



ALL NEIGHBORS COALITION ANNOUNCES FOURTH YEAR OF SUSTAINED PROGRESS AND AN EFFECTIVE END TO STREET HOMELESSNESS IN DOWNTOWN DALLAS; CREATING A PROOF POINT FOR EXPANSION ACROSS DALLAS AND COLLIN COUNTIES

DALLAS – Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – Housing Forward and the All Neighbors Coalition today announced a fourth consecutive year of sustained decreases in homelessness in Dallas and Collin counties.

The Street to Home initiative, which launched with an operation in Downtown Dallas in partnership with the City of Dallas, Downtown Dallas, Inc. (DDI), and numerous other partners, has transformed the community's response to unsheltered homelessness. Through connections to comprehensive services, housing, and mental health treatment, over 257 individuals have moved off the streets of Downtown since July.

Housing Forward President & CEO Sarah Kahn today **announced an effective end to street homelessness in Downtown**, meaning no one is living or sleeping on the streets of Downtown, and pathways off the street will be immediately activated for anyone new through dynamic, multidisciplinary response teams.

"Downtown provides a proof point for how we can effectively end street homelessness incrementally across Dallas and Collin counties," Kahn said. "It shows that our community does not have to choose between compassionately solving homelessness and managing public health and safety. We can do both. We have done both. And we will continue to do both."

Since 2021, the All-Neighbors Coalition has transformed the homeless response system in Dallas and Collin counties into a leading model for the nation. Driven by public-private partnership and continuous innovation and problem solving, the Coalition remains committed to delivering meaningful results.

Also today, Housing Forward announced results from the annual Point in Time Count, conducted in January, which shows that a total of **3,541** individuals are experiencing homelessness on any given night in Dallas and Collin counties. This equates to a 23% reduction in overall homelessness and a 28% reduction in unsheltered homelessness since 2021.

"We are proving that increases in homelessness seen in cities across the nation are not inevitable here," **said Peter Brodsky, Housing Forward Board Chair**. "By working together and implementing strategies that work to provide housing to our neighbors and secure our public spaces, this region continues to defy national trends and demonstrate what's possible."

Since 2021, these achievements result from housing close to 16,000 individuals; integrating behavioral healthcare and housing to resolve street homelessness; and scaling Diversion to help over

6,640 families and single adults avoid long shelter stays through rapidly resolving their housing crises.

These enhancements also led to a historic milestone last year – an effective end to Veteran homelessness, as declared by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. That means that every veteran experiencing homelessness has access to permanent housing and that homelessness among veterans is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

What's Next

Coalition leaders are committed to building on this progress. The next phase will focus on maintaining success Downtown and expanding the Street to Home model across other high-priority zones in Dallas and Collin counties.

“This community has done something extraordinary,” said Kelvin Walker, incoming Housing Forward Board Chair and the CEO of the Dallas Citizens Council. “We have built a system that is better aligned, better resourced, and more effective than ever. We now must sustain and expand these gains.”

The 2025 State of Homelessness Address was held this year at the Winspear Opera House in the Dallas Arts District, where community leaders reaffirmed their shared commitment to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.