

# Homeless Solutions Vision and Strategies

*“Helping People to Help Themselves”*

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## Actions since May 2014

- Homeless Summit, June 2014
- Multiple meetings with Homeless Issues Partnership, shelters, stakeholders and partners
- Crisis Intervention Training for Police Officers
- Pilot Pathways program – Police and Behavioral Health Center
- Continuous “best practices” research





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## Partners and Stakeholders Engaged:

- Homeless Issues Partnership
- Individual homeless service organizations
- Downtown Management District
- Uptown Neighborhood Initiative





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## Partners and Stakeholders Engaged (continued):

- Clergy Alliance and other churches
- Behavioral Health Center
- County and Hospital representatives
- Individuals interested in serving those in need





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## **Vision:**

Corpus Christi is a community that addresses and prevents homelessness while enhancing the overall community’s quality of life.

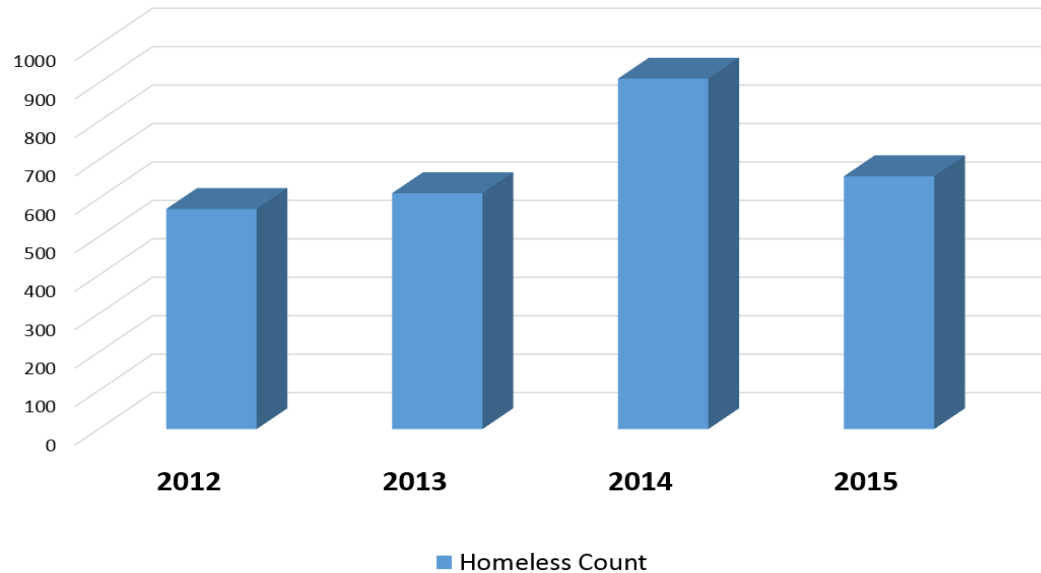
We will achieve this vision working together through public/private partnerships.

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Total Homeless Persons  
2012 - 2015



Source: Point in Time survey results, compiled by Texas Homeless Network



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## Three Types of Homelessness:

1. Chronic
2. Transitional
3. Episodic

Source: [NationalHomeless.org](http://NationalHomeless.org)

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## What Causes Homelessness?



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The City Has Three Tools to Address Homeless Issues:

1. Ordinances
2. Zoning
3. Funding



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## Five Strategies to Achieve Vision

1. Advocate for the City to enact the proper tools and resources to achieve the vision



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## Five Strategies (continued)

2. Support acquisition of a location for coordinated provision of support services.
3. Solicit new revenue streams to achieve the partnership's vision and strategies.



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## Five Strategies (continued)

4. Educate the public, showcasing success stories.
5. Establish a Sobriety Center/Crisis Stabilization Center



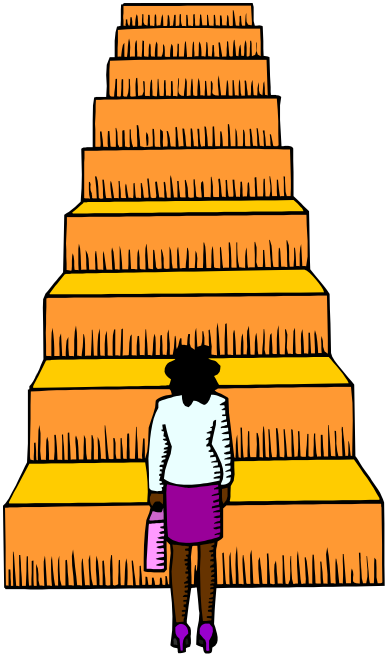
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## ***“Helping People to Help Themselves”***

### **Next Steps:**

1. Bring ordinances and zoning recommendations to City Council
2. Conduct Tour of Haven for Hope in San Antonio
3. Identify location for future homeless service coordination
4. Identify and seek funding sources





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## Thanks for your hard work!

- Homeless Issues Partnership
  - Diane Lowrance and board member Abel Alonzo - Behavioral Health Center
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Thank you

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