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## What is Housing First?

A Housing First approach to homelessness differs from the traditional shelter-based response of homelessness by focusing on the root causes of homelessness rather than a reactionary response. A Housing First approach attempts to prevent homelessness when possible and to provide permanent supportive housing to those who are homeless. This approach is housing-based with an immediate and primary focus on helping individuals quickly access and sustain permanent housing.

## What programs locally are Housing First models?

- The Housing Support Team is a partnership between Family Services of the Piedmont, Open Door Ministries, and the Greensboro Housing Coalition that aims to move eligible participants into permanent housing and help them to maintain it, reduce hospital, emergency room, and jail admissions, build the capacity of enhanced service providers, public systems, and community groups ability to provide housing support to homeless disabled persons and document the cost/benefit of utilizing housing first.
- Joseph's House Young Adult Independent Living Program helps to fill the gap in services by providing single-family scattered site apartments for homeless young adults between the ages of 18-21.

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### HOPE Team Frequently Asked Questions

1. **WHAT** is a HOPE Team?

A HOPE Teams consist of 4-6 highly committed volunteers from local faith communities who focus on providing practical, emotional and spiritual support to friends (individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness and who have recently been placed in permanent supportive housing) for a period of 9 to 12 months.

2. **HOW** do the teams provide HOPE?

HOPE is provided through faith-based teams, who offer compassionate, non-judgmental care to their friends by supporting, encouraging, and empowering them to acquire the skills necessary to maintain housing while enhancing and improving their quality of life.

3. **What** support does Partners Ending Homelessness provide?

- Informational Sessions
- Orientation
- Supplemental Workshops & Training
- Mentoring
- Quarterly Best Practice Meetings
- Ongoing Support

4. **HOW** much does this project cost team members?

There is no direct cost associated with HOPE team participation. Donations directly to friends are discouraged, however if a HOPE Team wants to donate funds or expenditures should be channeled through a staff member for accountability.

5. **What** are the steps to become involved?

Contact a HOPE Team coordinator to schedule an informational session

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