



the village

AT UNSHELTERED

A TINY-HOME COMMUNITY
FOR THE UNSHELTERED IN CULLMAN, ALABAMA



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

God has been abundantly blessing this tiny-home project that we are calling the Village at Unsheltered. I can honestly say that from the purchasing of the property in September 2020, until today, our every step has been guided by his unseen hand. I have been humbled by the many gifts that have been given to bring us to this point. I am also honored to represent this great ministry because I know we are making a long-lasting difference in the lives that we touch.

I'd like to ask for your prayers and support as we continue to build this much needed community for the unsheltered here in North Alabama. I believe the unique way we are going about this project will pay great dividends as the first guests arrive and join our program. Thank you in advance for your generosity and I look forward to us working together to build something great for the glory of God and the good of our fellow man.

**BLESSINGS,
TRAVIS SHARPE
FOUNDER/PRESIDENT**



MORE ABOUT



Our ministry was formed in 2011 after a small team of volunteers had been ministering to the unsheltered population in North Alabama for more than a year. We saw the need for a new, innovative ministry that could bring help and hope to people experiencing homelessness by assisting the church in it's mission of declaring God's glory to all people.

We started helping churches all over the southeastern United States that wanted to minister to the unsheltered people in their own backyards. Our ministry has been growing rapidly since our humble beginnings.

Today, we have a thriving ministry to children and families in the Philippines, we work with several churches in several states each year, we host mission trips and provide training and assistance to other ministries.

We are excited to begin this newest venture of developing the 17 acres of land that God has provided into a beautiful village where hope will abound for many years to come.

17 ACRES PURCHASED

for tiny-home community in Cullman, Alabama



Our dream of building a tiny-home village to help people transition out of homelessness has suddenly come

ONE GIANT STEP

closer to reality!

In mid-August of 2020, by faith, we put an offer in on a 17 acre property. Our offer was accepted and we had 45 days to raise the \$60,000 that was needed. Although a little nervous, we were believing that the Lord would provide the needed funds. However, we didn't know exactly how.

We were all amazed when in only fourteen days, the need was exceeded through our generous supporters! Not only was enough given, but more than enough! We have now closed on the land and own it free and clear. All of us are very thankful and grateful at what God has done. Many people gave generously and sacrificially to make the purchase of this property happen and we thank God for every gift.

The property is located at 7145 HWY 278 West in Cullman. That's in the Bethel community just past the caution light on the left. The property is completely wooded so there will need to be a lot of clearing done, but it should make a great village.

OUR MISSION

A faith-based, tiny-home community for the unsheltered that utilizes discipleship, education, and personal responsibility to help people reach their greatest potential.

A PLACE OF STABILITY

When you aren't sure where you will lay your head down to rest each evening, everything else in your life can become unstable. Emotions such as fear, worry, and anxiety begin to rule in your heart, making it nearly impossible to focus on the things that produce positive results in your life.

For many people experiencing homelessness, they are pre-occupied with survival and moving forward in life has succumb to depression. The Village will be a place of stability and we pray that the stability felt by our guests will translate into them being able to focus on the issues in their life that need attention.

A PLACE OF SERENITY

Life on the streets can be a real "rat-race." You are always looking over your shoulder and watching your back. Imagine trying to sleep in a place that is uncontrolled, with no walls or doors, never knowing who or what might happen to you. Imagine trying to "do right" when everyone else nearby is "up to no good" and constantly trying to drag you down further than you already are.

The Village will be a clean, safe, and peaceful environment where our guests can learn to live again without fear of someone harming them. It will have a "state park" type feel which will encourage peace and relaxation, the opposite from life on the streets.

A PLACE OF HOPE

Missing in so many lives, hope has been surrendered to the unrelenting pressures of survival. At the Village, we plan to surround our guests with the love, compassion, and salvation that Jesus offers. Together, we are trusting that this atmosphere and structure will cause hope to abound in their hearts.

When hope is present, anything is possible. We want the Village to be a place where disciples are made, and lives are restored one at a time. Learning to follow Jesus, our guests will find the inner strength to live again, or maybe, for the very first time.

A MULTI-PHASE PLAN

PHASE ONE

- ~~• Land purchase~~
- ~~• Building a workshop~~
- Building 5 tiny homes
- ~~• Building the roads~~
- Building an office
- Building laundry and storm shelter
- Building two RV sites
- Installing two septic systems
- Installing power infrastructure
- Installing water lines

PHASE TWO

- Building the fellowship hall
- Expanding the infrastructure and road system
- Building additional homes

PHASE THREE

- Building additional homes
- Expanding infrastructure
- Building the resource facility

ABOUT THE TINY-HOMES



We plan to use pre-fabricated portable buildings for the homes.

In phase one of construction, there will be five homes built.

- One 14'x40'
- One 14'x 36'
- Three 14'x32'

These first homes will have complete kitchens and complete bathrooms. They need to be complete homes in this phase because our community center with bathrooms and a kitchen doesn't come until phase two of the project. Guests in phase one will need to be able to cook for themselves and be pretty much self sufficient as far as the ability to care for themselves goes. The homes in phase two and three can be a little different because they will have the support of a bathhouse, kitchen, and other amenities through the community center that will be built.

We are going for a cottage and cabin feel and we have already come up with the basic color schemes and inside design. The homes will be both attractive, as well as durable.

The entire property will be designed with certain color pallets in mind, bringing continuity to the community. The goal of this is to create a very nice property that adds value to everything around it. We believe that God wants us to go the extra mile to provide a safe, encouraging atmosphere where our guests can move forward in their lives.

With each guest, or family, having their own home, it will be a much different environment as opposed to traditional housing for the homeless. There will be more solitude and ownership which we believe will result in more personal responsibility on behalf of the guests.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our program will be built around three main principles.



The program is intended for people who are at a stage of their life where they are ready to receive instruction and stability to help them reach their goals and dreams. Each guest will start the program in the same way, a period of time to acclimate to their new surroundings and begin to heal emotionally and spiritually. This initial phase will be very structured and include classes and close mentoring.

After this initial phase, guests will be expected to be in a good routine that includes weekly discipleship programs, work therapy, and counseling. Next, they will be able to be employed in the workforce where they can begin the process of saving money and planning for their eventual transition back to normal life.

As guests move through the program, their personal responsibility will grow and they will be held accountable to their goals. Along the way, they will learn financial freedom, relationship skills, employment skills, and be drawing closer in their relationship to Christ.



Our hopes are that by the time they are ready to move out, it is a smooth transition that they are better prepared for than they have ever been. The total time in the program will vary for each guest but is expected to be between 1-3 years.

PHASE ONE

INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS...

Major progress has already been completed on the infrastructure work, and the bulk of those expenses are now behind us. Below is a detailed list of estimated remaining expenses.

Install two septic systems **\$34,000**

Install power infrastructure **\$63,000**

Office set up and remodel **\$40,000**

Water lines **\$2,000**

RV spaces **\$6000**

Remaining dirt and rock **\$9,125**

Front fence and gate **\$10,000**

Bath house, laundry, storm shelter **\$50,000**

REMAINING PHASE ONE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

\$214,125



FLAGSHIP SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Donors who give \$5,000 or more to help finish the phase one infrastructure will be added to our flagship sponsor section in the front of the village around our American flag.

This beautiful area near the entrance of the village will feature a flag pole displaying the American flag, surrounded by a landscaped flower garden with engravings of our flagship partners.

HOME SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

NAME Full purchase amount donated

Each home will be named after the church, business, or individual who donates the full purchase amount. This can also be a great opportunity to give in memory of a loved one and have a home named in their memory.



SPONSORS \$2,500 or more donated

Donors who contribute \$2,500 or more to a specific home will be recognized as a sponsor of that home.



Businesses, individuals, or groups who donate materials or provide significant volunteer labor will be recognized as in-kind supporters for the home they help build.

HOME #1 Caretaker Home- \$66,080 (14x40, purchase price \$15,761, build out price \$50,319)

HOME #2 Handicap Home- \$59,472 (14X36, purchase price \$16,561, build out price \$42,911)

HOME #3 \$52,864 (14x32, purchase price \$15,525, build out price \$37,339)

HOME #4 \$52,864 (14x32, purchase price \$15,525, build out price \$37,339)

HOME #5 \$52,864 (14x32, purchase price \$15,525, build out price \$37,339)

HOW TO GIVE

We welcome your gift of any amount.
Financial gifts will be allocated to the
next step of phase one as needed.

GIVE BY MAIL

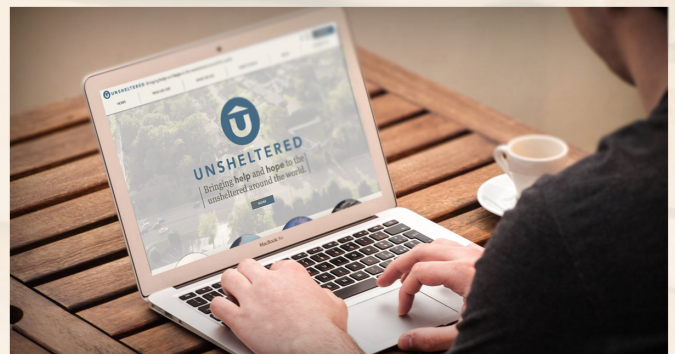
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