



UNITED TO END
HOMELESSNESS

MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY 2021



NEW THIS MONTH

- The WelcomeHomeOC property network continues to grow with 3 new partners joining in June and 21 new units made available for housing our clients. The need for more units has also expanded with new funding contracts to help even more people find a place to call home. Do you know a property owner that you can introduce to the WelcomeHomeOC property network? Connect them with Amanda Grill, Property Owner Engagement Specialist, at AmandaGrill@UnitedWayOC.org.
- Our target city planning partnerships have been meeting with city staff, elected, and appointed leaders to build relationships and continue their collaborative work around Housing Elements. Their efforts include identifying sites for future affordable housing and advocating for policies such as inclusionary housing ordinances, which would require the inclusion of a percentage of affordable units for every new development in their city.
- The Community Chat Series continued in June with national organization True Colors United and Dr. Deme Hill discussing ways other communities are working to end youth homelessness. The Chat took a closer look at LGBTQ+ youth in recognition of Pride Month and how Orange County can take similar steps to end youth homelessness.

TOTALS AT A GLANCE

**473 PEOPLE IN
311 HOMES**

Housed through
WelcomeHomeOC

72

Property Owners
in the Network

36,015 PEOPLE

Engaged through
Public Awareness, Events,
and Social Media

231

Housing Champions
Advocating for Affordable and
Permanent Supportive Housing

"United Way helped me in more ways than one and my family now has a safe place to live."

– Tony, veteran, husband, and father

Tony lost his job last year and was unable to find stable work to maintain housing for himself and his family. That's when their homelessness began and hope started to dwindle. Thankfully, with a HUD VASH voucher, WelcomeHomeOC was able to find a safe and suitable new home for Tony and his family. He's looking forward to building a life with his child and wife and intends to focus on his job as an employment specialist for veterans so that others can avoid the same situation he was in.

WelcomeHomeOC is being tapped to secure housing for hundreds of new Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) holders. We will be reaching out soon to let you know how you can help us find homes for more of our community members.

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