

Haven for Hope's mission is to offer a place of **hope** and **new beginnings** by providing, coordinating and delivering an efficient system of care for people experiencing homelessness in San Antonio.

Moving Those Experiencing Homelessness Toward Independence

Haven for Hope

2022

The Need for Haven

Before Haven was created, 25,000 people were homeless in San Antonio with almost 4,000 on any given night. Research showed that 80% of those experiencing homelessness were in and out of shelters in a matter of days and typically did not come back. The other 20% are the chronically homeless with mental and physical disabilities and serious substance abuse problems placing an enormous strain on social and health care services in our community.

A University of Texas study in 2010 found the cost of healthcare for one homeless person was close to \$25,000 per year. That equated to San Antonio spending more than \$625M per year on just healthcare for its homeless population. Prominent business leader Bill Greehey partnered with the City & County to create an innovative approach.



Creating the Solution through Haven for Hope

Mr. Greehey along with local city, county and community leaders extensively traveled the US to research best practices in homeless services traveling to more than 237 homeless facilities across the country. Their research indicated that treating the

50%

OF SAN ANTONIO'S
HOMELESS POPULATION IS
HOUSED AT HAVEN FOR
HOPE EVERY DAY⁴

root cause of homelessness (unemployment, mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty, lack of affordable housing and limited life skills) with an array of social services in a centralized location resulted in a 60% success rate. Services in San Antonio were spread across town and the leaders realized that a "single stop" concept was needed in the community. Mr. Greehey began fundraising the \$103M necessary to transform the underutilized and vacant warehouses type facilities adjacent to the Central Business District into a 22-acre transformational one stop campus for those experiencing homelessness. The project was primarily funded by private donations (60%) with city, county, state and federal support of the project. Construction of Haven for Hope was completed in early 2010 and Haven for Hope became fully operational in June 2010. To date, more than 40,000 individuals experiencing homelessness have been helped by Haven for Hope.



What Haven Offers San Antonio

ID Recovery/Legal Services

Medical, Dental & Vision Care

Behavioral Healthcare

On Site Detox. Substance Abuse Recovery

⁹ Cohor Living

& Sober Living

Counseling

Case Management

GED Classes

Job Skills Development

Job Placement

Veterans Services

Onsite Child Care & After School Care

Children's Programs

Public Restrooms & Showers

Laundry Services

Indoor Sleeping Environment

Clothing & Toiletries Provided

Move Out Support

Rental Assistance

Spiritual Services

Hair Care Services

Three Hot Meals Daily

Post Office

Fitness Center



Why Haven is Unique

- 183 Partners with 70 onsite for ease of access
- 1,700 beds in 3 dorms, courtyard & hotel
- Families are NEVER turned away the ONLY provider in town with this commitment
- Kennel & cattery for pets
- · Low barrier option with indoor sleeping
- Person centered, trauma informed, recovery oriented system of care



Haven's Impact on Clients



Housing retention of Haven graduates

<u>after one year</u> ⁷



Number of clients who achieved higher levels of residential care through 2021 since inception⁷



Number of clients who gain employment through Haven every year



Average hourly wage of Haven clients most recent quarter 8

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Haven's Impact on San Antonio

77%

REDUCTION OF POINT IN TIME COUNT OF THOSE HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN SA SINCE HAVEN OPENED 9

40,000

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS HAVE BEEN
SERVED SINCE HAVEN OPENED

11.6M

SERVICES HAVE BEEN
PROVIDED TO CLIENTS ON
HAVEN FOR HOPE'S CAMPUS
SINCE HAVEN'S DOORS
OPENED⁷





Haven's Economic Impact



Of state and federal funding has been infused into SA by Haven for Hope for homeless services ¹



In cost savings for jails, emergency rooms & courtrooms for City & County governments 11



In savings for SA Police
Department for
officers back on the
streets due to Haven's
campus and services
offered



In private funding has
been raised by Haven
for Hope for homeless
services 10
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The Faces of SA's Homeless

Snapshot of Clients

As the largest provider of homeless services in San Antonio, Haven provides daily services to an average of:

1,500 unduplicated clients
200 children
75 veterans
10 LGTBQIA individuals
75 individuals living onsite in
inpatient recovery
60 individuals living onsite in
sober living

47%

OF THE HOMELESS IN SA ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 13

76%

OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS

40%

OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

ARE EMPLOYED 15

59%

OF AMERICANS ARE ONE PAYCHECK AWAY FROM POSSIBLE HOMELESSNESS 16

Client Testimonials



"There was once a time in my life when I was completely broken and felt lost; I was hopeless. But when I came to Haven for Hope, I was given an opportunity to reengage with how to live without substances

and find hope that I can change my circumstances for the better. Haven for Hope put me in line with all of the resources I needed to live productively and successfully. I am now apart of the change I want to see in the world."

- Ben Brooks, Jr.
Program Manager

"Life has been a non-stop battle that, ultimately, led me to sleeping outside on a mattress, sheltered by a tarp, with a daily routine of selling drugs to support my addiction and will to die. This is until I walked through the gates of Haven for Hope. What

Haven for Hope has done for my life is immeasurable.

I have learned how to survive the story that has been written for me and hold the hand of God as He walks me through a life so opposite of what I've always known."

- Lemanda Del Toro Media Specialist

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