

# FACT SHEET

## Home for Good OHIO

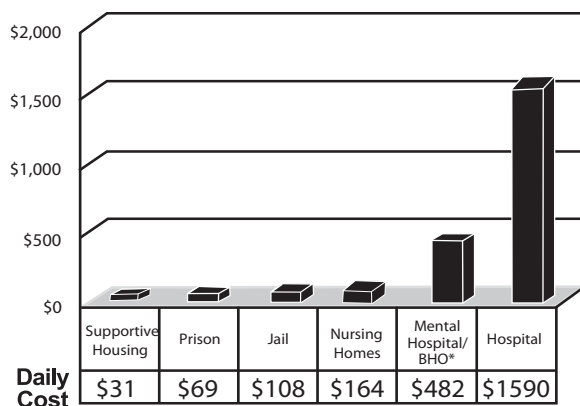
*Every Ohioan, regardless of disability, deserves a home for good.*

### HOW CAN WE HELP THE HOMELESS?

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In the long-term, Home for Good Ohio\* is focused on establishing a state line item that channels new funds for the operation of supportive services to reach the goal of 6,000 additional PSH units.

### Supportive Housing is Cost Effective



Average daily costs for Ohio as of 2007.

\*BHO - Behavioral Health Organizations

### HOMELESS COSTS TO TAXPAYERS

- People who are homeless use Emergency Rooms for their healthcare, at an average of \$1,600 per visit.
- People who are homeless spend four more days per hospital inpatient stay than non-homeless, averaging an additional \$2,400 per person per stay.
- People who are homeless use 100 times more psychiatric hospitalizations than the non-homeless, which costs an extra \$2,000 per person per stay.

### WHY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

- Veterans comprise one quarter of the homeless.
- 25% of youth experience homelessness within 2-4 years of aging out of foster care.
- Families comprise 41% of all homeless and nearly half include children under age six.
- Roughly 70% of the people who are chronically homeless in America are burdened with serious health concerns, physical or mental disabilities, or problems with substance abuse. For many, those concerns plus poverty constitute the root causes of their homelessness.

### ... AND BECAUSE IT WORKS!!

- A study of nearly 900 homeless people with mental illness provided with supportive housing found 83.5% remained housed a year later and experienced fewer symptoms of mental illness.
- A one-year follow-up study of 201 graduates of an addiction treatment program found that 90% of those living in supportive housing remained sober.
- Permanent supportive housing resulted in decreases of 50-80% in tenants' emergency room visits and inpatient days, while preventive healthcare use increased.

For more information: [www.oacbha.org/programs/homeforgood](http://www.oacbha.org/programs/homeforgood) or call (614) 224-1111