



2025 IMPACT AT A GLANCE

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Who We Are

Greenville Together is a communitywide initiative to functionally end homelessness in Greenville County. Grounded in collaboration, data-driven decision-making and housing-first solutions, the initiative is focused on a clear goal: preventing homelessness whenever possible and ensuring that when it does occur, it is rare, brief and nonrecurring.

Launched in response to growing urgency, Greenville Together brings together city leadership, service providers, outreach teams, community partners and people with lived experience to reduce barriers and strengthen systems. The initiative draws on proven national models while remaining intentionally tailored to Greenville's unique landscape and needs.

The early phase centered on building trust, elevating lived experience and aligning partners. Today, Greenville Together is delivering results by moving from planning to action, housing people more quickly and learning in real time to improve impact and drive lasting change.

To Our Community

When we first began Greenville Together, we knew this work would take more than urgency, we knew it would take trust, collaboration and a willingness to learn as we went.

The first half of 2025 was about bringing people together and building a plan that truly fits Greenville. We listened, learned from other communities, and worked alongside local partners, city leaders, and service providers to align our approach.

In July, we began housing people, and we haven't slowed down since.

Today, 90 households—154 people—have a roof over their heads. Behind every number is a person with a story, and we've been intentional about listening to those stories and letting them guide our work.

We're learning every step of the way, adjusting what we do, and strengthening this initiative because of it. Thank you for believing in this work and for being part of what makes Greenville Together possible. I'm excited for what's ahead and the impact we'll create together in 2026.

Cody Carver

Director, Greenville Together



FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOME

90 HOUSEHOLDS

**THAT'S 154 PEOPLE
HOUSED IN 2025**

**AND WE'RE NOT
SLOWING DOWN.**

→ **LOOKING AHEAD**

40 additional households were enrolled before year-end and are actively moving toward housing—setting the stage for continued placements in early 2026.

HOUSING HAPPENS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP



**127 HOUSING UNITS
UNLOCKED**



In 2025, 24 landlords and housing providers partnered with Greenville Together, making 127 housing units available for individuals and families exiting homelessness. These partnerships made housing possible in 2025, and ensured we could continue placing people into homes in early 2026.

By working closely with our provider network, we were able to move faster and reduce common barriers to housing, including past evictions, credit challenges, and limited income. These partnerships are the backbone of our rehousing efforts and a key driver of system-wide impact.

SHELTER-TO-HOME & STREET-TO-HOME, EXPLAINED

Greenville Together uses two complementary strategies to move people from crisis into stable housing: Shelter-to-Home and Street-to-Home. While each approach serves a different population, both are grounded in the same principles: urgency, coordination and dignity.

SHELTER-TO-HOME

Our Shelter-to-Home approach helps individuals and families who are staying in shelter, including emergency or temporary shelters as well as hotels or motels used for short-term stays. We work closely with each household to find housing, provide support and cover key costs so they can move into a permanent home as quickly as possible. This helps people leave shelter sooner and makes room for others who need a safe place to stay.

STREET-TO-HOME

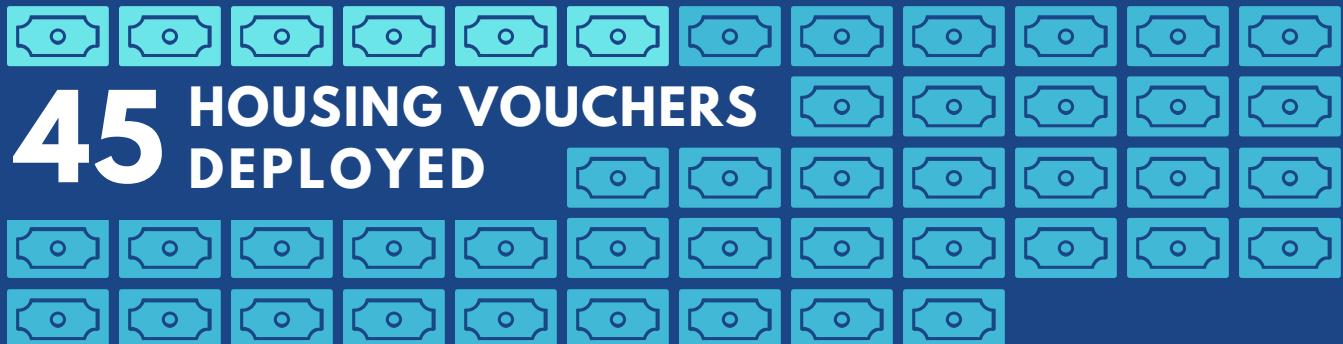
The Street-to-Home approach helps people who are living outdoors or in places not meant for people to stay. Many are facing serious health, mental health or financial challenges. Through regular street outreach, hands-on help finding housing and flexible support to remove barriers, this approach helps people move into safe, permanent homes more quickly.

A COORDINATED FRAMEWORK

Together, these strategies allow Greenville Together to respond across the full spectrum of homelessness, from shelter to street, while aligning partners around shared goals, data and outcomes.



SHELTER-TO-HOME PROGRAM



IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH:



THE GREENVILLE
HOUSING AUTHORITY



UNITED WAY
Greenville County

Through partnerships with the Greenville Housing Authority, Greenville Housing Fund, and United Way of Greenville County, Greenville Together deployed 45 Housing Choice Vouchers, enabling 26 sheltered households (65 individuals) to transition into permanent, affordable housing.

In close coordination with local shelters and service providers—including Greenville County Schools, Miracle Hill Ministries, Pendleton Place, Safe Harbor, The Salvation Army, Triune Mercy Center and United Ministries—we quickly identified households and supported their transition from temporary shelter to stable homes.

This approach is essential to keeping the homelessness response system moving. Data from Greenville Together's Monthly Shelter Census, Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time Count, and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) consistently show that:

WHEN SHELTERS STAY FULL



Flow through the system slows



Length of stay increases



Unsheltered homelessness rises

Shelters operated at 95%+ capacity, month after month

BY HOUSING PEOPLE QUICKLY, WE:

Free up beds for those in immediate crisis



Reduce lengths of stay



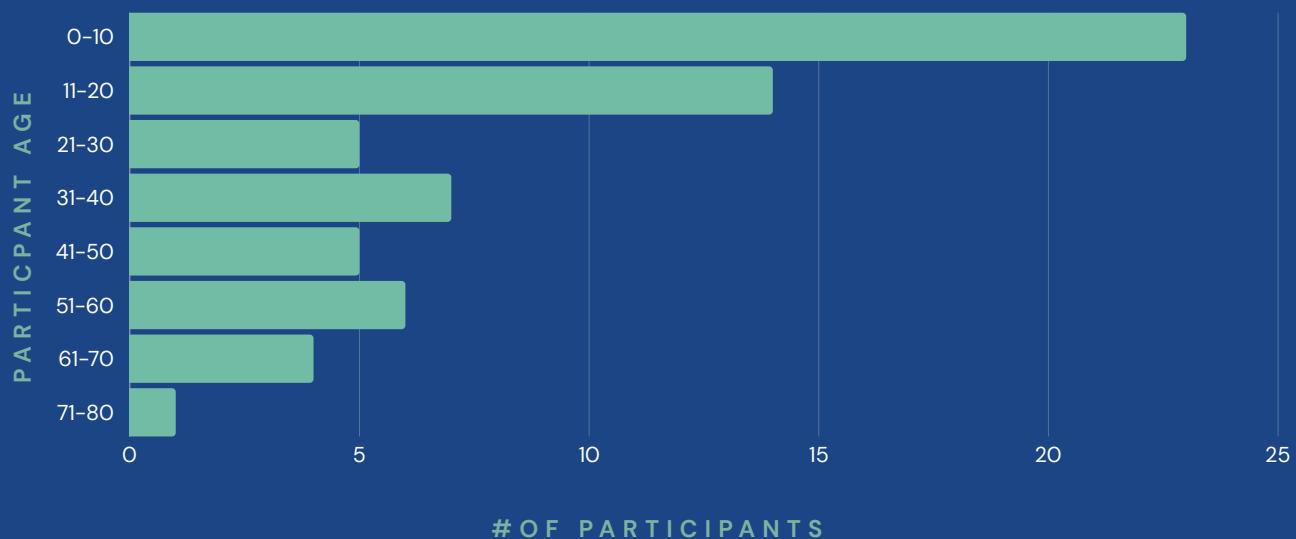
Prevent chronic homelessness



Keep the system flowing

SHELTER-TO-HOME PROGRAM

WHO WE HOUSED - *Individuals by age*



FINANCIAL METRICS

(For households housed through the shelter-to-home program by December 31, 2025)

\$19,889.54

*Average Household
Yearly Income*

\$2,152.60

*Average Short-Term Financial Assistance
per Household*

Short-term financial assistance played a key role in helping people move into housing. These funds covered common costs like deposits, fees or past-due bills that can delay or prevent someone from moving into a home, even after they have been approved for an apartment or voucher. By removing these last barriers, households were able to move in faster and more securely.

IN 2025, SHORT TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WAS USED FOR:



These resources often made the difference between someone moving into housing in days instead of months. Short-term financial assistance allowed us to act quickly, meet landlord requirements and help households move into stable housing with dignity. Without this support, many housing opportunities would have been delayed or lost, keeping people in shelter longer.

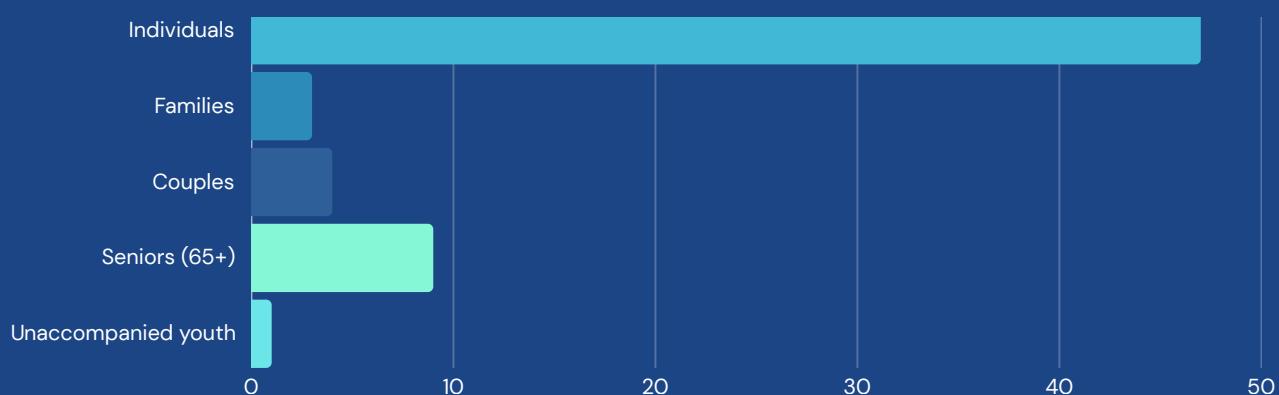
STREET-TO-HOME (HOUSING SURGE) PROGRAM

The Housing Surge, also known as the Street-to-Home approach, is a citywide effort to quickly connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with safe, stable housing and ongoing support. Through outreach, case management and housing assistance, the initiative moves with urgency and focuses on proven strategies that help people exit homelessness faster.



connected to housing and/or supportive community resources.

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



Unsheltered homelessness affects **families, seniors and youth, not just individuals**.

STREET-TO-HOME (HOUSING SURGE) PROGRAM

VULNERABILITY SNAPSHOT

PARTICIPANT VULNERABILITY AND HEALTH



These figures show that people experiencing homelessness in our community often face serious medical, mental health and social challenges. Many are dealing with several barriers at once, making it very hard to find and keep housing without targeted support.

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN PARTICIPANTS

41

reported serious physical health conditions

28

reported a diagnosed mental health condition

34

reported two or more chronic conditions

→ This shows that stable housing is critical to people's health. For many, housing is not just shelter, but a foundation for care and stability. →

INCOME AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

INCOME RANGE

46% No Income

63% \$0 - \$1,000/month (SSI)

5.6% \$2,000/month

\$656 Average monthly income of participant

\$1,180 Greenville County - Fair market rent

\$1,120 Average rent paid by participants

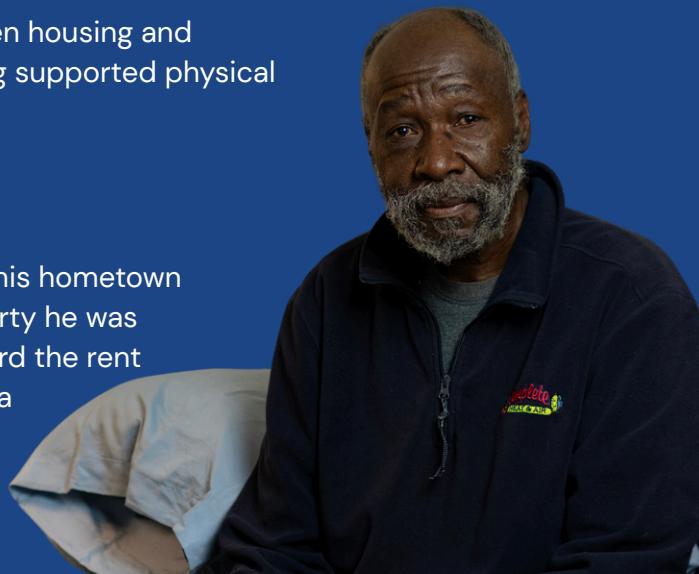
This gap between income and rent makes one thing clear: many participants have little or no income and without rental assistance, long-term subsidies or flexible funding, most would remain without housing.

WHAT THE OUTCOMES SHOW

Despite serious barriers, participants made progress when housing and support were provided together. For many, stable housing supported physical health, mental well-being and self-sufficiency.

MEET MR. CHESTER

Born and raised in Greenville, Mr. Chester has witnessed his hometown change over the years. Fifteen years ago, when the property he was renting changed ownership, he was no longer able to afford the rent and was forced to survive on the streets while managing a serious medical condition. Through Greenville Together, Mr. Chester found new hope—gaining access to housing, stability, and the support needed to begin rebuilding his life.



MEET MARIE

Her journey includes surviving addiction, experiencing homelessness, and navigating systems that too often work against the people who need them most. Through Greenville Together, Marie not only found stability—she found purpose. Today, she serves on the Lived Experience Council, using her voice to help shape programs, inform solutions, and ensure that those closest to the challenges are part of creating the change.

MEET THE THURMANS

For nearly a year, Jason, Susan and their three children called their car home, spending long nights searching for safe, quiet places to sleep and long days doing schoolwork at the library. One evening, a police officer checked on the family and connected them to Greenville Together. That changed everything. Today, the family is settled in an apartment where they can rest safely, share home-cooked meals, bake cookies and enjoy the simple rhythms of family life.



HEAR THEIR FULL STORIES AT GREENVILLETOGETHER.ORG/IMPACT/STORIES

CONCLUSION: WHAT THIS TELLS US



The need is acute.

The unsheltered population in Greenville is primarily composed of people with complex medical and psychosocial needs who are deeply disconnected from traditional systems.



Housing works.

Even short-term support combined with stable housing can yield dramatic improvements in health, safety, and stability.



This is a healthcare and equity issue.

Without intervention, these individuals would remain vulnerable to ongoing health deterioration, avoidable hospitalizations, and even premature death.



Flexibility and partnership are key.

Addressing unsheltered homelessness at scale requires tailored solutions, rapid access to housing, and continued investment in cross-sector collaboration.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS & SUPPORT

A critical component of Greenville Together's success is its backbone support structure—a collaborative framework that ensures alignment, accountability and action across the initiative. This backbone model brings together key partners with distinct strengths and roles.



Lead partner and host organization



Facilitated the Lived Experience Council



Drove the Housing Surge strategy forward



The City of Greenville is a key partner and this public-private partnership is essential to our success. The City's \$500,000 investment in Greenville Together reflects a shared commitment to this collaborative, systems-focused approach.

CONTRIBUTIONS & SUPPORT

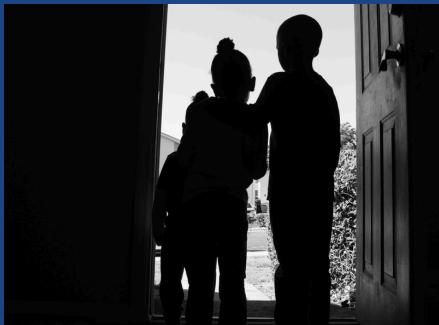


SEARCHLIGHT GROUP

SEARCHlight Group played a critical role in getting Greenville Together up and running in its first year. By sourcing furniture at scale and securing warehouse space with the City of Greenville, their team helped transform empty units into welcoming homes. Their leadership behind the scenes created smoother move-ins, real cost savings and a more dignified experience for every household served.

SWAMP RABBIT MOVING

Swamp Rabbit Moving showed up week after week to make housing transitions possible. By providing no-cost, professional move-in support, their team removed a major barrier for participants and brought care, reliability and respect to every move-in day. Their consistency helped turn housing placements into successful, lasting starts.



NOAH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

NOAH Property Management has been an essential partner since Greenville Together's earliest days. By opening doors across five properties and reviewing applicants on a case-by-case basis, NOAH expanded housing access for individuals and families too often excluded from the rental market. Their partnership helped make year one impact possible—and set the foundation for continued progress.

BEYOND REHOUSING: SYSTEM LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

While housing remained the foundation of our work, Greenville Together's impact in 2025 extended beyond rehousing. We invested in building community support, improving data systems, shaping policy and advancing a long-term vision to functionally end homelessness in Greenville.

STRENGTHENING DATA AND VISIBILITY



We conducted eight monthly street counts to better understand unsheltered homelessness in our community. These counts provided real-time data that improved planning, strengthened outreach coordination and deepened our understanding of local trends.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

We hosted three Community Conversations with more than 200 neighbors, landlords, city leaders, business owners and people with lived experience of homelessness. The events built shared understanding of homelessness and encouraged collective action.



POLICY AND ADVOCACY FOR A MORE COMPASSIONATE SYSTEM



We worked with Greenville City Council, City of Greenville staff and local service providers to shape best practices around non-camping legislation. We advocated for a compassionate, service-first approach that focuses on helping people instead of punishing them. This work resulted in:

- A commitment to develop a day services center
- Installation of 24/7 public restrooms
- Expanded street outreach and secure storage for personal belongings
- Policies that prioritize connection to services over fines or incarceration

STRATEGIC VISION AND 2026 PRIORITIES

In 2025, Greenville Together formally adopted three core strategic priorities to guide long-term impact:

PREVENT
HOMELESSNESS

STRENGTHEN
THE CRISIS
RESPONSE SYSTEM

EXPAND
REHOUSING
OPTIONS



These pillars will guide our system-level work to identify gaps, align partners and build a more effective, accessible and equitable response to homelessness in Greenville.

OUR #1 PRIORITY IN 2026 IS SIMPLE:

KEEP HOUSING PEOPLE.

What we tested in 2025 worked and showed what it takes to move people from homelessness to housing quickly and effectively. In 2026, we will expand Street-to-Home efforts, strengthen crisis response and improve coordination across the system to reduce barriers and increase access to permanent housing.





Greenville Together is just getting started, and the next year will deepen our impact through continued partnership, learning, and action. We're grateful to move this work forward with you.

How You Can Support

PARTNER WITH US

Are you a housing provider or landlord? Join us in offering hope and stability to our unhoused neighbors by providing available units for placement.

DONATE

Your financial support helps us secure housing, furnishings, and critical services for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. Every contribution makes a difference.

GET INVOLVED

Stay tuned for upcoming public events and volunteer opportunities. Your time, voice, and presence matter more than you know. Together, we can create a Greenville where everyone has a place to call home.



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