



Let's Face the Facts

More and more, homelessness in Wake County is the face of a child. When we examine the problem square on as a community, we can solve it. Learn how you can make a difference.

Facts About Childhood Homelessness

- 56% Increase in Wake student homelessness in the last seven years.
- 27% Increase in Wake student homelessness in past two years.
- 5,000 Estimated number of Wake children and youth that will go homeless this year.
- 4x The increased likelihood a homeless child will get sick compared to other children.
- 3x The increased likelihood a homeless child will have emotional and behavioral problems.
- 83% The percent of homeless children that are exposed to at least one serious violent incident.

Facts About Housing Affordability in Wake County

- 17,000 Number of rental units needed to fill the gap for those considered "extremely low income" (less than \$24,000 for a family of four in Wake).
- 1 in 4 Low-income families receive housing assistance.
- \$19.10 Hourly amount a household must earn to afford the average two-bedroom apartment in Raleigh.

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2%	Amount out of nearly 500,000 rental units in Wake that are considered affordable and are not subsidized.
6,000	Number of publicly-assisted properties scheduled to expire in the next decade.
400-550	Number of affordable housing units Wake County loses every year.

Impact of Families Together (2016-17)

454	Number children positively impacted (320 were under age 12).
206	Number of families served – each family is supported by one of our Mentor Advocates who helps develop an individualized housing stabilization plan and provides case management for up to a year.
6,193	Number of nights of shelter provided to parents, guardians and children staying in our Short-Term Family Housing.
27	Number workshops provided for families on topics such as financial literacy, better money management, and landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.
83%	Of our families housed successfully attain a year of holding a lease in their own name.

What You Can Do

- Become a **Social Media Ambassador** and increase awareness about the face of homelessness increasingly being the face of a child. Urge your followers to join our cause.
- **Connect us to landlords** in the community who want to make a difference.
- **Support affordable housing** initiatives and urge local decision makers to create policies that make our community better for all.
- **Make a donation** to Families Together. Just \$25 gives a child his/her first two nights in a safe, stable home.

You can give our community's children a place to call home and an opportunity to thrive. Join us!



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