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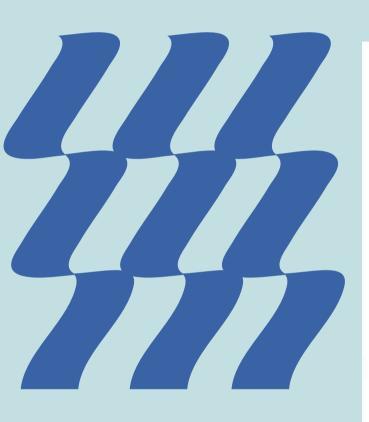


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### **OUR MISSION**

**Solving Homelessness** as we know it by establishing a pathway for our unhoused neighbors to a home with dignity.





## WHAT WE DO



Develop system-wide strategies to solve homelessness



Supports programs efficiently getting people into permanent housing with the supportive resources they need



Use data-centric and best-practice solutions to support community service providers and drive systemic change



**Collaborate** with key regional leaders to facilitate the housing of our unhoused neighbors



House Everyone STL is a 501(c)(3) organization and funding leader that connects private, non-profit, and government entities to solve homelessness in the greater St. Louis area.



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## **Annual Report**

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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



In 2023, House Everyone STL made big promises to the St. Louis Region, and in 2024 we began systematically delivering on our word. HESTL, along with Greater St. Louis, Inc., East West Gateway Council of Governments, and the City of St. Louis, the collective convened the first ever Regional Summit on the Unhoused, bringing two internationally renowned experts on homelessness to St. Louis to guide the formation of a plan that will serve 8 counties. HESTL envisions a world where access to services and housing isn't dependent on your zip code of origin. The regional planning underway is centered around a collective impact model and brings together private and public partnerships to do innovative things to move the sector forward. We go faster and farther when we go together.

To demonstrate the possibilities of these partnerships, House Everyone STL along with our partners at Think Big! raised \$200,000 in private funds to infuse into the existing system of care during the winter months, when the lack of shelter beds, permanent housing, and a regional strategy become life-threatening to our unhoused neighbors.

2025 is poised to be a historic year for this work, with visioning sessions planned with critical community partners, government and business partners lined up to walk with the non-profit sector in this work, and the momentum toward a regional collective impact model growing steadily each day. HESTL will continue to drive private investment into the sector and begin small pilots of service innovation to test approaches that can be scaled for the system. We will continue to elevate the voices of those most impacted by homelessness and build bridges between communities. Regional strategies will be driven by data and best practices, and we will measure the success every step of the way. Thank you for your continued support.

Onward, Upward

Samantha Stangl, MSW



# **SUMMIT FOR** THE UNHOUSED

### **REGIONAL SUMMIT**

HESTL collaborated with East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), Greater St. Louis Inc., and the City of St. Louis to convene over 140 of the region's leaders representing eight counties and various sectors including business, philanthropy, service providers, media, healthcare, and government to learn from the two most internationally renowned experts in solving homelessness. Smaller cohorts of service providers and funders came together over the next 3 days to create a theory of change with the leadership of direct service providers from 7 counties and 10 promises of support and accountability from funders and governmental agencies (shown on next page).

This theory of change (shown below) provides the strategic framework for addressing homelessness across the region by focusing on four key strategies, each with defined outputs, outcomes, and impacts. The approach is designed to tackle the root causes of homelessness, accelerate rehousing, and increase stability for those at risk.

### **Problem**

Lack Housing & Supports to Stabilize

### **Strategies**

**Build and Sustain** Regional Governance

Pivot to Regional Emergency Rehousing System

Expand Attainable Housing Solutions

Develop Crosssystem, Integrated Stabilization Services

### Outputs

Coordinated regional structure and plan

Centralized, coordinated regional system

Scaled housing subsidies

Scaled, accessible services

### SOLUTION

Holistic approach to addressing homelessness, with each strategy directly contributing to the regional goal of reducing and ultimately solving homelessness. By aligning outputs, outcomes, and impacts, this framework ensures that all efforts are coordinated, efficient, and focused on delivering meaningful, measurable results. The framework will serve the region and continue to evolve as the region builds its system of care and leans deeper into the root causes of homelessness.

# 10 PROMISES FOR REGIONAL CHANGE



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We will not just move the needle on homelessness, we are going to solve homelessness for the region. 2

We will build a system of care to ensure no one has to sleep on the streets and everyone is provided the supports they need to stabilize and enhance wellbeing.



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We will be accountable for making progress by {doubling, tripling} the number of households we help exit homelessness and stabilize in housing. 4

We will take our system of care right to the streets and assist individuals to move directly to housing with the wrap-around supports they need to recover.



We will support our nonprofit service providers to hone their services, allowing each to focus on their core strengths in partnership with other partners in the region's system of care to deliver the full complement of services needed to solve 6

We will be effective stewards of regional resources, consolidating functions to reduce redundancy, scaling effective solutions, and working with partners across sectors to leverage all available resources.



We will unite public institutions and private funders to raise the additional funds to build our comprehensive

homelessness.

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We will ensure our regional system meets the needs of local jurisdictions, calibrating our investments and wielding centralized services to ensure the whole region succeeds together.



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We will seek sustainable funding to ensure we do not backslide, solving homelessness for the region is about building a sustained system of care to meet the needs of anyone facing imminent homelessness.

system of care.

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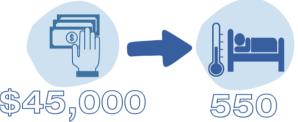
We will support the region to expand solutions to making housing attainable, growing the housing stock and making existing housing more accessible.







### **Inclement Weather Support 2023-2024**



Raised for Winter Flex Funding for Inclement Weather Support

Nights of Safety for inclement weather

#### Flexible Funds for Inclement Weather 2024-2025



\$200,000

Raised for Winter Flex Funding for Inclement Weather Support \$84,000

Granted to Community
Partners to support winter and
still taking applications

# WINTER FUNDING

House Everyone STL piloted a coordinated funding effort with the City of St. Louis, private funders, and quasi-governmental entities with the goal of keeping all unhoused individuals safe and alive this winter. This effort has begun to prop up services in St. Louis City as well as throughout the greater St. Louis Region.

The fundraising effort surpassed its initial \$100,000 goal and has generated more than \$180,000 to date in firm financial commitments. As a result, HESTL has already approved nearly \$85,000 in grants to organizations in the City of St. Louis and around the region to enable them to proactively plan and prepare to quickly provide shelter and support for the unhoused as harsh winter weather sets in.

### Funding raised:

- \$170,000 Unrestricted private donations (Think Big! and Partners)
- \$10,000 Mental Health Board
- \$10,000 Senior Fund
- \$10,000 Developmental Disability Resource Board

For a total of \$200,000 new investment for winter response.

Additional funding requests can be made through HESTL's RFP process on the website at www.houseeveryonestl.org/funding-opportunities.

House Everyone awarded grants to ten regional agencies show on the next page.

# **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### AMERICORPS ST. LOUIS

Awarded \$8,645.00 for outreach and to host site staffing for 64 beds for 10 nights

### WINTER OUTREACH

Awarded \$10,000.00 for shelter, outreach staff, and supplies



Awarded \$4,688.00 for shelter and services for approximately 35 people

### **TENT MISSION**

Awarded \$10,000.00 for survival resources for 135+ individuals for 35 nights

### **CITY HOPE**

Awarded \$7,500.00 for a pop-up shelter serving 25 to 30 single men/women

### FIELD OF HOPE

Awarded \$7,500.00 for warming shelter and supplies

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES

Awarded \$8,000.00 for warming and shelter stays

### THE OWLS-MADISON COUNTY

Awarded \$12,000.00 for program expenses for overnight program that served 150 guests in winter 2023-24

## THE WARMING BUS - URBAN CITY SERVICES

Awarded \$10,500.00 to equip and operate a warming bus

### **HEALING ACTION**

Awarded \$5,000.00 for shelter and services for 15 young people





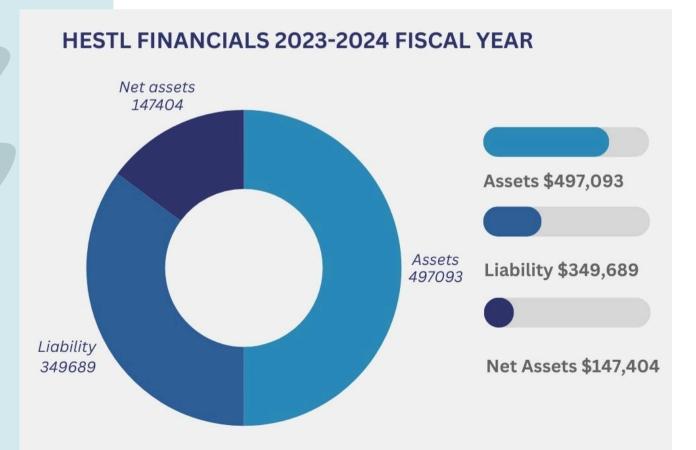
# FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-2024

This reflects the 2023 Fiscal year which runs June 2023 through July of 2024.

The bulk of HESTL's expenses goes towards our program and administration of our programs. 2023 also included CoC support funding.

HESTL also administer the distribution of over \$80,000 in grants that came through private funders and when directly back out to provider services as needed for winter.

Please see HESTL's 990 on our website for more information.



### **HESTL STAFF MEMBERS**

HESTL has a small but mighty team of 3 staff members.







**Earl Strauther, Deputy** Director



Melissa Johnson, Operations & Community Engagement Coordinator

### **HESTL BOARD MEMBERS**



Board Chair



Vice Chair





Secretary







Aaron Gibson





Josh Labatkin





Lucas Signorelli



### THANK YOU TO OUR **GENEROUS FUNDERS**

**HESTL** appreciates all the generous support from our key funding partners:

Missouri Foundation for Health

> Schnucks Foundation

Think Big!

Commerce Bank

Greater St. Louis, Inc.

Jewish Fund for **Human Needs**