



**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 10 years, Houston's homeless service providers have collaborated in unprecedented ways to reduce our homeless population by more than 60%, and SEARCH has been a major contributor to this effort.
- More than 25,000 homeless individuals and families have been housed since 2012.
- Despite our progress, there is much work to be done. According to this year's annual count, there are approximately 3,200 individuals experiencing homelessness in Houston on any given night; 1,500 of them are sleeping on the streets. Of the 1,500 people sleeping unsheltered, 1 in 8 cited the pandemic as the reason for their homelessness, and 39% were homeless for the first time.
- Over the course of a year, more than 30,000 individuals in our community 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, and regain stable, self-sufficient lives.
- SEARCH is working to make homelessness in Houston *rare, brief, and nonrecurring*.
- 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 safe homes and stable lives.
- SEARCH also serves the youngest victims of homelessness at the House of Tiny Treasures, an award-winning 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 approximately 3,000 individuals who were homeless. We invite you to join with us and to be part of the solution as together we strive for our vision of a Houston without homelessness.

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