

E Pluribus Unum*
Ending Homelessness
Together

Making homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties rare, brief and nonrecurring.

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* With apologies to the original user of that phrase





Imagine we could end homelessness. **Not** just help individuals.
Not just manage homelessness.

Imagine we could eradicate it. Imagine we could make this
intractable social ill a thing of the past.

What Do We Mean?

We do not mean:

- No one ever becomes homeless.

We do mean:

- Homelessness rarely happens;
- When it does it is brief;
- It never happens to that person again.

	Unsheltered UN	Emergency Sheltered ES	Safe Haven SH	Transitional Housing TH	Total	Change Year to Year
2020	1,619	1,938	50	864	4,471	-1.4%
2019	1,452	2,313	49	724	4,538	+9%
2018	1,341	1,991	23	785	4,140	+9%
2017	1,087	1,861	19	822	3,789	-.5%

16.2% decrease in Emergency Sheltered homelessness

11.5% increase in Unsheltered homelessness

Why Are They Homeless?

Yikes!

**Could I ever
become
homeless?**

Social Network Breakdown

Most of us will never become homeless because we would lean on our network of social connections. Our families, friends and social groups would be there for us to call on.



Homelessness occurs when this **network of social connections breaks down (or was poor to start with) and can no longer be activated.**



Overrepresentation of POC in the Homeless Population

African Americans make up 13% of the population, both in the U.S. and in Dallas County.

African Americans make up 40% of the U.S. homeless population, and 28% of the U.S. unsheltered homeless population.

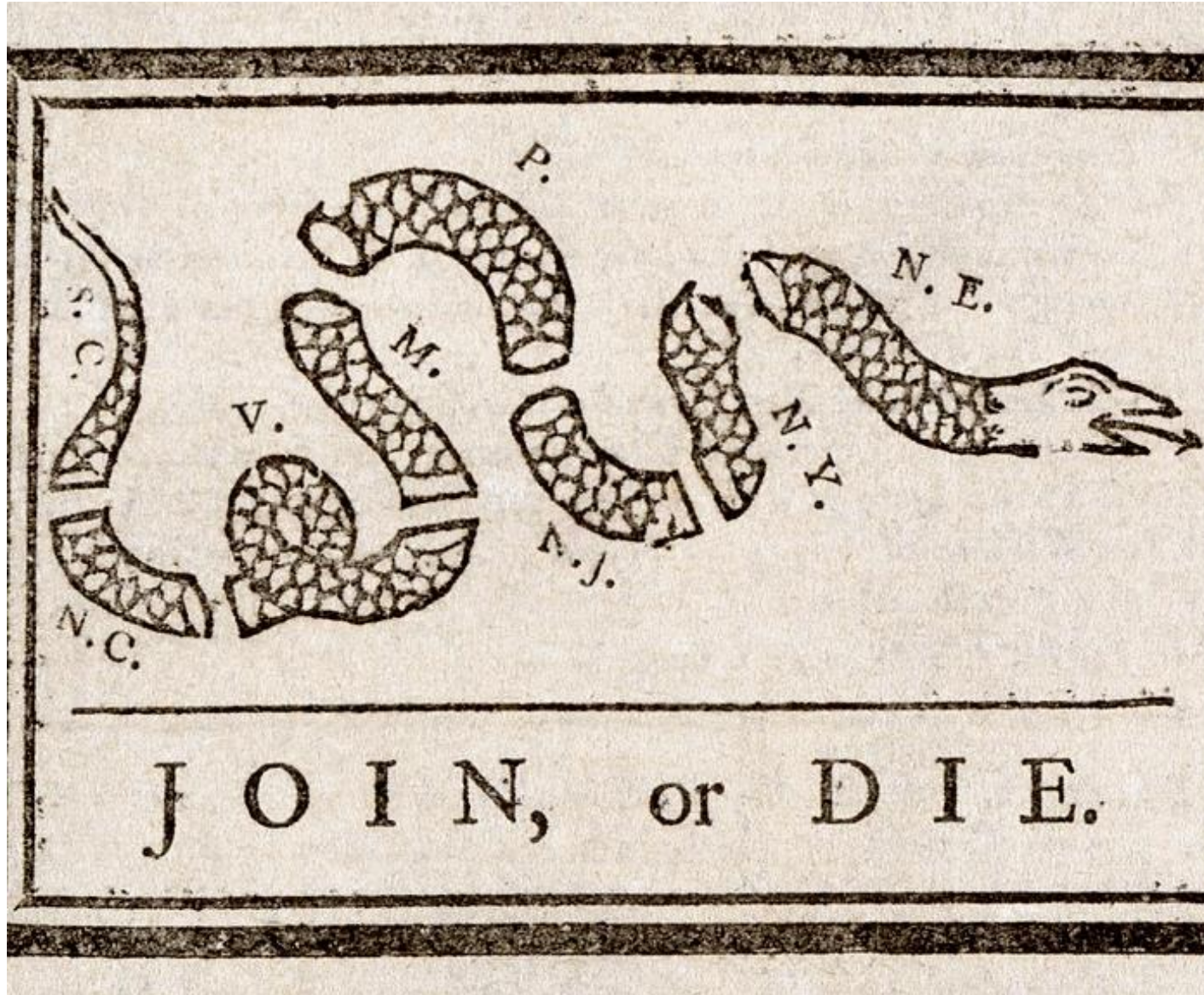
In 2016, African Americans made up 67% of the Dallas homeless population, and 70% of the Dallas unsheltered homeless population!

The Solution Addresses the Problem

The way we solve the problem of the social network breakdown is to put in place a Homeless Response System, that steps into the gap created by that breakdown.



The **role of MDHA** (and its counterpart in every American community) under the **2009 HEARTH Act**: Develop and quarterback an effective unified homeless response system, where all homeless services programs work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring.



**We must,
indeed, all
hang
together, or
assuredly
we shall all
hang
separately.**



Home, Together:

THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN TO
PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS



UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

HUD Homeless Programs Funding (CoC)



USA: \$2.3 BILLION



DALLAS: \$17 MILLION

What We Know

- 4,471 people are homeless on any one night: sheltered and unsheltered
- Overall homelessness decreased
- Family homelessness decreased
- Veteran homelessness decreased
- Chronic homelessness increased
- Unsheltered homelessness increased and is moving around our CoC, even while outreach teams made more referrals from the streets
- Homelessness decreased in the ages 25 - 34 and 45 - 54
- Earned incomes are not increasing



Why (Initial Thoughts)

- Overall homelessness decreased – *Some services are working.*
- Family homelessness decreased – *Diversion is working.*
- Veteran homelessness decreased – *Focusing efforts on this population is working.*
- **Chronic homelessness increased – *We still don't have enough Permanent Supportive Housing units or turnover in those units.***
- **Unsheltered homelessness increased and moved around, even while outreach teams made more referrals to housing – *Outreach is not solving the problem community wide.***
- Homelessness decreased for those ages 25 - 34 and 45 - 54 – *Adding Rapid ReHousing services is working for these age ranges.*
- **Earned incomes are not increasing – *The CoC has not figured out how to do this yet.***

Building Owners and Managers

- Recommendations:
 - We need community champions to help us get everyone moving in the same direction, we are ready for you to step up.
 - Be strategic about how you spend your resources, ensure they are being used effectively.
 - Advocate for more affordable housing and funding for homeless service providers.
 - Become partners with our Outreach Professionals.
 - Become partners with our Service Providers to help employ our housed clients.

“I’ve been thinking,” said Pooh... “You have a house, Piglet, and I have a house, and they are very good houses. And Christopher Robin has a house, and Owl and Kanga and Rabbit have houses, and even Rabbit’s friends and relations have houses or somethings, but poor Eeyore has nothing. So what I’ve been thinking is: Let’s build him a house.”

“That,” said Piglet, “is a Grand Idea.”

(from “The House on Pooh Corner”)