



Alternative Giving/Change the Way We Give FAQ

1. What is Alternative Giving/Change the Way We Give?

- a. The San Antonio Alternative Giving Campaign is a meaningful way that residents can compassionately give to organizations serving people experiencing homelessness in lieu of donating to people directly on the streets. This initiative will be executed through an online mobile giving application, where donors can be assured they are giving directly to Homeless Service Providers addressing priority areas that fill gaps in the San Antonio's homeless response system. The funds will be donated directly to the Homelessness Continuum of Care Lead Agency, the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH), to be distributed equitably to agencies serving people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness.

2. Why is this initiative important?

- a. The "Change the Way We Give" Campaign is important because it directs compassionate donations to agencies in San Antonio that are addressing permanent long-term solutions to homelessness and hunger. Although cash donations given directly to individuals can provide short-term relief, the systemic causes of homelessness and hunger are much more complex. Giving instead to service providers in San Antonio will better address the underlying issues of homelessness and hunger, ensuring your compassionate donation provides meaningful, long-term help to those living in our community.

3. How do I donate?

- a. You can text "SAGIVES" to 41444 to donate.

4. What is SARAH?

- a. The South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) is the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency for San Antonio/Bexar County, serving as the lead applicant for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) annual program funding competition (NOFA). SARAH allocates, tracks, and manages CoC monies, which fund local Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and Planning Grants. Each year, SARAH conducts the Point in Time (PIT) Count of the homeless population as well as the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), providing an overview of the state of homelessness in San Antonio/Bexar County plus necessary information to redirect services, funding, and resources as necessary.

5. Which agencies are participating?

- a. See attached list below

6. What will the funding be spent on?

- a. Priority #1 – Homelessness Prevention Assistance (Eligible Applicants: Recipients of HUD Emergency Solutions Grant Prevention Funds)
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Utility Assistance (including late fees)
 - iii. Application Fees
 - iv. Moving Costs



- v. Past CPS Credit Issues Restricting New Connections
- vi. Child Care Expenses
- vii. Security Deposits
- viii. Risk & Administrative Fees
- b. Priority #2 – Rapid Resolution & Homeless Shelter Diversion (Eligible Applicants: Homeless Shelter Providers in San Antonio serving literally homeless clients)
 - i. Bus Passes
 - ii. Rental Arrears
 - iii. Moving Costs
 - iv. Legal Services
 - v. Mediation
- c. Priority #3 – Outreach Engagement Efforts (Eligible Applicants: Recipients of HUD Emergency Solutions Grant or HHS Runaway Homeless Youth Grant funded to provide Street Outreach, agencies funded by the City of San Antonio performing homeless outreach activities, and organizations participating in the COSA Faith Based Initiative Hunger and Homeless Task Force)
 - i. Transportation
 - ii. ID Recovery
 - iii. Mental Health Services

**Participating Agencies/Recipients of Alternative Giving –
“Change the Way We Give” Donations**

1. Corazon Ministries

- a. Our mission states: with unconditional love and justice, we provide support for the homeless and marginalized to enhance mind, body, spirit, community, and creativity. In an effort to care for our street friends and support the “whole” person, in 2018 we provided 27,206 hot, nutritious meals; 4,266 warm showers with clean socks and underwear; 4,402 hygiene packets; 3,329 selected clothes from our clothing closet; 2,263 guests visited our primary clinic and dermatology clinic; provided 281 Texas ID/Texas Driver’s License and many guests engaged in the creative process of our art and spirituality table on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night Prayer Circle time.
- b. Funding Areas:
 - i. Bus Passes
 - ii. Transportation
 - iii. ID Recovery



CORAZON MINISTRIES, INC.

2. Salvation Army

- a. The Salvation Army has been serving San Antonio since 1889. We provide safety net or basic necessities of life – food, clothing, and shelter to over 500,000 citizens each year. These needs are met daily through multiple emergency food pantries, rehabilitation services, youth, veterans’ services, anti-human trafficking programs, and as needed disaster relief. Our continued work is generally funded through donations, grants, fundraisers, and corporate contributions.
- b. Funding Areas:
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Utility Assistance (including late fees)
 - iii. Application Fees
 - iv. Past CPS Credit Issues Restricting New Connections
 - v. Child Care Expenses
 - vi. Bus Passes
 - vii. ID Recovery



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3. SAMMinistries

- a. San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry, Inc. (SAMMinistries) was incorporated in 1983 after the death of a homeless man on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church downtown prompted volunteers from 11 church congregations to begin a collaborative endeavor to care for the homeless. Since that time SAMMinistries has grown from a part-time overnight men’s shelter to become a multi-faceted organization with the largest inventories of transitional housing and permanent

supportive housing units in the city. Employing a Housing First Model and a Trauma Informed Care approach, SAMMinistries provides homeless prevention; rapid re-housing; transitional housing; permanent supportive housing; and a system of holistic support services that encourage education, skill-building, and health and wellness as key components of success.

- b. Funding Areas:
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Utility Assistance (including late fees)
 - iii. Application Fees
 - iv. Moving Costs
 - v. Bus Passes
 - vi. Rental Arrears
 - vii. Legal Services
 - viii. Transportation
 - ix. ID Recovery
 - x. Mental Health Services



4. Society of St. Vincent de Paul

- a. Our services include financial assistance for security deposit, rent, or utilities (water and electricity), case management, and other tools to income eligible individuals. The anticipated outcome includes keeping families in stable housing, providing additional support services, and helping them access community resources to provide additional stabilization services, improve quality of life and increase client accountability.
- b. Funding Areas
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Utility Assistance (including late fees)
 - iii. Application Fees
 - iv. Security Deposits
 - v. Risk and Administration Fees



5. Haven for Hope

- a. Haven for Hope's services reach far beyond those of a standard homeless shelter. Providing food, clothing, and shelter is only a fraction of what can be done to help those experiencing homelessness. While these basic necessities play a large role in providing immediate relief, they are not long-term solutions. Therefore, in order to address the individual needs of people experiencing homelessness, Haven collaborates with 183 partner organizations to provide over 300 comprehensive services, such as outreach, emergency shelter, clinical case management, housing assistance, financial sustainability services, education, and much more on a centralized 22 acre campus. More than 1,700 men, women and families are served daily. Our goal is to provide individuals and families with the tools necessary to move towards self-sufficiency and independent living in permanent housing.
- b. Funding Areas

- i. Rental Assistance
- ii. Utility Assistance (including late fees)
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- iv. Moving Costs
- v. Bus Passes
- vi. Rental Arrears
- vii. Transportation
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6. Strong Foundation

- a. Strong Foundation is a Christian Ministry focused on helping Homeless Families with Children get back on their feet have a changed life. We also serve young women aging out of the foster care system that desire assistance transitioning into adulthood. Our short-term emergency programs include shelter and support services for up to 7 months.
- b. Funding Areas
 - i. Bus Passes



7. Visitation House Ministries

- a. Visitation House Ministries serves women with young children who are at the lowest socio-economic margins of San Antonio – the homeless, poor and undereducated. The ministry has a residential and outreach component. Each holds a focus on education as being fundamental to breaking generational cycles of poverty and/or homelessness.
- b. Funding Area
 - i. Bus Passes
 - ii. Utility Arrears
 - iii. ID Recovery
 - iv. Child Care
 - v. Education Programs



8. Thrive Youth Center

- a. Thrive provides Emergency Shelter and Services to homeless LGBTQ young adults 18 to 24 years old. Thrive also provides Housing, through the HUD CoC Grant, to homeless young adults (not just LGBTQ) 18 to 24 years old. Thrive employees two full time Street Outreach Workers. All monies received through the Alternative Giving Program will be used for transportation (bus passes) and ID recovery provided by our Street Outreach Workers.
- b. Priority Areas
 - i. Bus Passes
 - ii. ID Recovery



9. Endeavors

- a. Endeavors' Safe Housing Program provides permanent supportive housing, case management, counseling, parenting education, education/employment help and life skills training to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness in San Antonio, Texas.
- b. Priority Areas
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Utility Assistance
 - iii. Application Fees
 - iv. Moving Costs
 - v. Bus Passes
 - vi. Transportation
 - vii. ID Recovery
 - viii. Mental Health Services



10. Pay it Forward

- a. Pay It Forward provided the critical link between treatment & long term recovery through supportive sober living. That can be accomplished either by residing with us here on the Have for Hope campus in our Next Right Step dorm or we also provide rental assistance by funding qualified applicants into community sober living homes.
- b. Priority Areas
 - i. Rental Assistance
 - ii. Bus Passes



11. Family Violence Prevention Services

a. FVPS began providing services in San Antonio in 1977, and has, in the intervening 42 years, experienced exponential growth- transitioning from a 3-bedroom emergency shelter to a system of comprehensive programming including a 140-bed shelter (the Battered Women and Children's Shelter). Recognizing that victims' needs exceed mere shelter, the BWCS offers a comprehensive range of assistance to its residents and maintains a network of partnerships to facilitate effective cross-referral. Residents of the BWCS can access professional counseling, case management, crisis assistance, legal services, a children's department, limited child care, an on-site pre-K- 5th grade school (a NISD partnership), material goods, recreation and educational opportunities (a CentroMed partnership), and primary medical and dental care. Clients exiting the shelter but needing additional support can benefit from Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing assistance, living rent-free and receiving continued case management and support while pursuing independent living goals. Non-residential programs at the Broadway office include counseling, legal assistance, parenting classes, Celebrating Families (a psychoeducational family program) and violence intervention programs (including a state accredited BIPP). The Legal Assistance to Military Persons program offers specialized legal services to military-involved victims, and the Court and Military Liaison program is housed at the Bexar County Courthouse to facilitate referral, advocacy, and counseling for court and CPS-involved victims. Community Based Counseling, stationed at Haven for Hope, serves the homeless population- many of whom have violence in their story.

b. Priority Areas

- i. Bus Passes
- ii. Rental Arrears
- iii. Moving Costs
- iv. Transportation
- v. ID Recovery
- vi. Mental Health Services



**Family
Violence
Prevention
Services, Inc.**

**The Battered Women
and Children's Shelter**

12. Daughters of Charity Services

a. DePaul Family Center (social services, emergency utility assistance, counseling, food pantry, clothes closet, SA Food Bank distribution site, RAYS parenting program, Senior computer classes, Back to School program & Senior Christmas program.); DePaul Children's Center & DePaul Wesley Children's Center— Accredited by National Association for the Education of Young Children (only 20 in SA; our centers are the only accredited sites south of downtown), DePaul-Wesley has Head Start & Early Head Start programs; El Carmen Wellness Center; Serves rural south San Antonio; exercise classes and workout equipment; Richie (Resource Coordinator) works with people individually to determine their needs and makes referrals; nutrition and diabetes classes; La



Misión Medical and Dental Clinic, Provides primary medical/dental care and counseling.

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