GIVE GUIDE: SOLUTIONS TO REDUCING HOMELESSNESS

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All Home (Regional)

All Home advances regional solutions to disrupt the cycle of poverty and homelessness. All Home brings together a diverse set of partners: elected officials, government administrators, private sector partners and nonprofit partners to address our region's homelessness crisis. They created a first-of-its-kind regional plan to tackle homelessness and housing insecurity, with a goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness by 75% by 2024.

Bay Area Community Services, Inc. (Alameda)

BACS has been committed to developing stable, supportive services that promote community-based independent living for teens, adults, older adults, and their families. BACS serves as the lead agency for Keep Oakland Housed, a multiyear project addressing the housing and homelessness crisis in Oakland through a three-pronged emergency response of: legal services, emergency financial assistance, and supportive services. Keep Oakland Housed services launched in July 2018 and by the end of its pilot phase in October 2021, it assisted 5,944 households and distributed approximately $16.5M. The average financial assistance provided per household was $4,218, a mere fraction of the cost of rehousing someone once they become homeless.

Eviction Defense Collaborative (San Francisco)

EDC helps prevent homelessness in San Francisco. Each year they provide emergency legal services and rental assistance to over 5,000 tenants in San Francisco, helping families stay in their homes and maintain stable housing—preventing families from becoming homeless in the first place. EDC coordinates a network of ten legal service providers across the City to ensure every tenant facing eviction gets the support they need, and works closely with the City and County of San Francisco to support tenants.

Destination: Home (South Bay)

Destination: Home is working to end homelessness in Silicon Valley. In collaboration with a broad set of partners, they advance solutions to address the root causes of homelessness: expanding the supply of deeply affordable housing, helping people maintain stable housing, and improving access in our systems. Centering those who have experienced homelessness, they lead the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB). This is a model for incorporating the voices of people who have experienced homelessness to better inform the systems that serve them. LEAB members meet with elected officials to advance policy and provide feedback and accountability to homeless-serving programs and services in Santa Clara County.
Monument Impact (Contra Costa)

Monument Impact works to ensure that immigrants, refugees and low-income residents in Concord and surrounding communities have what they need to build social and economic wealth. They run workforce development programs that connect low-income residents and refugees with vocational training to secure a living wage, and directly engage community members to identify needed policy changes, including day laborers and immigrant workers. Monument Impact played an important role during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping tenants access rent relief, resources, and to know their rights to ensure residents had what they needed to maintain stable housing and prevent homelessness.

Centro Legal de la Raza (Alameda and Contra Costa counties)

Centro Legal works across Alameda and Contra Costa counties, providing legal services and advocacy to protect low-income people, particularly monolingual Spanish-speaking immigrants. Through their Tenants’ Rights Practice they offer eviction defense, drop-in legal clinics, and work directly with cities and counties to advance stronger policies. Centro Legal saw a surge in requests for support during the COVID-19 crisis, with their phones initially ringing off the hook. In response, they expanded their services and created guides and workshops to help educate community members about emergency rental assistance and tenant rights.

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