

TINY HOUSES OF HOPE

Tiny FAQs

Why TINY Housing & Employment?

The Tiny Houses of H.O.P.E. Pilot (THoHP) Project addresses several emerging needs for the successful and equitable development of the Northside Cultural and Business District (Area 2); it aligns with the Northside Cultural Business District Authority, Northside Neighborhood Plan, and the City of Kalamazoo's Imagine Kalamazoo Master Plan.

<http://wwmt.com/news/local/kalamazoos-2019-budget-proposal-includes-efforts-addressing-poverty>

In researching issues that directly impact the identified demographic (Homeless Able-Bodied Adults with Criminal Backgrounds and or Substance Use Disorder) and their measure of success the 2 most notable contributors to long-term successful outcomes are:

- 1) Housing
- 2) Employment

These 2 factors are the highest contributors and account for over 87% success rate in adults with a Criminal Background and or Substance Use Disorder. In other words, if we provide housing and employment within the first 30 - 45 days of re-entry from incarceration and or residential treatment, the likelihood of repeat offenses (recidivism) and or relapse is lowered by 72%. (SMART Justice) <https://www.aclu.org/issues/smart-justice/re-entry>

Housing and Employment Training Pilot: Housing In response to the homelessness problem in Kalamazoo County (<http://www.secondwavemedia.com/southwest-michigan/features/Beyond-red-lines-New-Northside-lines-help-ensure-affordable-housing-and-resident-business-1213.aspx>) the THoHP will provide permanent, affordable, supportive, and safe housing for able-bodied adults without dependents, who have a criminal background and or Substance Use Disorder history.

Several Stakeholders and Tiny Steering Committee Members toured and seen first hand the transformation of a community and the lives of homeless people, thereby witnessing a Proven Successful Outcome and Impact Model (PSOIM) coined by the Tiny Houses of HOPE Steering Committee and implemented by the Author of "Tiny Homes in a Big City", and Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services/Detroit Tiny Homes, Methodist Reverend Faith Fowler. <https://casscommunity.org/tinyhomes/> Link to Video Tour of the Tiny Homes Community in Detroit, made last summer when there were just 7 houses, to date there are close to 25 completed: detroit.curbed.com/2017/8/31/16235258/tiny-homes-detroit-video-tour

EMPLOYMENT: In response to a lower propensity to employ individuals with a criminal background with little or no employment history and training the Helping Other People Exceed Employment Track will level the playing field by offering Entrepreneur/Employment Training Tracks. Character Building and Reentry Social/Soft Skills will compliment all 3 tracks and Certificates of Completion will be given in all 5 areas.

The Tiny Houses of H.O.P.E. Pilot Project

3 Tiny Rentals, 3 Tiny Rent to Own (400 sq. ft. ea)

1 Leasing & Trades Training Building

Specialized On-Site Wrap-Around Services & Supports

<https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2019/01/nonprofit-plans-affordable-tiny-home-neighborhood-in-kalamazoo.html>

Vision of HOPE: An Empowered and Upward Mobile, Self-Sufficient Community, Navigating Resources Specific to them.

OUR MISSION:

We Believe by Providing Affordable Housing, Promoting Recovery, Fostering Employability, and Inspiring Entrepreneurship with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, we can Measurably Improve the Standard of Living for a Marginalized Population and Thereby Promote Shared Prosperity and Self-Sufficiency.



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