A Home for Every Toledoan: Confronting the Housing Crisis Together

Toledo faces a growing housing crisis. Rising rents, stagnant wages, and service gaps push many into housing insecurity.

This is not just a policy issue—it's a human one.

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The State of Housing in Toledo

3,400

Homeless in 2024

30% increase over four years

25%

Poverty Rate

One quarter of Toledoans live in poverty

33%

Cost-Burdened

Households spending over 30% on housing

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The Human Impact

Seniors

Choosing between rent and prescriptions

Veterans

Facing PTSD and housing discrimination

Families

322 families with children currently homeless

Working Poor

Two jobs still not enough for safe housing

Current Initiatives

HUD PRO Housing Grant

$4 million to remove barriers to affordable housing production

Lucas Metropolitan Housing

Operating over 2,500 affordable units with expansion plans

Continuum of Care

2024 Strategic Plan improving service coordination

No Barriers Housing

New shelter options and expanded rapid rehousing

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Gaps in Our System

Coordination

Better data systems needed

Prevention

Lack of comprehensive strategy

Targeted Support

Vulnerable populations underserved

Shelter Capacity

At or near limits with long stays

Housing Supply

Only 35 units per 100 low-income renters

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Opportunities for Collaboration

Stronger Partnerships

Across government, nonprofits, developers, and health agencies

Increased Investment

In permanent supportive housing and problem-solving funds

Root Causes

Addressing education, employment, and mental health

Policy Changes

Expanding voucher access and fighting discrimination

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Call to Action

Advocate

Push for increased funding at all government levels

Support

Donate time and resources to frontline organizations

Participate

Attend meetings, hold leaders accountable, share stories

Challenge

Fight stigma and misconceptions about homelessness

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Housing is a Human Right

Let's build a Toledo where everyone—regardless of income, background, or circumstance—has a place to call home.

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