



JEREMIAH COMMUNITY

A HOME FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Jeremiah Community is a life-sharing community, where neighbors overcoming homelessness can live affordably, have purpose and grow meaningful relationships.

Community Essentials:

Phase 1

- 50 small single-unit and two-unit homes
- Community Center
- Garden/green space
- Support services
- Neighborhood watch

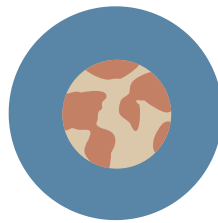
Future Phases

- Additional 59 homes
- Health clinic
- Memorial garden
- Workshops for income development
- Market



HOUSING

Permanent, not temporary or transitional units, right-sized (approx. 450 sq ft) with a front porch, built for the unique needs of individuals overcoming homelessness.



PURPOSE

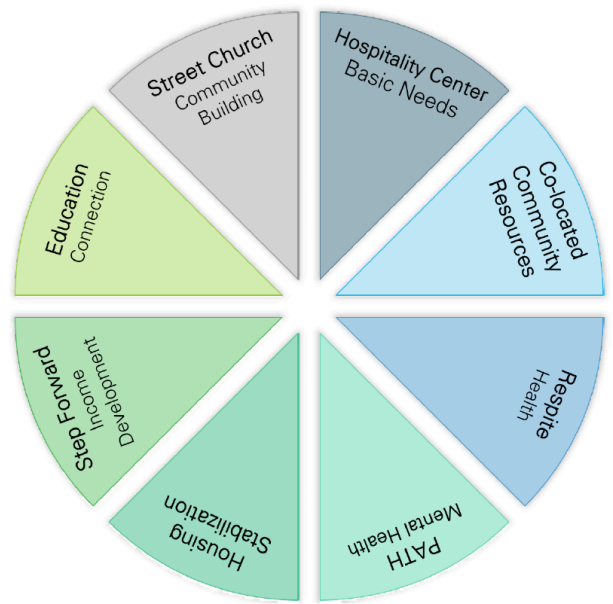
Opportunities for neighbors to identify their gifts, share them with their community and move those gifts into an economy, where they can earn a dignified income.



RELATIONSHIP

Support from a residential care team (I.e. case managers, volunteers, churches and professional service providers, etc).

- **Micah Ministries** began in 2005, as a way for Fredericksburg churches to care for the community's street neighbors.
- Our work has evolved from a survival response to caring for **all aspects of individual's potential**.
- Micah cares for unhoused neighbors as part of a coordinated group of other local non-profits called the **Continuum of Care**.
- By placing people in **Housing First** and providing wrap-around support we have reduced chronic homelessness by 56% since 2010.
- Micah currently depends on scattered units throughout the region that are increasingly **not affordable** and challenging to provide the **level of support** for the unique and complex needs of chronically unhoused neighbors.
- A sizable segment of our region's street homeless will always need a supportive community to remain stably housed and live a flourishing life.



Unfortunately, catastrophic breakdowns in a family unit can leave people without the relationships necessary to maintain a safe place to live.

To truly overcome homelessness a person needs more than a house. They need a home, a community centered on belonging, connectedness, shared burdens and relationships.

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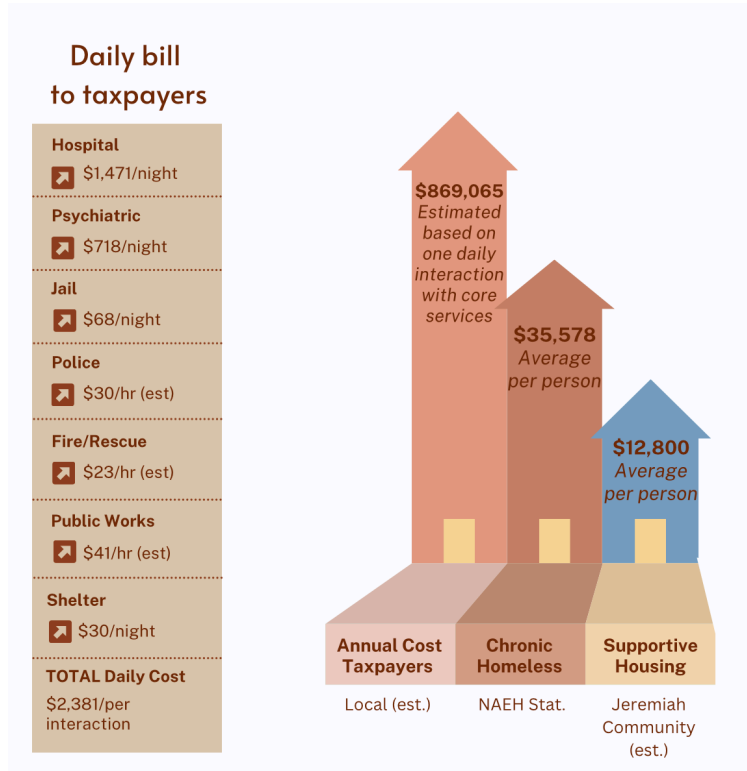
People don't become homeless when they run out of **money**;
people become homeless when they run out of **relationships**.



Jeremiah Community will combine small units, studio apartments and support services to create a place where neighbors overcoming homelessness have a place to live, a purpose and meaningful relationships. In Jeremiah Community everyone will be required to pay rent, obey civil law and follow the rules of the community, similar to an HOA.

WHO IS MY UNHOUSED NEIGHBOR?

The average unhoused neighbor in the Fredericksburg Region is a single adult, predominantly male (72%) and white (65%). The average age is 45 with recent growth among young adults and persons over 60.



Most (78%) have one or more disabilities.

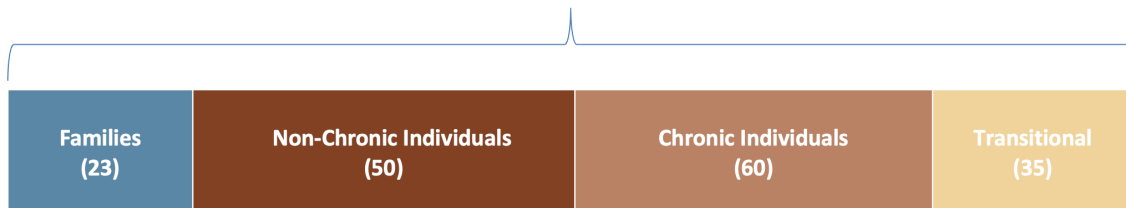
- **42%** have chronic health conditions
- **21%** were in special education classes as a child
- Almost **half (47%)** have a serious mental illness
- **68%** report four or more adverse childhood experiences
- Less than **30%** report a substance abuse issue

Without addressing the root cause of homelessness, taxpayers spend more money than they would if unhoused individuals were offered housing + support.

WITHIN OUR REACH

a community where **no one has to sleep outside**

168 households sleeping in a shelter or on the street on a given night (winter 2022)



61 unsheltered on a given night

Tent, car, street or other place not meant for human habitation

Building a home for our neighbors

\$17.5 MILLION



LAND
\$1,400,000



INFRASTRUCTURE
\$2,855,000



PREPARING THE SITE
\$2,235,000



50 HOMES (PHASE 1)
\$3,000,000



COMMUNITY CENTER
\$3,100,000

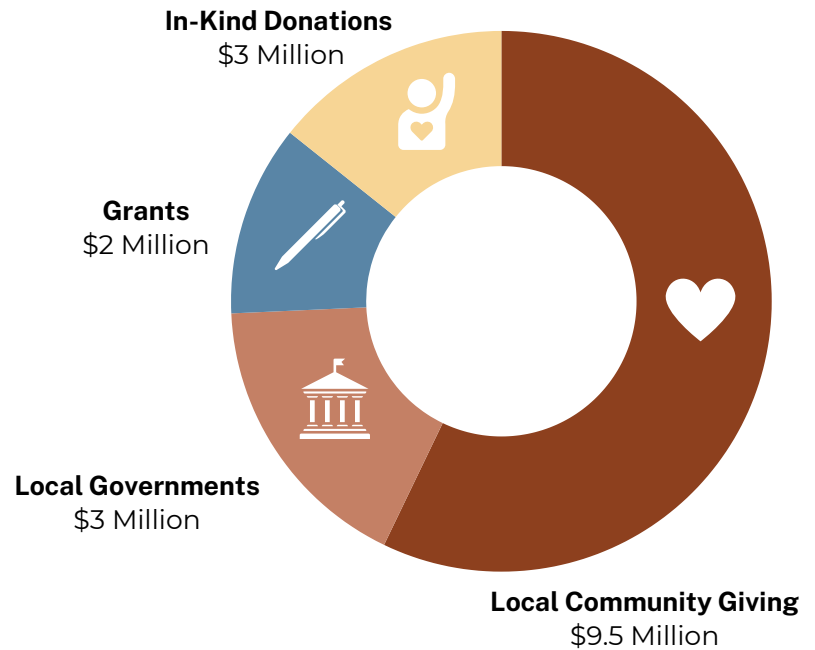


FINAL TOUCHES
\$1,060,000



7 YEARS OPERATIONS
\$3,850,000

SOURCES OF FUNDING



PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Building a neighborhood that is uniquely focused on caring for the region's most vulnerable neighbors requires compassionate giving from all parts of the community.

Please consider a one-time gift, or maximize your impact with a multi-year commitment.

Funds will be held in the Jeremiah Community Fund at the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region until the project gets underway



Yes! I want to build a home for our neighbors



COMMITMENT

- Foundational Giver:** \$1 million and greater
- Community Catalyst:** \$500,000 to \$999,999
- Sustainer:** \$150,000 to \$499,999
- Home Builder:** \$60,000 to \$149,999
- Neighbor:** up to \$59,999

I/we agree to make a total gift of \$ _____

Donor _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

It is my/our desire to invest in Micah Ecumenical Ministries' Jeremiah Community, by providing financial support for the planned supportive housing development for the chronically homeless. I/we understand that the subscribed funds will be held by the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region until the project gets underway.

____ I am enclosing a one-time check payable to *Micah Ecumenical Ministries, PO Box 3277, Fredericksburg, VA 22402.*

____ I am forwarding my gift directly to the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region, *Jeremiah Community Fund*, via check, credit card, your IRA's minimum contribution, stock, and other securities. Call 540-373-9292 x 120 with questions.

____ Please bill me \$ _____ per [] Month [] Quarter [] Semi-Annually [] Annually
Beginning _____, 20____, for the next _____ years.

____ I wish to donate securely by credit card at www.jeremiahcommunity.org.
Please consider paying the credit card transaction fees to provide the greatest benefit to the Jeremiah Community.

____ I wish to make my gift in _____ honor/____memory of _____
Please provide detailed instructions on the reverse.

____ Please contact me about including Jeremiah Community in my Estate Planning.

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