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**FORT STREET
OPEN DOOR
IMPACT**

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OUR PURPOSE, MISSION & VISION

PURPOSE:

Community & Home Supports, Inc. was founded to help people and communities address poverty and homelessness.

MISSION:

We strive to fulfill our purpose by developing, leading, and participating in collaborative and innovative efforts that support people that are homeless and advocate for fair, affordable, and equitable housing.

VISION:

We envision a future where everyone has equitable access to safe and affordable housing and the support needed to empower independence and participation in vibrant communities.

OUR CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY:

Upholding ethical standards and accountability in our actions.

EMPATHY:

Understanding and addressing the unique needs and experiences of each individual.

COMPETENCE:

Leveraging data and expertise to inform decision making and service delivery.

COMMUNITY:

Fostering partnerships and community involvement for greater impact.

ADVOCACY:

Committing to thorough, meticulous, and persistent efforts to support our mission.

EQUITY:

Building strong, trust-based relationships with participants and stakeholders.





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CHS used Fort Street's Open Door funds exclusively for security deposits, removing the final barrier to lease-up for voucher holders. This flexible assistance fills a gap not covered by vouchers but required by landlords.

Beginning in July, the full \$10,000 was deployed to help 20 households secure permanent housing. The cohort included 12 singles and 8 families.

Placement Mix: Section 8 placements accounted for 13 households (8 families, 5 singles). An additional 7 chronically homeless singles leased units through Public Housing/Project-Based Vouchers.

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Household deposits averaged \$500, with the smallest deposit at \$100 and the largest at \$900. Seventy-five percent of deposits were \$500 or less, maximizing the number served.

By covering deposits, the funding enabled rapid lease-ups, prevented voucher expiration, and shortened shelter stays. Households moved directly from instability into safe, affordable housing.

CHS will track lease-up completion and six-month housing stability (no returns to the homelessness system). Measures of success and shareable client stories will be provided as they become available.

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When our team first engaged BM, he was a chronically homeless senior with a long history of addiction, back pain, and dual diagnosis. Although he received SSI, he was isolated, disconnected from services, and not engaged in behavioral health care. His inability to read made navigating benefit systems difficult without consistent support, and he did not feel safe living alone.

Our team confirmed his Medicare status and connected him to behavioral health services, including therapy with a trusted provider. We used a progressive engagement approach, allowing BM to move at his own pace while supporting him in understanding housing paperwork, budgeting, and rent responsibilities. His inability to read made navigating even simple forms difficult. He declined initial housing offers out of fear and confusion, so we slowed down and walked through each step with him.

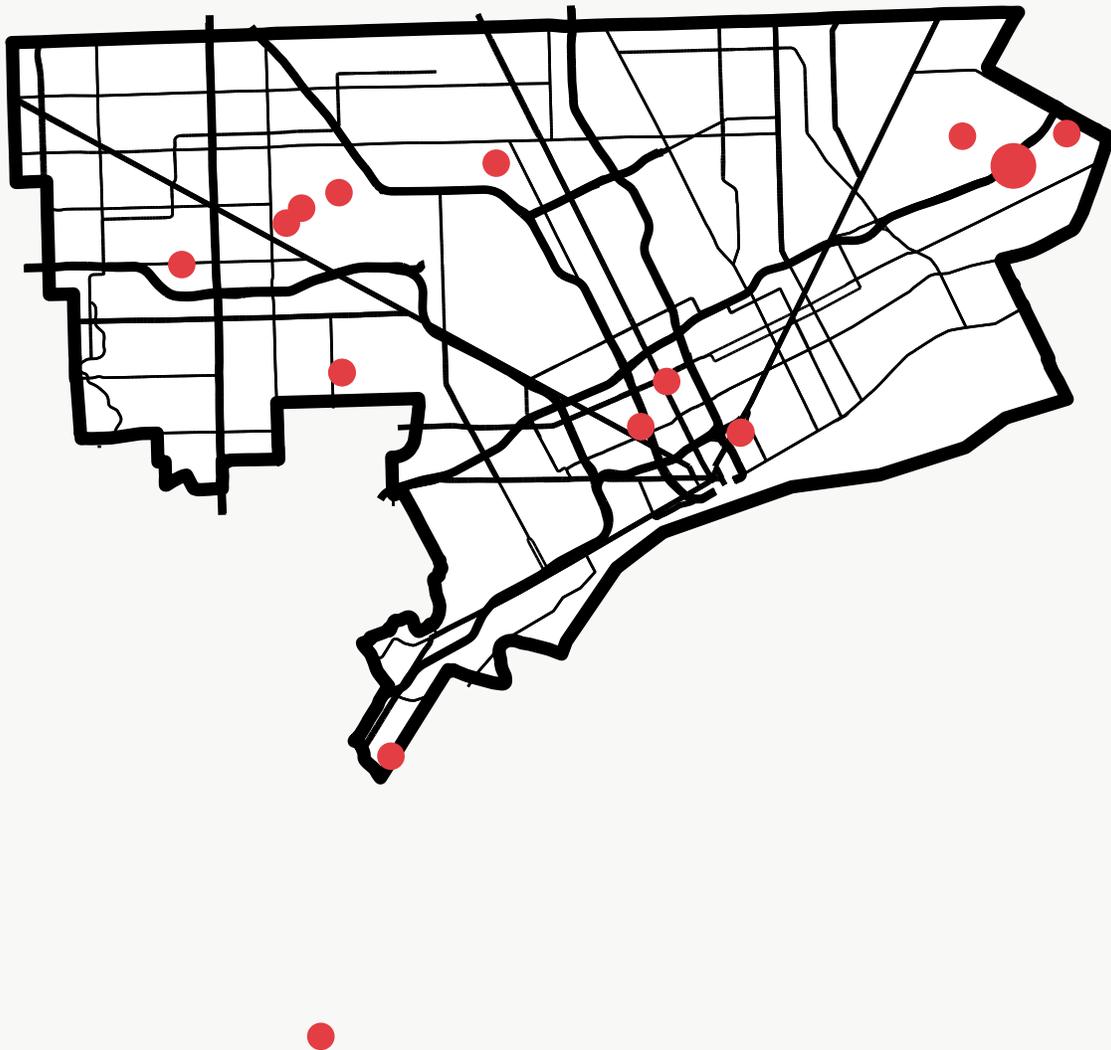
With transportation support, he was able to access the MDHHS and SSA offices to renew his state benefits and ensure his SSI. We helped create his first email address and set up a payee to ensure rent and utilities would be paid consistently. As a shelter guest, BM began helping in the kitchen, which provided routine, meals, and confidence. He then joined a Critical Time Intervention team consisting of a CHS navigator, the shelter case manager, supervisor, and front desk staff, all working together to ease his transition.

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He shared his fear of isolation, so we developed a personalized safety plan to address his concerns. Over time, he reconnected with his daughter and began rebuilding family ties. With our support, he successfully completed the housing voucher process, and Fort Street Open Door funds covered his security deposit. We coordinated furniture delivery to his new home, and using the Needs Management Map, we identified a safe ATM, taught him bus routes to nearby stores, and arranged Metro Lift access through his doctor so he could attend appointments and spend more time with his daughter.

BM moved into a fully furnished apartment and continues to receive behavioral health care and regular support. His journey reflects a person-centered approach rooted in trust, dignity, and long-term stability. Today, BM is securely housed and supported by a care network that values his voice, affirms his goals, and ensures continued access to the services he needs.

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Households Assisted	Deposit Amount Paid
Single	\$100.00
Single	\$250.00
Single	\$300.00
Family	\$500.00
Single	\$500.00
Family	\$700.00
Single	\$750.00
Single	\$900.00
Single	\$900.00
Single	\$900.00
Total	\$10,000.00

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*Thank you for reading.
We deeply value your partnership and support.
Let's continue building housing solutions together.*