

# SOLVING HOMELESSNESS

## in New York City





Homelessness can happen to anyone due to job loss, extremely high rent, mental health struggles, or family problems. It is not just about having no home, it's about lacking safety, stability, and dignity.

# WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS?

Homelessness means a person does not have a safe, stable place to live. People experiencing homelessness may sleep on the street, in parks, on trains, in shelters, or move from place to place.





# WHY IT MATTERS?

Homelessness is a serious issue in New York City.

NYC has one of the largest homeless populations in the entire United States. Today, more than 100,000 people, families, children, adults, and seniors do not have a stable home. The number continues to rise each year, which means the problem is getting worse, not better.

This affects many communities and creates an urgent need for effective solutions.



## MAIN CAUSES

There are many reasons why people become homeless. One of the main causes is very high rent, which many cannot afford. Low wages also make it hard for people to keep up with housing costs. Mental health issues and lack of access to proper treatment can cause instability and lead to homelessness.

Domestic violence forces many individuals, especially women and children, to leave their homes for safety.

Medical bills and unexpected emergencies can also push people into losing their homes.

Often, homelessness happens because many of these problems combine.

# EFFECTS ON PEOPLE!

Being homeless makes daily life extremely difficult. People without stable housing face serious health problems because they cannot access regular medical care.

Living on the streets or in crowded shelters exposes them to unsafe conditions and violence.

Many do not have enough food or clean water. Finding a job becomes much harder when a person has no address, no transportation, or no place to rest.

Children who are homeless often struggle in school because they cannot focus, lack school supplies, or move frequently.

All of these issues make it very difficult for people to rebuild their lives.





## EFFECTS ON THE CITY

Homelessness not only impacts individuals, but it also affects the entire city.

NYC spends billions of dollars every year on shelters, emergency housing, police responses, and medical services.

Public spaces such as parks, subways, and sidewalks become crowded with people who have nowhere else to go.

This creates challenges for transportation, tourism, and local businesses. Some residents feel unsafe or uncomfortable, which increases social tension.

Addressing homelessness is not only a moral responsibility but also important for the city's overall well-being.

# CURRENT NYC SOLUTIONS:

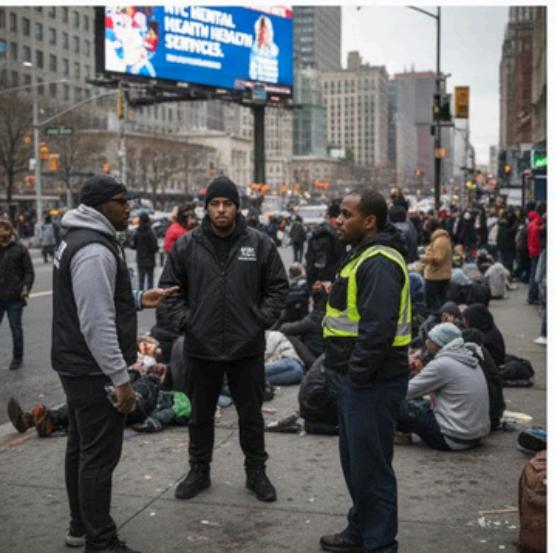
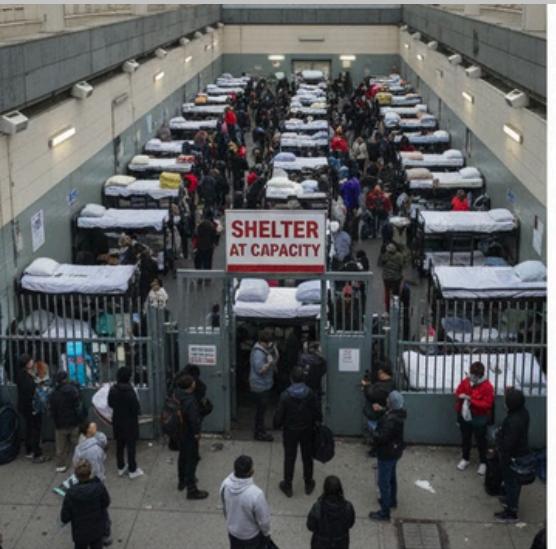
NYC currently uses several approaches to manage homelessness.

These include traditional shelters, hotel programs, outreach teams that visit people on the streets, and mental health services.

The city also offers temporary housing vouchers and job training programs. However, these solutions are often not enough.

Shelters are overcrowded, and people may stay there for long periods of time. Many individuals do not feel safe or comfortable in these environments.

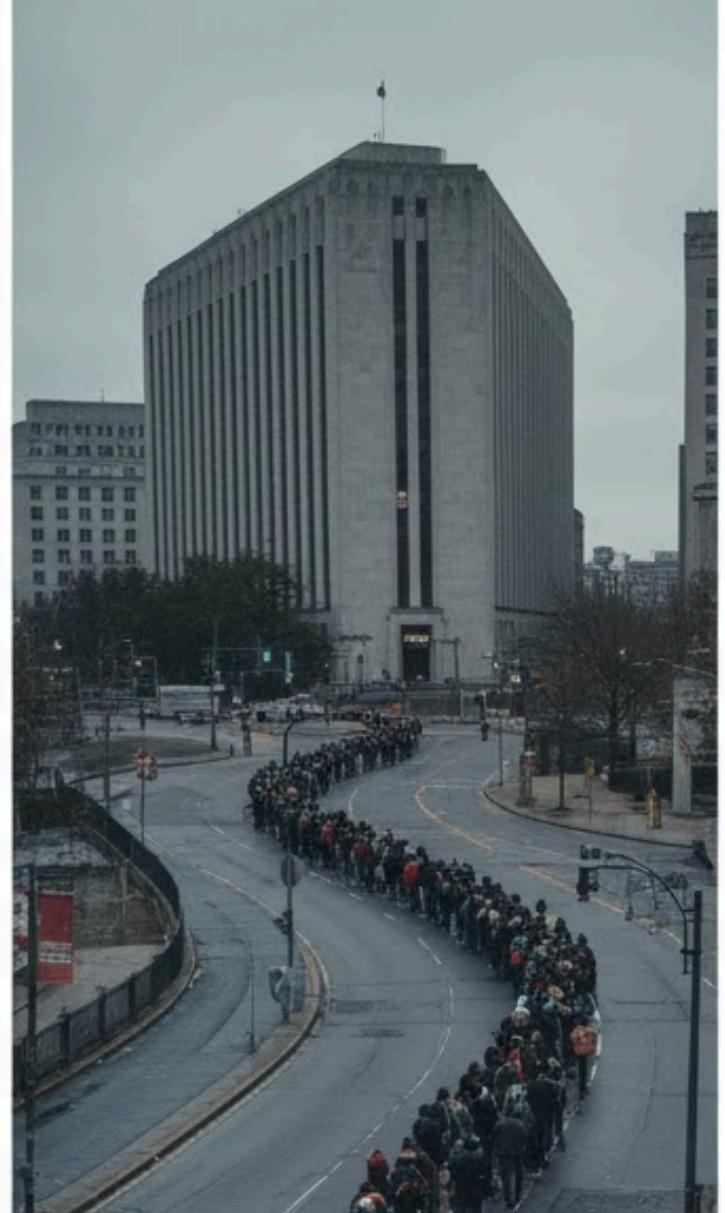
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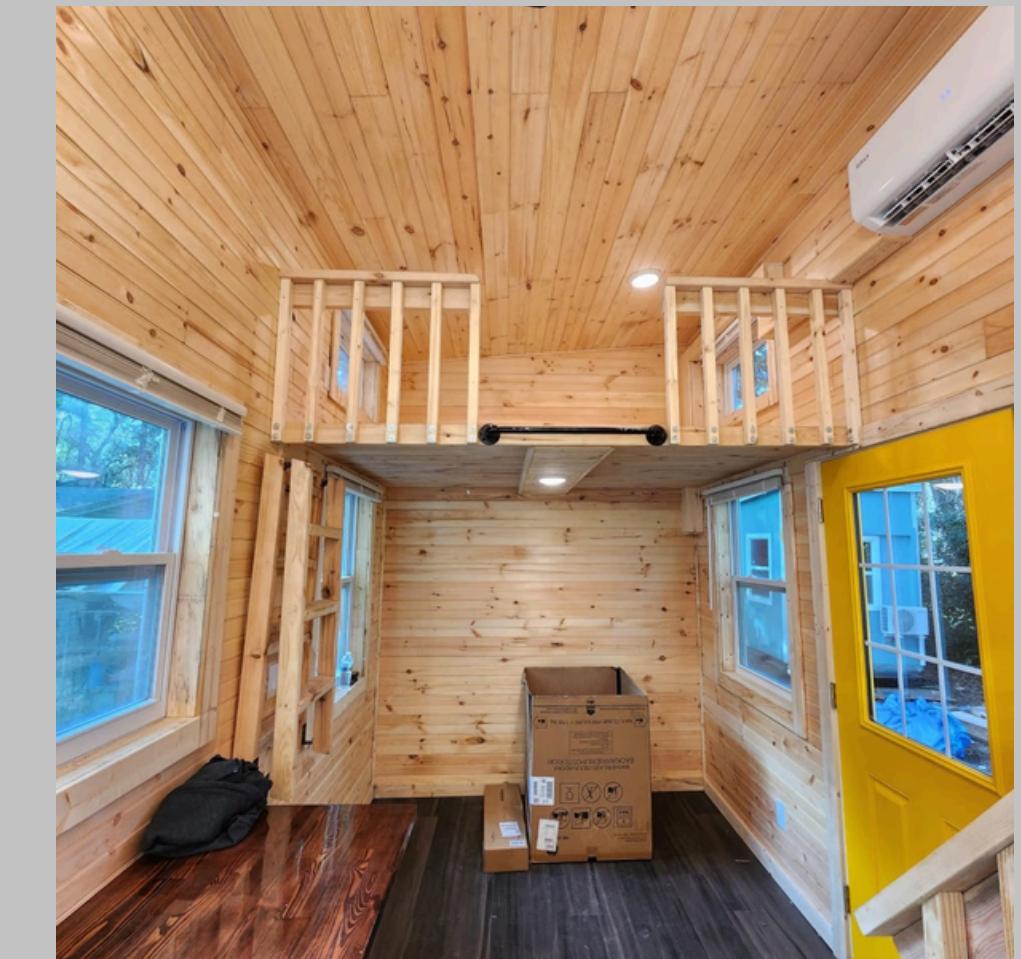


# THE PROBLEM WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM:

The main issue is that people stay in shelters for a long time and then return to the street.

Affordable housing is slow, and waiting lists are very long.





## PROPOSED SOLUTION

My solution is to create a **Small Home Village**, also known as a tiny home community. These are small, safe, private units where homeless people can stay temporarily.

# HOW IT WORKS!



The idea is for the city to use empty or unused land to build rows of small, affordable units. Each tiny home would include basic needs such as a bed, heat, electricity, and secure doors and windows. People can stay in these units for 6-12 months while receiving important support services. This includes job training, mental health counseling, food assistance, and clothing. The goal is to give people stability while helping them gain the skills and support they need to find permanent housing.



This solution is far more affordable than traditional shelters.  
Tiny homes cost less to build, maintain, and operate.  
They also provide people with privacy, safety, and personal space, things  
that shelters often cannot.  
Small Home Villages reduce emergency calls and help people improve  
their physical and mental health.  
Most importantly, they help people return to normal life faster by offering  
both stability and support.

**THIS IS WHAT WE BENEFIT!**

# SMALL HOME VILLAGE PROPOSAL

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    // Here is what I am doing here...
    // Title of the proposed solution
    cout << "Proposed Solution: Small Home Village\n";
    cout << "-----\n\n";

    // Brief description of the idea
    cout << "This idea introduces a small, safe community of tiny homes\n";
    cout << "built on unused or empty land in the city.\n\n";

    // Length of stay and purpose
    cout << "People can stay for 6-12 months while receiving support:\n";

    // Services provided in the village
    cout << "- Job training programs\n";
    cout << "- Mental health counseling\n";
    cout << "- Food and clothing assistance\n";
    cout << "- A private, safe living space\n\n";

    // Overall goal of the solution
    cout << "Goal: Help individuals stabilize, find employment,\n";
    cout << "and transition into long-term housing.\n\n";

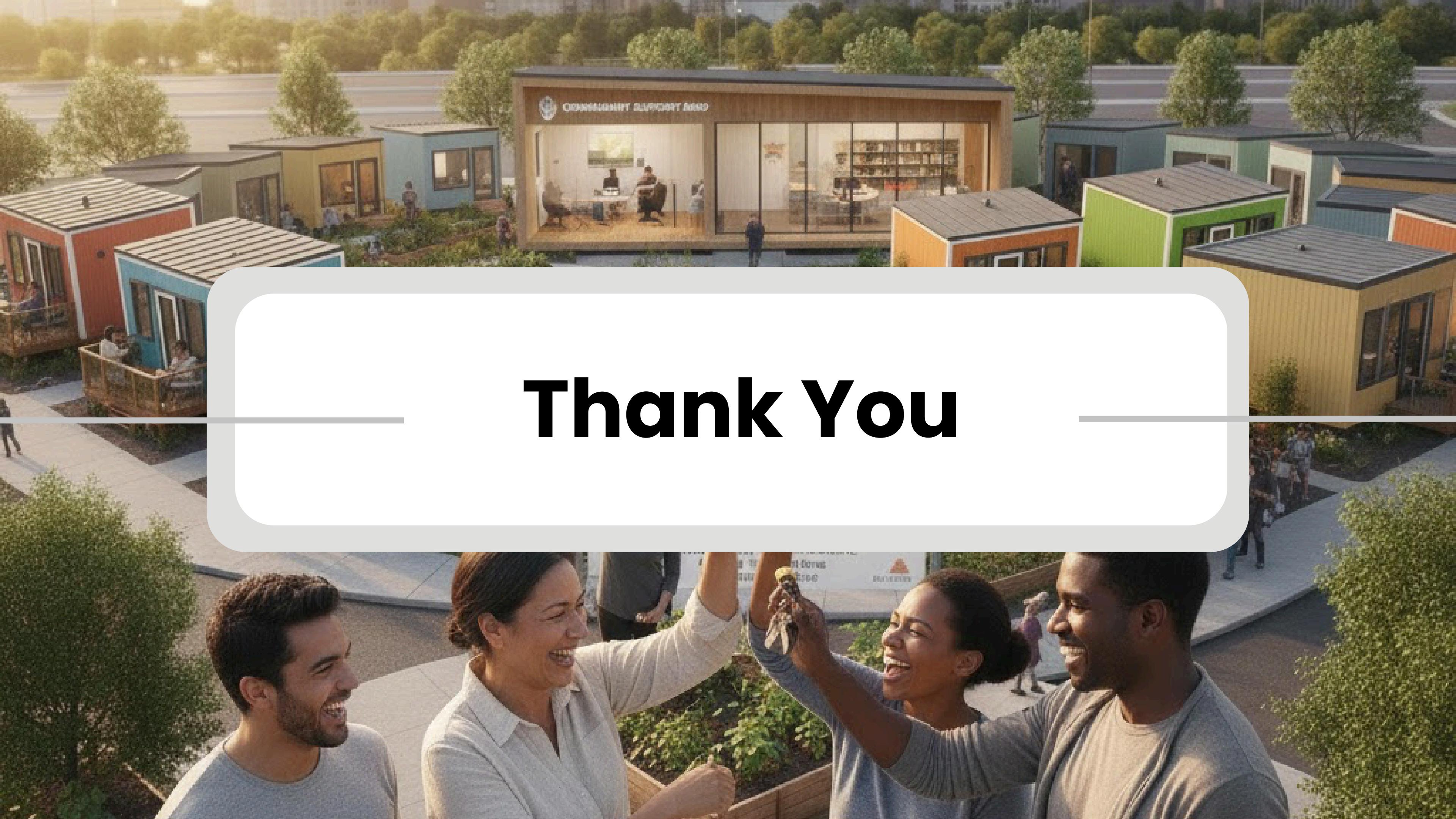
    return 0;
}
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# In conclusion

Homelessness in NYC is a growing problem.

But with affordable tiny homes and the right support, the city can help thousands of people find stability and safety again.



**Thank You**