Building Cross-Sector Partnerships: Increasing Access to Services for Homeless Elders

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Our Mission

To provide seniors and their caregivers with access to programs and services so they may live their lives with choice and dignity in their communities.
#1 cause of homelessness is the lack of affordable housing

Rental homes affordable and available per 100 extremely low income renter households by state

- The 2023 National Housing Wage is $23.67 (1bd rental)
- Rent affordable to SSI recipient $274
- Extremely low income renters make up majority (70%) of cost-burdened renters. 30% are Seniors

The Gap - NLIHC March 2023
Increases in older adult homelessness are driven mostly by the rising share of elderly adults—those 65+.

People ages 65+ are the fastest growing age group of people who are homeless; by 2030 their numbers will triple.

Homeless Elders are one of the most vulnerable, least resourced age groups.

Limited resources
- Income
- Abilities
- Health
- Connections
Homeless Continuums of Care aren’t age-informed.
• Shelters & providers lack resources (knowledge, tools, access).
• Housing First, not Aging First.

Housing Units + Programs aren’t age-friendly.
• Challenges absent in other unhoused populations.
• Lack of accessible, affordable, supportive housing

Age-informed supports that sustain housing and promote positive health outcomes are critical.
Siloed sectors, common population

Homeless

Healthcare

Aging
Building Blocks For Successful Partnerships

Collaborate To Identify Need

Contact Trusted Partners

Leverage Existing Resources

Share To Win

Trust Impact
Collaborate - Identify The Need
Nutritious meals for seniors in hotel shelter.

Contact Trusted Partners
Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia
Beth Sholom Village    Norfolk CSB
Sentara Healthcare     The Planning Council*

Leverage Existing Resources
Funding, Infrastructure, People Power

Share to Win
Knowledge, Networks/Access, Expertise
Innovation

Sentara Cares Foundation Healthy Hotel Meal Program

100 hot, nutritious meals delivered to shelter 5x/week.

Cash Value: $122,575

- $100,000 Sentara Cares Foundation grant
- $22,575 Covid Homeless Emergency Response Program funds (TPC).
- Meals, Volunteer, & Transportation Infrastructure (Senior Services, NCSB)

6 additional community partners + priceless frontline relationships

1 Year Program, only possible by combining + leveraging resources
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Homeless persons aged 50 and older have mortality rates 4x higher than the general population.
Start Building

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