



# Community Rebuilders



Rebuilding Hope, Creating Community, Ending Homelessness

2017  
IMPACT REPORT

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# OUR MISSION

REBUILDING HOPE THROUGH HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SUPPORT SERVICES DURING TRANSITION.

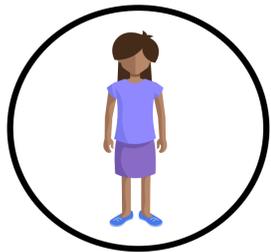


1. Safe, affordable and decent housing is a basic human right.
2. Equity, social justice and innovation will end homelessness in our community.
3. Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness that centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible – and then providing services as needed.

In 2017, we partnered, we collaborated, we innovated and we ended homelessness for 1,636 of our neighbors.



Community Rebuilders led the States first successful effort, **to end Veteran homelessness.**



Community Rebuilders partnered, **to end Youth homelessness,** and housed over 100 homeless youth (18 - 24).



**Connecting with Community.** Community Rebuilders was recognized by WoodTV8 for ending Veteran homelessness.

# OUR WORK



Community Rebuilders partnered with 12 organizations in Kent County, and led Michigan's first successful effort to end Veteran homelessness. During this effort, over 400 homeless Veterans accessed safe, affordable housing of their choosing!

# 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



"I joined the U.S. Marines the summer after graduating high school. Through many misfortunes, I became homeless for many years. I have a home now, I have a full-time job, and have been able to get my finances in order."

- Rhett

"I never thought my health would be as good as it is today. That's what changed the most for me. My diabetes is taken care of, my mom can count on me. I finally have peace. I'm not always worried. Since I've had my own place to live, I thought, I'm not giving up this time. I'm going to keep moving forward. I was homeless but not anymore. I have the freedom to come and go. I love the quiet in my place."

- Carl



**319**  
homeless  
families  
with  
children  
housed.

**814**  
homeless  
children  
and  
youth  
housed.

**266**  
homeless  
Kent  
County  
Veterans  
housed.

**737**  
homeless  
Kent  
County  
households  
housed.



Creating impact across our community.

# What's Next?

Over the next year, we will continue to challenge the status quo and work to ensure every Veteran, every child, every family, has access to safe, affordable housing.



## Housing Connection Center Bridge Housing

We support low-barrier temporary accommodation because it ensures that our community's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families have immediate and easy access to shelter. We focus our services on assisting people to move into permanent housing as quickly as possible. By reducing or eliminating unnecessary restrictions on our consumer's activities in the shelter, we promote a safe environment of equity, hope and community.



## Veteran Yoga Project Mindful Resilience

Mindful Resilience is what we call the collection of mind-body practices that we teach: Breathing, Meditation, Mindful Movement, Guided Rest, and Gratitude. These tools help us breath easy, focus clearly, move freely, rest deeply, and remember what is working in our lives. As a result we become more resilient in the face of both ordinary and extraordinary challenges.

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