

200 Homes in 100 Days Campaign

Working together to house 200 chronic and vulnerable homeless people in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish by September 1, 2013

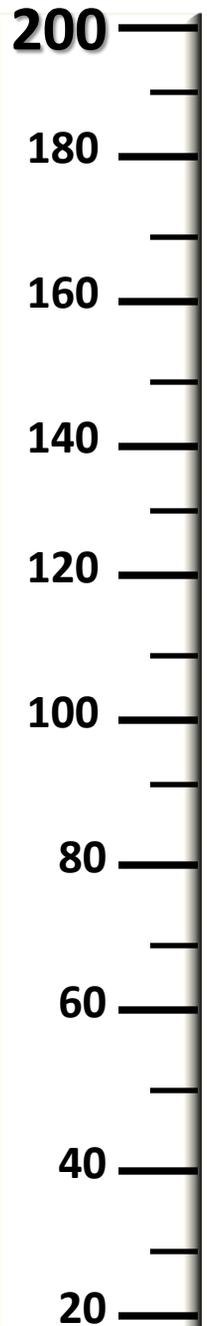
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200 Homes in 100 Days Kickoff

“We can do it!” was the rallying cry from the 15 New Orleans participants in the recent 100,000 Homes Campaign Boot Camp, sponsored by Community Solutions, HUD, VA, and U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. Representatives from UNITY of Greater New Orleans, Volunteers of America, Veterans Administration, Salvation Army, Ozanam Inn, Harry Thompson Center, City of New Orleans, and Louisiana Housing Authority spent three days in Chicago analyzing data, learning from other communities, mapping homeless-to-housed processes, and assessing available resources to settle on the ambitious goal of housing 200 chronic and vulnerable homeless people in the next 100 days. Working together we plan to be the first city to end chronic homelessness!

Housed on Day 1

Clarence Adams and the staff at Ozanam Inn wasted no time contributing to the goal of housing 59 people per month as part of the 200 in 100 Campaign. Bruce, a successful businessman and caring father and grandfather, fell into turmoil following a family tragedy and he lost his home. During his 21 months at the Ozanam Inn he attended classes and has been clean and sober for 20 months. Bruce worked diligently with his case manager, Gail Ratleff, to finalize his disability paperwork and recently received his first SSI check. One of the obstacles that the New Orleans/Jefferson Parish Homeless Continuum of Care faces is insufficient permanent housing resources. That didn't hold Bruce back, who worked with Ozanam Inn to find his own apartment he could afford on his newly secured income. **Congratulations to Bruce!**



What is Chronic Homelessness?

The chronically homeless are people with physical and/or mental disabilities who have been living the longest on the streets, abandoned buildings or in emergency shelter. According to HUD, the chronically homeless have been living in such situations for at least a year, or have had at least four episodes of such homelessness over the past three years. President Obama has asked communities to end the chronic homelessness of people with disabilities by 2015. In February 2013, New Orleans and Jefferson Parish counted 649 chronically homeless people.

To report a housing opening or to report your agency's success story for this newsletter of placing a chronically homeless person in permanent housing, please contact Emily Danielson at edanielson@unitygno.org or (504) 821-4496 x115.