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# SHARE!

the Self-Help and Recovery  
Exchange

**A Solution for our Times**



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# 100 People per District

**SHARE! Collaborative Housing can do this  
efficiently, effectively and immediately.**

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**57,000** people  
are living on the  
streets of Los  
Angeles.

70% are disabled

85% are individuals

30% suffer from serious mental illness

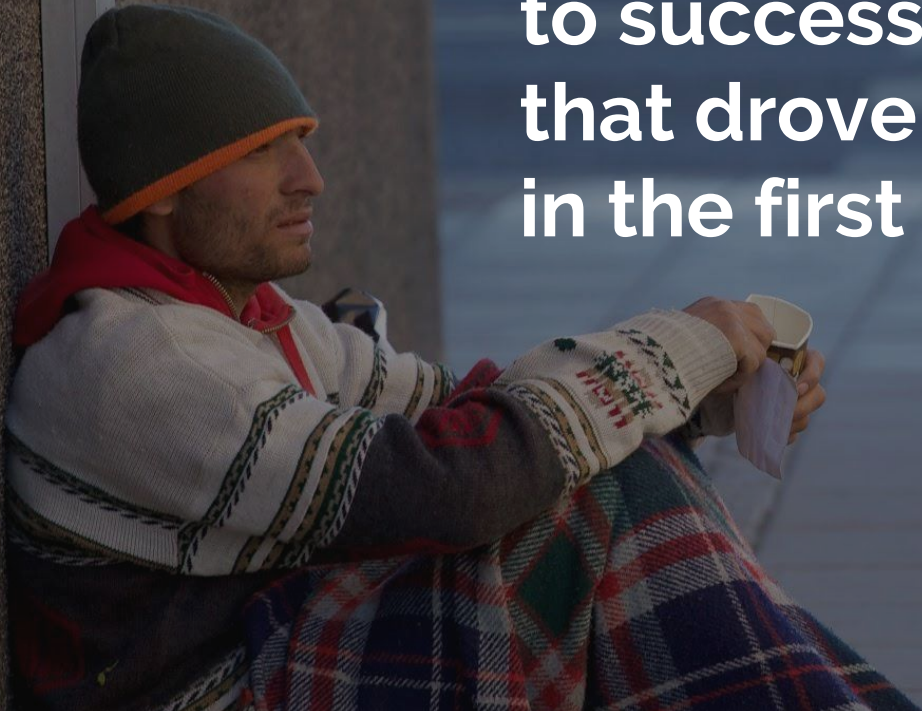
34% were victims of domestic partner violence

18% have substance abuse disorders

16% are physically disabled



What they all have in common:  
they lack the **fundamental  
social and emotional support**  
to successfully heal the trauma  
that drove them to the streets  
in the first place.



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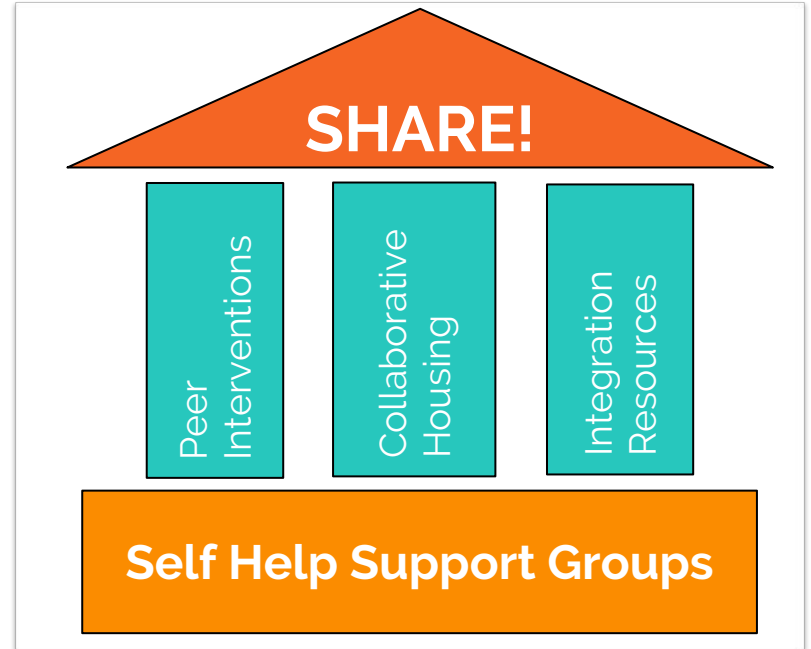
The most **effective** way to help people recover from trauma.

The most **efficient** way to house people.

The most **immediate** way to re-integrate people back into healthy lives.



**SHARE!** is built on a  
foundation of support



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## Self Help Support Groups and Peer Interventions

- **Self help propels people in recovery - effects realized in weeks and sustained for years**
  - Reduced days spent in hospitals
  - Reduced drug and alcohol abuse
  - Reduced criminal behavior
- **Immediately connects people to others, increases empowerment and provides opportunities to mentor, thus deepening recovery**
- **Moves people out of the “system” and into productive lives within weeks**
- **Provides unconditional love and support in a non-judging environment**

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## Collaborative Housing

- **Living together in fully furnished, privately owned, comfortable homes**  
Sharing chores and rooms reduce isolation, create familial environments and instill responsibility and accountability
- **Active peer support**  
SHARE! "Peer Bridgers" help the household with support, guidance and social tools while reducing crisis events
- **No barriers**  
No deposits, credit checks, low rent (\$500/\$600) paid from SSI/SSDI benefits or other income
- **Available NOW**  
No focused investment/development required - housing stock is plentiful and easily scalable



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## Integration Resources

→ **SHARE! Self-Help centers - Culver City and Downtown LA**

5,000 visits per month to 120 on-site support groups with referrals to 12,000 self help groups with instant, free social support for more than 750 different life issues in LA County

→ **SHARE! Recovery Retreat**

A respite filled with intensive recovery activities to inspire hope and action towards independent living

→ **Connection to jobs**

26% of people in SHARE! Collaborative Housing get jobs within one year and their incomes double within two years

→ **Self Help and Shared Housing mimics how Americans start independent lives - feels "normal"**

# Rather than build walls, **SHARE!** opens doors.

- Nearly 500 living in collaborative housing throughout LA County
- 23% move in the same day they call for housing - 41% move in within two days
- 34 people housed with \$50K City of LA-funded pilot program in just four months
- Peer Bridger Training Academy
- People get stabilized and moved on to greater autonomy quickly – each bed houses 1.6 people per year
- Research constantly applied to innovate and implement best practices

**Together, we can  
accomplish even  
more.**

**\$8 million**

House 100 people per City Council District

Open 160 more collaborative houses

Employ 70 more Peer Bridgers

Refine data infrastructure to track outcomes

Open regional hubs to maximize self help  
support groups and housing placements

Questions?



**Thank You!**



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# SHARE! and Compare

- Average cost per person (including costs outside of SHARE!): \$5K per bed
- Average time from need to housed = 1 to 2 days
- Collaborative housing is socially therapeutic by nature and the peer bridgers provide additional support
- People leverage existing federal and state income with no additional costs to Los Angeles
- Private investors are eager to help increase density to support scattered site Collaborative Housing

- Average cost per person: bridge housing = \$70K per bed, PSH = as much as \$600K
- Time required to develop/build Permanent Supportive Housing = 1 to 4 years
- Traditional Single Occupancy Permanent Supportive Housing is isolating and can lead to destructive loneliness
- Each homeless person costs the City of Los Angeles \$35K+ in public services
- Prop HHH funded housing projects cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and are time limited