

# Coordinating Opportunity

Our homeless neighbors need us most, but issues surrounding housing are complicated and vast. The Community Foundation has served as a leader on addressing homelessness by bringing stakeholders around the table with the mission of working together to improve the lives of those in need. Through grantmaking, we have been able to provide funding for programs that are moving the needle toward a better future for those requiring housing.

One such program is Centralized Intake. A Community Foundation Leadership Grant was awarded to Primary Health Care to jump start Centralized Intake, a game-changer in the way homeless families and individuals are connected with services. Serving as a hub between those seeking housing services and the providers serving them, Primary Health

Care can refer clients to a variety of services based upon individual needs. This coordinated process is reducing barriers to service and cuts down dramatically on the number of steps it takes to become housed.

“Centralized Intake allows us to provide existing services in a more comprehensive way. We are working smarter to meet people where they are and provide them with what they need to be successful,” says Dee Henriquez, advocacy program director at Primary Health Care.

“By thinking outside the box in terms of how services are provided and clients are served, change is being achieved.”

“It is hard to overstate what the Community Foundation’s seal of approval meant as we sought additional funding. The Community Foundation was the first in the door to provide funding and leadership for this project that is transforming people’s lives.”



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