

MISSION STATEMENT:

To End Homelessness throughout Jackson County by providing temporary emergency shelter, housing-focused case management services and short-term financial assistance.

Our vision is to secure stable affordable housing and house individuals and families as quickly as possible.

We believe that safe affordable housing is a right. We offer our services to those in need without judgment regardless of what their barriers to housing may be.

Literally Homeless

What does that mean?



The State of North Carolina and the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development define literal homelessness as: "The individual's or family's primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation." This includes abandoned buildings, places with no plumbing or electricity, outside on the street, in tents or in a vehicle.

While a person may be homeless and couch-surfing between family and friends, that doesn't meet the definition of literal homelessness.

Services We Provide:

Street Outreach

- Provides life-saving access to basic needs
- Initial focus on survival and safety
- Building Trust
- Case Management
- Connection to Resources
- Connection to Housing
- Visiting campsites or unsheltered locations
- Outreach is NOT "getting people off the streets"
- Outreach IS being supportive & advocating when the client is ready to find shelter/housing



Rapid Re-Housing

- Help with housing search, budgeting and setting goals
- Provides short-term rental assistance: Security and Utility deposits. Prorated* and First Month Rent*
- Case Management services
- Rapid Re-Housing goals are to obtain housing quickly; to increase self sufficiency; and to stay housed

**Does not apply to subsidized housing*

Code Purple

- Provides safe shelter options for men, women and children, for warmth and protection from freezing weather conditions
- Temperature 32 degrees or below, ONLY
- Continuous days as long as the temperature is below 32 degrees
- Client responsible to call HERE office to request shelter
- Shelter is not guaranteed - based on availability
- HERE provides meals via the Community Table and local eateries

Emergency Shelter

- 30 continuous days, even if the temperature is above 32 degrees
- Shelter services for families with children, senior citizens and/or physically disabled
- Families receive specific assistance to ensure children's education is not interrupted and stability of the family unit is maintained
- Very limited number of rooms
- Housing Focused Case Management services
- Help Clients set goals: finding employment and permanent housing
- HERE provides meals via the Community Table and local eateries

Meet Our Executive Director

Hello! I am Gretta Worley, HERE's new Executive Director. I began my duties on July 1, 2022 after the retirement of Robert Cochran. Before being named the new executive director, I worked as HERE's Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter Case Manager. I am a graduate of Western Carolina University with a degree in Social Work. I am humbled that the Board of Directors has entrusted me with leading the agency on its next steps toward tackling the homelessness crisis, and I am honored to work alongside such a passionate staff to access the best practices toward decreasing the number of people homeless in our community. As HERE's new director, I pledge we will continue to help each individual and family resolve their homelessness in the wake of the pandemic, and amidst high rents and low rental vacancies. Our staff is very dedicated to our clients and our community and we look forward to working with volunteers, partners, and community members to further the mission of HERE In Jackson County and to advance community-wide efforts to prevent and end homelessness. When we work together to deliver a consistent and compelling message, we can create positive change in our homeless services system and our own community.



Our Team!

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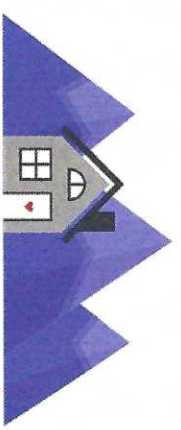
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HERE In Jackson County
77 Eastgate Drive, Sylva, NC 28779

Want to Volunteer?

Contact Denise Bean:

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*Serving the literally homeless
of Jackson County*

**HOUSING
EQUITY
RESOURCES
EDUCATION**

Housing Equity:

Permanent Stable Housing

Resources: UCM, Community Table,
Jackson Neighbors in Need, DSS,
Meridian & Others.

Education: How to look for housing, follow a
lease, pay rent on time, money management

Where we're at:

77 Eastgate Drive
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

How to reach us:

(828) 477-4946

Want to stop by for a visit:

Office Hours
Monday-Friday 10am-5pm