



House the Homeless, HTH, founded by Richard R. Troxell in 1989, is the oldest, all volunteer, action Non-Profit in Texas fighting together to combat, end, and prevent homelessness nationwide.

November 1, 2024

JOIN US!

November 11, 2024 – HtH participation in the Austin Veterans Day Parade.

November 17, 2024 (Sunday Morning) – Mark Hilbelink, Executive Director, Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center and Lead Pastor, Sunrise Community Church, is our Featured Speaker at 9:00 am for HTH's 32st Annual Homeless Memorial Service.

Program is 9:00 to 10:00 am, preceded and followed by refreshments. Volunteers welcome prior to event. Sadly, we will again remember more than 250 children, women and men who have died while unhoused or in abject poverty in Greater Austin. Please join us at the HTH Memorial Site with MLK Bench & Tree of Remembrance, Lady Bird Lake (*Auditorium Shores, 1st Street & Riverside*).

New Year's Day 2024 – Annual **HUGSS+** (Hats, Under-thermals, Gloves, Scarves, Socks+) Party with hot lunch, new back packs and Winter Survival Clothing/Items for our unsheltered friends. Check our website <https://housethehomeless.org> for details and volunteer opportunities as together we bless hundreds with friendship, live music, and care.

2024 Year-in-Review

Boots on the Ground.

We continue to advocate with and on behalf of our unhoused neighbors. We go into camps and wherever we find individuals and families in need. We provide the information necessary to navigate assistance and to secure sustainable housing. We recently updated and added to the 60-plus listings in our uniquely portable and durable "**Plastic Pocket Resource Guides**." The copyrighted design by Richard Troxell is a laminated, 8-fold pocket-size resource in its 18th printing. The City of Austin (Watershed and Housing Depts.) support some costs while HtH raises funds for the very labor-intensive project. We distribute through the libraries, first responders, churches, and service organizations, along with direct deliveries to the camps.

We are helping formerly unhoused veterans and others to build disciple teams and partnership programs to reach larger numbers with supplies and guidance. These teams combine guidance, support, and experiences to provide encouragement to the camps directly. These mentoring tactics have proven to be especially effective as connections and alliances grow. We now have

access to a personal RV as a mobile outreach and ministry. We plan to end the year by again joining the Mobile Loaves and Fishes (MLF) Christmas morning delivery, after taking our own mobile ministry to the people over Thanksgiving – directly sharing love with those in camps, as inspired by MLF traditions.

News from **Richard R. Troxell**, HtH Founder, Board Member, National Education Director (NED)

Greetings one and all! The recent hurricanes (Helene and Milton) have devastated many, some who lost all. Sylvia and I continue to focus our efforts primarily on folks here in North Carolina.

Miraculously, life goes on. Sylvia and I were on an archeological dig in Italy at what may be the site of the Iron Age. We early voted and are helping others vote on election day. Sylvia has returned to teaching this year as a substitute teacher in the field of Special Ed. Along with our daughter, Colleen and our grandson Henry, now 19 months, we celebrate the coming birth of Penelope, our second grandchild, in January!

Finally, I am helping steward brother Will Hyatt as he leads in helping brother Veterans struggle to reengage and find their footing in life.

With love, Richard and Sylvia ...Go change the world for the better...every day!

“In unity, there is strength” as our cofounder Richard Troxell continues to encourage. We are striving to help our friends secure sanctuary (housing); to building on sustainable and transformative ways of addressing the growing health, safety and well-being concerns around homelessness. We remain based in Austin, with connections across Texas and in several other states, as well as with the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Unified efforts are working and we need your help to “house the homeless” – knowing that housing is a human right. Please mail a check today. No salaries, no occupancy cost - \$.90 of every dollar goes to program. **Thank you for giving your time, prayers, and thoughtfulness.**

Blessings to you and yours,

Blythe Plunkett, President, 2024

Richard R. Troxell, National Education Director and Founder

Will Hyatt, Vice President & Volunteer Chaplain

Cecilia B. Blanford, Co-Founder, Immediate Past President

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