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FIGHTING THE HOMELESS CRISIS
Universal Proposal



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About Save The Need Foundation

Save The Need Foundation is dedicated to supporting homeless individuals throughout California, giving them a real chance at a better life.

What We Stand For

S.A.V.E

S- serving our communities.

A- assist everyone in need.

V- value, Care, & love in everything we do.

E- experiencing the ability to change lives and help the ones in need.

T.H.E

T- taking care of the ones who need it most.

H- helping the homeless get off the street and into better living.

E- ending homelessness.

N.E.E.D

N- never give up on what you value most.

E- everyone deserves a chance.

E- ending our hunger crisis.

D- doing what needs to be done.

The Problem



*Just over 71% of the homeless California population are living unsheltered. survey taken December 9th 2020 by Porch.com

*The majority of homeless do not have any access to medical treatment, sufficient clothing, or adequate meals.

Our Solution

Save The Need Foundation has developed a comprehensive plan to provide housing and rehabilitation for the homeless and those in need.

The process begins with an "Intake Evaluation," which assesses individuals to determine the appropriate next steps. Based on their needs—whether related to mental health, substance abuse, or whether they are part of a family unit or single—their placement will be tailored accordingly.

Our goal is to ensure that everyone has access to housing and essential services. To achieve this, Save The Need Foundation is partnering with Pallet to build rapid, scalable, and cost-effective shelters. The cost for a 64 sq. ft. pallet home is \$7,000, and a 100 sq. ft. unit is \$10,000. We will also seek contributions from cities in need to support housing for homeless families and teens. Additionally, we welcome donations to provide clothing, food, and other necessities for residents in our planned community.

“Let your love be the kindness to make a homeless person believe that a soul needs something more than just four walls and a ceiling”

- Munia Khan

Partnering with PALLET for housing

The Pallet shelter has demonstrated effectiveness in helping individuals experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing, offering a cost-effective alternative to traditional shelters. With setup taking less than one hour, these shelters are available in two sizes.



100 Square Foot Shelter



64 Square Foot Shelter

Inside look of PALLET



Programs and Recommendations

Save The Need Foundation is dedicated to assisting individuals who have faced homelessness due to various circumstances. Recognizing that each person's situation is unique, we understand the need for tailored solutions. That's why we are committed to providing a diverse array of services and programs designed to meet different needs. These programs will be offered on-site, free of charge, while residents live within our community. Available programs will include:

Programs/Services:

- *Anger Management*
- *Drug & Alcohol*
- *Life Skills*
- *GED program (for adults)*
- *HS diploma program (for teens/adults)*
- *K-12 Learning for young youth*
- *Job skills readiness program*
- *Trade skill program*
- *Mental Health Therapy*
- *Counseling*
- *Childcare program/Daycare*
- *Online access for College program*
- *Arts and Entertainment program*
- *On and Off-Site work programs*
- *Parenting program*

Intake Process

Upon arrival, all new applicants will undergo an assessment to enable Save The Need Foundation to develop a personalized plan for their success within our program. The assessment will cover housing, clothing, counseling, medical needs, and a list of beneficial programs tailored to each individual.

Applicants will be placed in shelters suited to their needs, and an acclimation period of 3 to 7 days will follow to help them familiarize themselves with our facility. During this time, our departments will prepare to begin their services as soon as the individual is ready.

Once settled, participants will start their programs, establish schedules, and build routines. Daily progress will be monitored, with formal reviews conducted monthly by each individual's counselor. To ensure open communication and support, counseling services will be available 24/7.

Monthly assessments will track progress and help adjust the individual's plan. These assessments can also introduce new programs, such as education, job skills, and training, to support ongoing personal growth as our community expands.

As the program evolves, we plan to transition eligible members to advanced phases, creating space for new arrivals. Phase two will involve expanding our facilities and providing employment opportunities in various departments, including the cafeteria, warehouse, custodial, and groundskeeping, as well as offering transportation to external job sites.

Graduation from our program will be achieved when members have secured stable employment. At that point, Save The Need Foundation will assist them in finding permanent housing or homeownership through first-time buyer programs or other federally funded options, helping them reintegrate into the community as contributing, tax-paying citizens. This is our ultimate goal.

Assessment and Evaluation

When a new member arrives at Save The Need Foundation, an evaluation will be conducted to assess their mental state, capabilities (e.g., ability to return to work), overall health, and set personal goals. Each individual will receive an ID card to access designated areas of the facility.

Save The Need Foundation proposes a variety of housing options based on individual needs. For single individuals or couples, we will offer pallet houses, with the 100 sq. ft. units accommodating up to two people. These shelters will be situated in a park-like environment with shared shower houses and laundry facilities. We will seek internal support to maintain the facility and explore transportation options to help recipients return to the workforce.

For families, more extensive accommodations will be required. We plan to construct 500 sq. ft. efficiency apartments with bathrooms and small kitchens to ensure the safety and well-being of children.

Mental illness, a significant factor in the homelessness crisis, has long been overlooked. To address this, Save The Need Foundation is committed to providing counseling and medical care to those in need, and we will also prepare to meet the needs of individuals with more severe conditions by offering supervised facilities to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

Homeless Veterans

Save The Need Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to all veterans for their service. We are committed to accepting all homeless veterans into our program.

Our campus will provide a safe and clean environment for homeless veterans from across the state. We will collaborate with existing outreach programs to ensure our veterans have access to the support they need. On-site counseling, rehabilitation services, and a Veterans Affairs office available 24/7 will be integral parts of our facility.

No American veteran should ever face homelessness. They served to protect the American dream, and now it is our turn to honor their sacrifice and support them in their time of need.

Additional Housing Plans

The two sizes of Pallet shelters are primarily suited for individuals or couples, rather than families. To address this, Save The Need Foundation plans to build 2-3 bedroom apartments on-site following the intake process. This approach will allow families to stay together in secure, spacious accommodations, providing the necessary room for raising well-rounded children.

We believe that it takes a village to raise a child, and we are committed to creating just that—a Campus Village where families can thrive in a supportive and safe environment.

Shower and Restroom Facilities

In our building plan, each group of Pallet Homes will have designated shower and restroom facilities. These facilities will feature a swipe system to assign specific showers and toilets to each resident, ensuring that individuals are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and preventing vandalism. This system will also assist with contact tracing if necessary.

Similarly, the laundry facilities will use the same swipe system. Cleaning supplies will be consistently available to all residents to ensure that our shared community spaces remain sanitary and well-maintained.

Counseling and Life Coaches

Another key goal of Save The Need Foundation is to provide on-site counselors and life coaches. Each resident will be assigned a dedicated counselor to offer personalized support. Our aim is to assist everyone, including those with mental disabilities who are often turned away elsewhere.

We believe that every individual deserves a chance and that speaking with a trained professional can help them move in the right direction. Recognizing that homelessness itself can be a significant mental strain, we aim to provide a safe and supportive environment where individuals can make positive progress. For those with more severe mental health needs, we will ensure they receive appropriate and effective treatment.

Onsite Cafeteria and Food Pantry

Our plan includes on-site cafeterias designed to provide meals for our residents. These cafeterias will operate like traditional settings, where food is prepared and served to those who visit.

The cafeteria will be a stand-alone building on the property, featuring a kitchen for meal preparation, a large pantry, and dining tables. We will also offer cooking classes and employment opportunities for residents who express interest, and we are eager to accommodate those who wish to participate.

Residents will have the option to take food back to their units, including canned goods, dry staples, or hot-to-go meals from the cafeteria. The pantry will provide dry goods and grocery items for residents to use in their homes at their convenience. Most of this food will be sourced through donations, while prepared meals will be funded by both donations and STNF resources.

Clothing Distribution and Laundry

Many individuals experiencing homelessness lack access to new clothing. To address this, Save The Need Foundation has been collecting donated clothing in various sizes to distribute to our residents. A smaller building on the property will be dedicated to this purpose, allowing residents to obtain new, donated clothing.

Additionally, we propose installing shared laundry facilities equipped with washers and dryers. These facilities will use a swipe card system, similar to the one used for showers, to track which residents are using the machines. This system will help ensure that all residents have the opportunity to keep their clothing clean and presentable, which is crucial for their efforts to re-enter the workforce.

Onsite Workforce

Our goal is to create a sustainable community where all members have the opportunity to contribute. For those who have not yet returned to the workforce, we will offer various roles within the community for those interested. These opportunities will include gardening to provide fresh produce, as well as positions in cleaning, maintenance, and kitchen staff.

By engaging in these activities, residents will develop a sense of accountability and take pride in maintaining their community. At Save The Need Foundation, we aim to foster a strong sense of belonging and purpose, helping individuals feel connected to something greater and more fulfilling than their previous circumstances.

Employment off-site

Save The Need Foundation is committed to collaborating with employment agencies, the Transit Authority, and railway systems to support our residents in finding, securing, and maintaining employment. Our goal is to help residents advance and transition to their own homes as efficiently as possible.

On-site, we will provide a media room equipped for job applications, along with access to clothing and other necessities needed for employment. Additionally, we will partner with Transit/Railway and Ride Share programs to ensure residents have the transportation they need to commute to and from work.

For those who won't try

We understand that some individuals within the homeless population may be unwilling to engage with counseling or support programs. To address this, Save The Need Foundation will designate a separate area with pallet houses for those who prefer not to participate in the broader community activities.

In this designated area, residents will receive food, shelter, and clothing, but their access to other parts of the community will be restricted. This section will have strict guidelines, including a zero-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol, enforced by our Security department.

Any individuals who violate these rules or create unsafe conditions will face serious consequences. Such cases will be handled by local law enforcement, which may include filing charges and immediate removal from the facility.

- Not everyone is willing to work
- Not everyone is able to work
- Not everyone will make an effort

For those who can't try

At Save The Need Foundation, we recognize the significant crisis involving individuals with mental health challenges. Many mental institutions were closed in the 1970s and 1980s due to concerns about inhumane conditions, leading to a withdrawal of funding and a release of patients who were left to fend for themselves. This situation contributed to the current homelessness epidemic, as these individuals were abandoned without adequate support.

We are committed to including everyone, even those with severe mental health issues, in our efforts. However, addressing this crisis requires more than just community support; it necessitates collaboration with the state to establish additional private facilities that are separate from family and children's areas.

This is a complex and sensitive issue that demands thorough investigation, strategic planning, and substantial funding. We call on every city to contribute through funding and donations to support this vital initiative. Acknowledging and addressing the needs of mentally unstable individuals is a crucial part of solving the broader homelessness crisis.

Budget Needs and County Support

Save The Need Foundation has developed a comprehensive solution to address the homeless crisis in the U.S., but its success hinges on support from all levels: state, county, city governments, and local communities.

We are seeking a large parcel of land, approximately 500-1,000 acres, and funding ranging from \$500 million to \$2 billion for the overall development of our initiative. We request that the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, and local governments donate the land for our first campus and assist with securing the necessary permits.

In addition to land and permits, Save The Need Foundation requires funding for construction, annual operating costs, and program implementation. While we will actively pursue fundraising and grant opportunities, we need substantial contributions from Los Angeles County for the buildings, permits, shelters, and necessary programs.

Furthermore, neighboring counties—including San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Imperial, Orange, Kern, San Luis Obispo, and Riverside—will also need to contribute. Although we will start by focusing our services in Los Angeles County, our goal is to eventually expand to all counties in Southern California.

To effectively address this crisis, it is essential that every county participates in funding and donations. By working together, we can establish a sustainable system to end homelessness and enforce new ordinances to keep our streets, parks, and freeway overpasses clear.

Funding responsibilities should be proportionate to the homeless population in each area. Cities with larger homeless populations will need to contribute more to support and sustain this facility. Save The Need Foundation will seek financial support from all levels of government and communities to ensure the long-term success and effectiveness of this initiative.

Save The Need Foundation Is Here To Help Everyone

It's time to end this crisis. Everyone deserves a place in this world, and together, we can make a difference.

Join us in tackling homelessness across the nation. Your support can help us lead the way in this global fight. Donate today and make California, along with Save The Need Foundation, a beacon of hope and progress.

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