unhoused people and families share many of the same hopes, dreams, and experiences as those living in stable homes.

Sign up for our Happening Now newsletter to stay informed about work happening on the front lines and stories of hope from real people transitioning out of homelessness: bit.ly/NewsletterHT

“If I can change one person’s world, I am happy. Even if you don’t see it, you’re the light in someone’s life.”

ShaVaughnte

Peer Support Specialist, Cultivate Initiatives



HereTogether is bringing together 250+ organizations, businesses, and community leaders to work toward a future where homelessness is rare and brief in our region. Help us succeed by contributing to our work today.

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