



**SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES
HOMELESSNESS IN HOUSTON
DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .**

- Houston used to rank in the top 10 cities for homeless populations. Today, we have reduced our homeless population so drastically that we have become a model for the rest of the nation.
- Over the past 8 years, Houston's homeless service providers have collaborated in unprecedented ways to reduce our homeless population by 54%, and SEARCH has been a major contributor to this effort.
- More than 17,000 homeless individuals have been housed since 2012, including more than 6,817 veterans and 5,216 chronically homeless individuals.
- Despite our progress, there is much work to be done. According to this year's annual homeless count, there are approximately 3,900 individuals experiencing homelessness in Houston on a given night. Over the course of a year, more than 58,000 individuals will experience homelessness.
- SEARCH pursues a mission of *providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives* for thousands of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in our community. SEARCH brings this mission to life every day by helping our clients obtain permanent housing, increase their income, improve their health, build community, and regain stable, self-sufficient lives.
- SEARCH's work is carried out through intense, individualized case management and supportive services that help our clients every step of the way from the streets back into housing, work, and independence. We are working to make homelessness in Houston *rare, brief, and nonrecurring*.
- SEARCH also serves the youngest victims of homelessness at the House of Tiny Treasures, a nationally accredited preschool for children whose families are or have been homeless. While the children are being prepared to succeed in school and beyond, their parents can go back to school or work and take the steps they need to get their lives back on track.
- Last year, SEARCH helped more than 3,100 individuals who were homeless. We invite you to join with us and to be part of the solution as we strive for our vision of a Houston without homelessness.

For more information or to get involved, please visit www.SEARCHhomeless.org or contact mdickson@SEARCHhomeless.org.