



Our 2020 Vision

Shalom Community Center

During the next FIVE YEARS, we plan to:

- Eliminate chronic homelessness in Bloomington:
- End Homelessness for children & Families:
- Reduce overall homelessness by 50%:

The Details on the FIVE-YEAR Goals:

As part of the active and caring community of Bloomington, we will continue our direct engagement with people experiencing homelessness and poverty – working together with them and other local organizations in an atmosphere of dignity to overcome challenges, and to:

1. End chronic homelessness. We believe no one should be without a home for extended periods of time. In particular, we aim to help our community provide safe, decent, affordable housing for anyone experiencing chronic homelessness due to a permanent disability. Opening Crawford Apartments and the new Supportive Housing Program in collaboration with Life Designs in 2013 was a critical first step. 59 people who were previously chronically homeless now have their own housing. We aim to bring to the community Crawford, Part 2, to bring the total number of people experiencing chronic homelessness in Bloomington to as close to zero as possible.
2. End homelessness for children and families. We believe no child should experience homelessness. We aim to help our community provide safe, decent, affordable housing for any of our children and families without a home. Intervening immediately to prevent or reduce family homelessness is humane, smart, and economical. We aim to target a rapid re-housing program specifically at families with dependent children to reduce every family's homelessness to less than 30 days and provide sufficient support for families to help them get back on their feet.
3. Reduce the need for emergency overnight shelter by continuing and expanding our intentional engagement with those experiencing homelessness and poverty through assessment, active case management, homelessness prevention services (such as rent and utilities support), employment training, mediation, legal assistance, transportation services (including to existing homes elsewhere), meals and nutrition support, and other effective strategies. We aim to reduce the need for emergency overnight shelter in our community by 50% through interventions such as the above in collaboration with other organizations.

We know these are challenging goals and cannot be achieved by any single organization. We believe deeply that as a community we have the capacity to reach these goals and that we ought to do so working together.